

Newsletter

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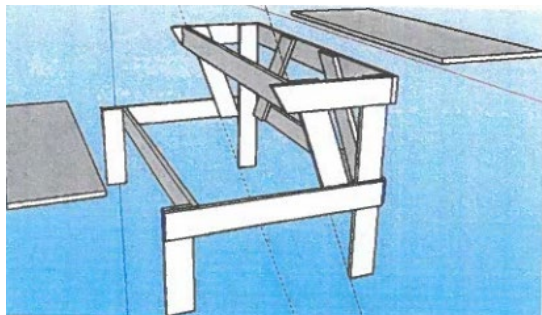
President's Letter

Midwest Woodworkers Association

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With the Easter season upon us we can begin to see the transition to Spring like weather, which also means I need to devote more time to outdoor projects and less time in the woodshop. But I still plan to be as productive as I can be since I have several projects that I need to either finish or start over the next few months.

One of these is a very large wardrobe project for my church, which many of you may have already heard me discuss at past meetings. I would love to show everyone this fully completed wardrobe and discuss the design, construction, challenges, mistakes, and overcoming said mistakes. Historically I would just have to try and explain all the above, but now, thanks to Wayne Lovern's generous gift of a digital projector, I can show pictures and even video at our meetings at Sawdust Studios. We are in the process of installing the projector and a screen so that members can now share those large projects that are too large to bring to a meeting. A big thank you to Wayne for this generous gift.



In March I gave a presentation to my Rotary Club regarding the mission and philanthropic activities of Midwest Woodworkers' Association in our community. After this presentation I was approached by a Rotary member who is heavily involved in *Mobility Worldwide* about building school desks for shipment to Nicaragua. To better understand what they were asking me to build I took a tour of their new facility with Gary Moreau, the

Executive Director, where he showed me the desks they are needing. He explained that the individual who has been building the desks can no longer do so due to health issues and he has asked if our membership, or a subgroup, would have an interest in taking over this endeavor. I

have included an image of the desk plans and will be looking to gauge interest from the club at our next meeting, where I will also have a finished desk to display.

Additionally, Gary has asked if MWA has an interest in continuing the donation of toy cars that can be included in their humanitarian shipments. He also showed me a pallet box full of materials our club used to paint and build cars at Mobility Worldwide's prior location, and Gary asked if we want the item for future toy car building endeavors.

I was contacted by Tom Hutchinson, via Norm Anderson, requesting that I notify the membership that he is wanting to sell all of his wood stock in a lumped sale and is accepting bids. If you have an interest either contact me or Norm and we will provide you with Tom's contact information.

I'm very excited for this month's presentation on intarsia at Darren Laupp's home shop (2400 Bremerton Court). Darren recently moved into his new shop and has put a lot of time and energy into making it functional for the type of woodwork he enjoys. Many of you may not know that Darren has been a staff member at an annual intarsia school and has a vast knowledge of this woodworking discipline, which merges woodworking with the art world. Since it is at his home shop and space may be limited, besides bringing your own chair, Darren would like to have an RSVP from those members planning to attend. You can either email me at deanfgregory@gmail.com or contact me on my mobile phone, 573-864-9808, and I will forward the information to Darren.

May's program at Sawdust Studios will be Joe Marschall, a Senior Research Associate from the University of Missouri's School of Natural Resources, on how salvaged trees are used to determine climate change through the centuries. Joe is also involved in research of prescribed burning and its effect on the health of the forest. But the coolest thing is he has a Tree Ring Laboratory, which I hope he shares more about.

June's meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, June 28th, at the MACCLab, which is a community makerspace, located at MACC's Columbia campus at 601 Business Loop 70 West, in the old Parkade Plaza Mall. As more details for this shop tour become available, I will update the membership.

