



The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

March 2018

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Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting:

March 20 at 7pm
Memorial Building
East Room
206 W Washington St.
Dewitt, MI

Next board meeting:

April 3, at TBD

Dates to Remember

April 12, 5:00 to 7:30 Dewitt
Community Showcase Dewitt
High School

(<http://www.dewittschools.net/home/community-showcase>)

May 6, Noon to 6:00
Great Lakes Woodworking
Festival
2300 North Adrian Hwy.
Adrian, MI

(<https://www.greatlakeswoodworkingfestival.com/>)

June 13-16, MWTCA National
Show and Sale in Lansing

August 16-19, Dewitt Ox
Roast

February Meeting Summary

The February 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. Soon, 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.

Matt Rosendaul gave a presentation on calculating wood movement and how to design for this in a project. Changes in humidity must be considered, along with wood species and grain direction. Matt provided a handout with information needed to be able to calculate and showed several example calculations of how to determine wood movement. He also shared some personal project experience with wood movement. Great job Matt!

Tom Dowling brought a variety of shop jigs, fixtures and assist devices that he has designed and built. Some were simple, like push blocks and bench hooks, while others were more complex, like the drill press fence. Tom said that some were developed out of necessity and others to save money. Either way, it was evident there was much ingenuity and work that went into these. Great job Tom!

March Meeting

The March meeting will feature a presentation by Bob Behnke from Franklin - Titebond Adhesives.

September 7 – 8, WOOD
EXPO, Charlotte, MI
(<http://theworkbench.com/expo.php>)

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Also at the March meeting, Tom D. will be available to take 'formal' digital photos of member projects. If you have a project for 'Show and Tell', or that you have previously completed, and would like a high quality digital image, please bring it to the meeting. Tom will be available starting at 6:30, so please be there early so he can have time to stage the project with one of the two backgrounds available. These images will be available to the project owner for free.

Notes from the Board

We had our board meeting at the Lansing Makers Network which is a non-profit workshop space that is available to anyone who buys a membership. The leaders of that space would like to have a relationship with the guild in the near future. Besides electronics, metalworking, blacksmithing and other areas of specialty, they have a large and well equipped wood shop that needs to be utilized better. They're looking for members and instructors to help grow and use the space to its potential. Many of their volunteers receive free shop benefits for their work. The LMN is located at 2400 W. St. Joseph St. in Lansing. Flyers with membership details will be at the check-in table at the next few MMWG meetings (or at <https://www.lansingmakersnetwork.org/>)

Per the bylaws, and our new Policies and Procedures document, anyone who has not paid dues by March 1 gets moved to the "Inactive members" list. This does NOT mean they're not a member of the guild, just that they can't get the benefit of receiving the newsletter, and they cannot vote on guild matters until they have paid their dues.

The board did adopt a new Policies and Procedures document which governs the day to day operations of the guild. We'll talk about the highlights of the document and have some paper copies of it at the next meeting. One notable change is that we've added a new LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP for \$250. So, if anyone who hasn't paid their dues yet would like to pay one last time for the rest of their life, you have that option. Anyone who has already paid their dues for 2018 who would like to upgrade to lifetime can do so by paying the additional \$225.

We will have a booth at the Dewitt Community Showcase Event on April 12 from 5:00 to 7:30. If you have a special project you would like to display at our booth, please bring it to the meeting or make arrangements with Matt Rosendaul or Terry Kirk to pick up and drop off your item. We also need at least one more volunteer to work the table at the show.

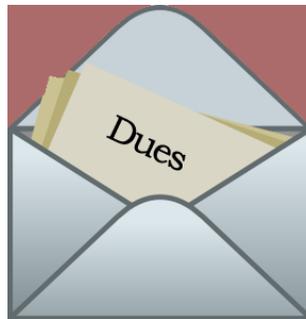
Guild Financial Status



As of March 6th, the Guild had an account balance of \$5906. 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 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.

If you have not renewed, please contact Terry Kirk at the number listed in the side panel or e-mail at tdkirk1@msn.com and let him know if you intend to renew.

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.

Member Projects 'Show and Tell'



