

# Midwest Woodworkers Association

February 2024 Newsletter

As I sit here writing this letter, I'm thinking about how amazing the weather has been this week. It was only a few weeks ago that I was making the decision to cancel the January meeting due to ice. But what can I say, we live in Missouri.

Recently, I had the pleasure of assisting my son in crafting a simple yet meaningful cutting board for his girlfriend. The shared experience of transforming raw materials into a functional piece of art not only strengthened our bond but also reminded me of the profound joy that comes with passing along the woodworking craft to the next generation.



It is this spirit of mentorship and shared enthusiasm that I hope will continue to define our association. As we look to the future, I am thrilled to announce our plans for growth and enrichment. We are embarking on an exciting journey to revamp our website, providing a more immersive and informative platform for our members. In addition, we are actively working to bring in guest speakers who will inspire and share their expertise, adding new dimensions to our collective woodworking knowledge.

Our commitment to fostering the next generation of woodworkers is at the forefront of our agenda. By attracting more aspiring artisans to our association, we aim to create a vibrant community where skills are honed, ideas are exchanged, and the love for woodworking continues to flourish.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Midwest Woodworking Association. I look forward to the exciting times ahead as we shape the future of our beloved craft.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Loyd".

John Loyd  
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association

## FEBRUARY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The February meeting will be at Sawdust Studios on the 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. 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.
- A club officers' meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the general meeting to discuss club business. If you are interested in that, you are welcome to join us.
- I have recently updated the Newsletter archive section of our website. There are still several newsletters missing, but those will be added in the coming months.