Just a reminder to RSVP to me and to bring a chair for the April meeting at Darren's and I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Kindest regards,



Dean Gregory,
President, Midwest Woodworkers Association



Marschall holds a red oak sample in front of one of the displays in the Tree Ring Laboratory. Photo by Keith Montgomery

Woodworkers April Meeting

Directions:

2400 Bremerton Court

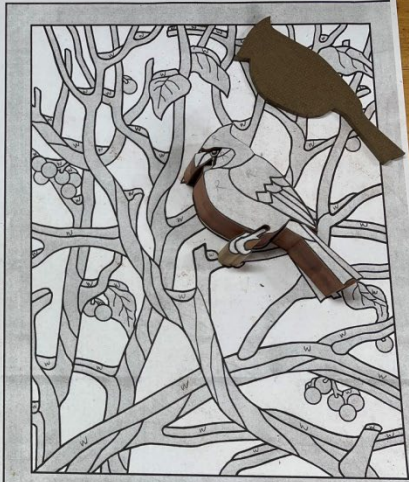
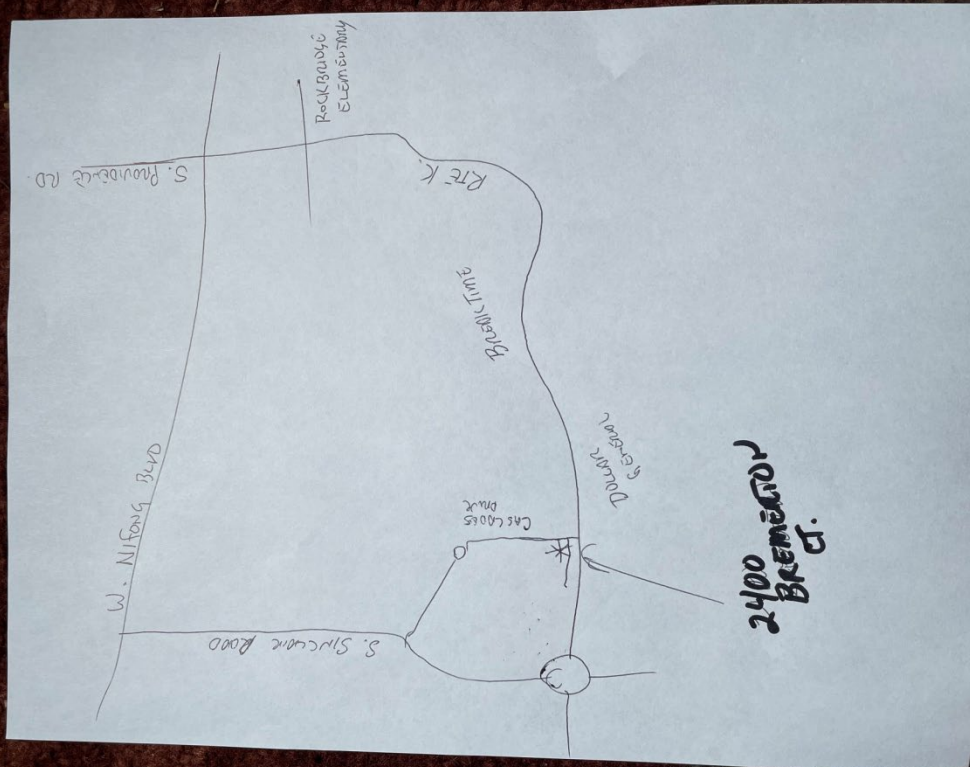
Nifong to Sinclair to Cascades drive to Bremerton Court or Route K to Cascades drive to Bremerton Court. House is on the corner of Bremerton Court and Cascades Drive.

The shop is located on the lower level.

In the spring of 2021 I was very comfortable with my 140 square foot shop in the garage but that was about to change. Packing up the woodworking tools and moving across town was not even on the radar. In May that is what we had to do. Electrical work, framing in two walls, installing shiplap and flooring squares took a couple of months to complete. Then came the unpacking of all the tools and arranging them to make the shop a place I could teach Intarsia in. There was so much to do and the year ended before I was able to get the 400 plus square foot shop operational.

Wanting the new shop to be a teaching center for Intarsia enthusiasts I believe the goal has been reached. It will be exciting to demonstrate how the Intarsia process looks rather than just talking about it at MWA meetings. I am eager to show off the new shop and discuss woodworking with the group.

Map to Darren's house and photo of project for the meeting below:



Winter Cardinal Scene
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 Designer: Audrey Olson

of Pieces: 11

* Denotes Core and Denotes
 + Core to assist of how to assemble - plus all instructions

Cutouts
 11/11

