



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Midwest Woodworkers Association

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Summer is in full heat mode, and it seems like a great time to be in the workshop, if you have a climate-controlled space, which is what I've been doing. Part of the catalyst for me being in the workshop is several projects my wife, Gretchen, has requested I build prior to our son and future daughter-in-law's wedding in August. But this is what happens when Gretchen knows I can build stuff and she spend too much time on TikTok. The next thing I know Gretchen is pointing at videos, or something she's found on the Internet, and asking if I can build three cupcake holders, sixteen plantstands, plus two easels with chalkboards. I too want the wedding day to be a special event, but let's not get carried away.

Even though I'm being a little grumpy about the sheer volume of projects, I have enjoyed the process of designing and building each of the requested projects. It has also forced me to dig through my abundant piles of wood scraps searching for materials so that I don't have to buy anything, but the challenge with this is that they must all match.

I plan to bring at least two of the wedding projects to show-and-tell at this month's MWA meeting, at 6:30 PM on June 26th, at Sawdust Studios, located at 2207 Nelwood Dr, Unit 105. If you have been working on any projects, I would love it if you would share them with the group.

The presentation at this month's meeting will be on shop made jigs and shop tips. One of these is that I'm hoping to demonstrate how I built some nesting plant stands for my mother-in-law using my L-fence. This table saw jig is quickly becoming one of my favorite new additions to the workshop due to its versatility. I'm using a variation of this design to make the wedding plant stands I mentioned above. The original design was created to also provide extra seating if needed whereas the wedding stands just hold plants.



But since Gretchen wants to use the plant stands post wedding for her plants, I must construct them out of rot resistant materials, which in this case is MDO plywood and strips of siding. I've never purchased MDO and it's not available in all the box stores, but I did find a 3/4 inch sheet at Menards for just shy of \$100, after the infamous 11% rebate. Ouch!

This will be my last meeting as your president, but I'm really looking forward to the new energy that John Loyd will be bringing to MWA going forward. John's first meeting will be in August, since we will be taking the month of July off from any meetings, unless someone wants to volunteer to organize some type of social event for July.

John has a lot of great ideas and will bring a lot of value to the club with his innovative approach. I would encourage each of you to be as supportive to John as he settles into being club president. Additionally, I would ask that each of you step up and volunteer to present at a future meeting on something that brings you joy.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as the Midwest Woodworkers Association's president these past three years. The challenges of a pandemic and the constant search for presenters provided quite a bit of stress during my time in office, but the joy of meeting with so many talented and passionate woodworkers made it all worth it. Thank you once again for your support and I hope to see you at Monday's meeting.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Gregory".

Dean Gregory,
President, Midwest Woodworkers Association

2023-2024 MWA/MMWT Dues Payable in June

Please be reminded that dues for the next club year (2023-2024) are due at the June meeting. Dues for the Midwest Woodworkers' Association are \$20.00 per year and dues for the Mid-Missouri Wood Turners are \$25.00 per year. If you want to be a member of both organizations, the special rate is \$35.00 per year for both clubs. You can bring your dues to the June meeting or mail them to our Treasurer, Tom Stauder, 4779 E. Turkey Trail Drive, Columbia, MO 65201-3107.

MWA Christmas Toy Project

A fine group of MWA members met to paint car bodies for the MWA Christmas Toy Project at the May MWA meeting. Considerable progress was made and we should be in great shape for the Pumpkin Festival this fall in Hartsburg and have plenty of toys to distribute to children's service organizations for Christmas. Sincere thanks to all who participated and thanks to Mike for providing healthy snacks (donuts) for the follow-up meeting the next morning.



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