

President's Letter Midwest Woodworkers Association October 2022 Newsletter –

I must begin this newsletter by thanking all the members who helped work the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival on October 8th and 9th. It was beautiful weather, other than a bit chilly during the early morning hours, and it was a lot of fun helping all those children put together their toy cars. I can't even count the number of times we were told that they have their prior year cars on a shelf in their rooms and were excited to add to the collection. The fundraising went very well with a total of \$1,685.62 raised, but the best payment was all the smiles we received from the kids. It is definitely a great event.

Thank you to Earnest, Bob, Joe, Charlie, Mike for assisting during the Pumpkin Festival. But a special thank you to Bob and Earnest for all their pre- and post-event work in making it easy for us, and to Joe's wife for the awesome cinnamon rolls. I would also like to thank Terry for working with the Pumpkin Festival to get our regular spot. Terry was missed by everyone, but I'm sure great memories were made during his family's vacation.

We have an opportunity to do the same thing for a Christmas Living Window event in Kirksville on December 10th, from 3:00-5:00 PM. This is part of Sharon Pritchard's art gallery in Kirksville and since she is chair of the living window event, she is offering dinner to those that go and a donation to the club. But we can discuss this in detail at next week's meeting.

We will be meeting on Monday October 24, 2022 at Norm Anderson's shop, 905 West Colchester Road in north Columbia, where Norm will be presenting on how to tune up a bandsaw for resawing and for general bandsaw use. As an added incentive Norm's wife, Frankie, is making ham and bean soup for the membership. If you would like some soup and MWA fellowship please show up at 6:00 PM, however the meeting and presentation will begin at the normal 6:30 start time. As Norm told me, "It will give the members a chance to gas up before the meeting!". Since there is no WiFi there will not be a Zoom option for this meeting. Additionally, Norm has several tools he would like to sell in Dutch auction style, which is a method of selling where the price is reduced until a buyer is found. If you too have any extra or gently used tools, please feel free to bring them to the meeting.

I don't presently have a presentation planned for November and am looking for any ideas, suggestions, or volunteers. I do have a few things in the back of my mind, but nothing definitive. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has trouble finding Norm's house for the meeting on Monday, please feel free to give me a call at 573-864-9808. Also, please come and enjoy the fellowship, and bring any project, tool, or tip you would like to share with the group.

Kindest regards,

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