

# Midwest Woodworkers Association

January 2024 Newsletter (Happy New Year!!)



*"Baby, it's cold outside!!"*

Winter has arrived in a big way, bringing with it ice, snow, and frigid temperatures. Like many of you, I've found myself pausing shop projects due to the cold. My trusty small heater, though valiant, is no match for the recent temps.

However, all is not lost. This break has provided an opportunity to focus on smaller projects and tackle those "honey-dos" my wife has kindly lined up for me. It's also given me time to stay updated on the Chiefs' journey back to the SuperBowl.

As temperatures are expected to warm slightly, my attention will soon shift to a few tables on my project list. Two of these are straightforward live edge tables designed to showcase Legos, while the

third is a replacement for our current dining room table – one of my very first projects. Contemplating the finishing touches for these tables has led me to consider various options, sometimes causing a bit of "analysis paralysis."

To overcome this, I've decided to gather information on different finishing techniques and share my insights with you in the coming months. In the first month, we'll explore finishes like poly and shellac. The following month, we'll delve into substances that penetrate wood, such as hard waxes and oils. I'll also provide tips and tricks to help you make the most of these finishing options.

Wishing you warmth and inspiration in your winter woodworking endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Loyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Loyd  
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association

*PS: No tools were harmed in the making of that photo!*

## JANUARY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The January meeting will be at Sawdust Studios on the 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30. I will present part one of our two-part series on finishes.
  - o Note, Sawdust is now at **3150 Paris Rd Columbia, MO 65202**. The new shop is spacious and will be an awesome place for us to meet.
  - o Bring all the stuff you are working on.
  - o We will raffle off a ***mystery box*** of tools valued at around **\$80**. There will also be a door prize.
- The club officers will begin meeting 30 minutes prior to the general meeting to discuss club business. If you are interested in that, you are welcome to join us.