



WOODCHATTER

Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworker's Guild

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The Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to help people become better woodworkers and promote a better understanding and appreciation for woodworking of all types. Skill IS NOT a prerequisite

Regular Meetings: Dewitt Memorial Building, 206 W. Washington, Dewitt, MI, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

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This Months meeting: Tuesday, September 20th at the Dewitt Memorial Building... 7pm

Chips & Splinters

Greetings from your president! Summer is over and we are back to our regular meeting schedule. I hope everyone had a great summer. I spent a week at Mark Adams School with Barry Gross who in my opinion is the god of pen turning. What I learned the most is how to fix mistakes ☺ I learned that most of what I had scraped in the past is really fixable....a very valuable lesson. Made a number of unique writing instruments. It was a great week. Even ran into one of our members who was attending a different class at Mark Adams.

I am happy to report that as of September 6 the new website is up and running. We still have more content to add and are working on that. Check it out and send me your comments good or bad. The URL is the same: www.mmwg.org . And we now have a dedicated email address for the guild that is monitored on a daily basis, mmwg0001@gmail.com .

Johnson's Workbench Wood Expo was this past weekend. We talked to lots of people and signed up seven new members. Many thanks to all of our members who had projects displayed at the event and especially to those that worked the event. I will have more to report at Tuesday's meeting.

The program for September's meeting will be Pen Turning 101/301. Yours truly will be the presenter for the evening. I will go through the entire pen turning process from start to finish and discuss methods and tools available for each step. This will be more of a presentation/discussion format. And it will be Part one of a two part series. Part two will be October's meeting which will give everyone the opportunity to turn and finish the pen of their choice.

Hope to see everyone this Tuesday, September 20!

Denny

Please welcome new members:

Frederick Koos of Lansing

Herb Lacross of East Lansing

David Cole of Lansing

David Pfauth of Charlotte

William Thelen of Lansing

Pete Gregg & Marie Schaefer of Lansing

David Moore of Charlotte



Scott Phillips at Johnson's Wood Expo

Tips:

Important table saw safety

When you're crosscutting on a table saw, set the cut length with a block clamped to the fence. Don't *ever* use the fence directly to avoid getting a board kicked back right at you. Instead, clamp a block of wood to the fence before the blade. Then the end of the board will be free of the fence during and after the cut. If you make a block that's exactly 1 in. thick, you can set the fence scale at 1 in. greater than the length you're after. No tricky fractions involved.

Use tape to catch excess glue

To prevent stains caused by oozing glue along joints, clamp the pieces together without glue. Put tape on the joint, then cut along it with a sharp blade. Separate the pieces, apply the glue and clamp them together again. The glue will ooze onto the tape, not the wood. Peel off the tape before the glue dries.

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FYI: Keith July, ie. July's Woodworks, llc offers Router classes at Johnson's Workbench in Charlotte. See Keith or call him at 543-0957 for details

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 If you want to be included in Member Services, see Chay Kasinski at the meeting or email him at: che.kap2@gmail.com or 517-676-7179

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