



## Newsletter

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### President's Letter

#### Midwest Woodworkers' Association

I find the winter months to be my most productive time in the workshop because I have fewer distractions from other responsibilities, such as yard work and my desire to play some extra golf during the summer. I have so many projects that I want to work on but don't seem to have time for, and I have other projects that seem to find me. Currently I'm working on just such a project. My father passed away in 2020 and since he had always been a big supporter of my hometown's historical society, I decided to donate a project to auction off in last year's annual fundraising banquet.



Fast forward to this year, and after discussions with some to the Benton County Historical Society members, I picked through their surplus museum items for something to repurpose into an auction item for this year's banquet. The plan is to try and do this each year, if I can, to keep that connection with my father. So, after using a flashlight to rummage through their warehouse I found a vintage wooden suitcase constructed with sinch nails and I'm turning it into a coffee table.

One of the fun aspects of this project has been trying to come up with a unique design that will elevate the suitcase into a cool and fun coffee table. I ended up with a midcentury modern design, well at least my take on midcentury modern, and I think it's going to turn out pretty cool. To add to the connection with my father I'm constructing a tray inside the suitcase from walnut my father cut in the summer of 1954 after he returned from Korea. The walnut has the added provenance of being milled in the Bishops Gunstock factory, which was one of two gunstock factories in Warsaw until their closure in the 1990s.

The February meeting will be on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, at Sawdust Studios, at 6:30 PM. This month's presentation will be on how to build shaker boxes, which were the original Tupperware of the eighteenth century. I had promised this presentation prior to COVID but am just now getting around to doing so. Because it has been a while since I've actually built any shaker boxes, I'm going to need a few practice runs. If anyone is interested in building some for themselves, please let me know and we can practice together.



I look forward to seeing everyone on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and please don't come empty handed. If possible, bring any of your projects that you have been working on, even if they are in the build stage, and any ideas for presentations for future meetings.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that my time as club president will end in June and we are looking for someone that is willing to take on the position. I promise to assist in any way I can with the transition and with ongoing support.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Gregory". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Dean Gregory,  
President, Midwest Woodworkers' Association

### **MWA Christmas Toy Project**

On those days when it is too cold to glue projects it is a good time to make some car bodies for the MWA Christmas Toy Project. We will need car bodies for the club's fund raiser at the Pumpkin Festival in October and completed cars for distribution to children's service agencies at Christmas. When it gets warm this spring we can get together to paint car bodies and wheels. Make your own designs from scrap 2x material or get molded car stock from Terry Selby. Just remember to drill holes for the axel pegs with 7/32" or 15/64" bits so the 1/4" pegs are a snug fit.



## **Woodworking Resources**

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