



# Wood Chatter

Newsletter of the  
**Mid-Michigan  
Woodworkers Guild**  
February 2018

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## Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting  
February 20, 7pm in the East  
Room at the Memorial  
Building, 206 W Washington  
St, Dewitt.

Next board meeting

March 6, at Lansing Maker  
Space.

## Dates to Remember

April 12 Dewitt Community  
Showcase

May 6 Great Lakes  
Woodworking Festival in  
Adrian, MI Noon-6pm

June 13-16 MWTC National  
Show and Sale in Lansing

August 16-19 Dewitt Ox  
Roast

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## January Meeting Summary

The January meeting took place in our new space in the east room of the Memorial Building. The new space is going to work out very well for all members and seems to fit our needs better than the west room. For those who had trouble managing the stairs in the old space, the new room is on the ground floor and has no stairs to navigate. In the near future, we plan to build a workbench with storage underneath that we can use instead of the podium and storage locker. We also hope to update the audio and video equipment this year to include a camera that will allow us to better display what is being demonstrated on the bench.

The February meeting presentation will feature our vice president, Tom Dowling, with an array of shop made jigs, fixtures, and sleds that he uses to make things accurately and safely. Matt Rosendaul will also give a short presentation on calculating wood movement. The March meeting will feature a presentation by Bob Behnke from Franklin Glues.

## Tom's Restored No. 4 Still Available



Tom Dowling has donated a restored Stanley No. 4 hand plane to give away in the raffle. Last week's winner chose another prize so it will be available in the raffle again in February.

The No. 4 smoothing plane is historically the most common size and is an excellent balance of sole length and cutter width. If you don't own any hand planes, this would be a great place to start. After a few projects, you won't know how you ever got along without one. If you already have a few planes, this would be a useful addition to your collection.

## At-large Board Members

Carl Lawson  
Ken Crawford  
John Phillips  
Chris Schoenberg  
Brett Luker  
Eric Curtis  
Jacob Garner

## Newsletter Editor Needed

We are still looking for someone to oversee the editing and sending of this monthly newsletter.

Former president Russ Rogers has been doing the task but will be traveling extensively this year and has too many other irons in the fire. The task should only take a few hours per month and is very important to the function of the guild.

## Guild Financial Status



We finished the year with an ending balance of \$4258.06 which is a lot more money than we've had in a long time. The board of directors is planning to set aside a portion of the balance into a CD and maintain it as an emergency fund.

The board is also putting together a plan for a new laptop, and new audio and video equipment which may cost approximately \$2500.

## Dues Reminder



Remember that dues for 2018 are due. If you are going to be out of town for a while (snowbirds), please contact Terry, or send your dues by mail to avoid being put on the inactive members list. If you have not paid current dues by March 1, your name will be moved to the Inactive Members list. Inactive members do not receive the newsletter and are not eligible to vote in guild matters.

## Photographing Members' Work



If you've been to a meeting in the last year, you know that Tom Dowling has been setting up a backdrop, lights, and camera to take pictures of work brought in for Show & Tell. Since Tom is doing the presentation at the February meeting, he will NOT be taking photos at that meeting.

## Need a Ride to the Meeting?

Many of our members drive from outlying cities to attend meetings. If you would like to share a ride or get a ride to one of the meetings or events, please contact Terry Kirk who will help find other members in your area who can carpool.