



# The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

April 2018

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Membership Meeting:

April 17th at 7 pm  
Memorial Building  
East Room  
206 W. Washington St.  
Dewitt, MI

### Next board meeting:

May 1, at 7 pm

## 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

## March Meeting Summary

The March meeting featured a presentation by Bob Behnke from Franklin International - Titebond Adhesives. Bob is the Technical Service Manager, and he shared a wealth of information and some good stories of customer service experiences. The three main topics Bob addressed were Properties of Wood, Types of Wood Joints and the 5-steps to a Successful Glue-up.

The three key properties of wood are density, moisture content and contaminants (pitch, oil, burnishing, etc.). As woodworkers, we need to keep these in mind when planning and completing our projects.

The type of wood joint used also can affect how well the glue can adhere and hold. This leads to how strong the joint is and how it will hold up over time. More (and the correct type of) surface tends to result in stronger joints. Again, we need to plan and execute to be successful.

Finally, the five steps include completing a dry fit, preparing the application and clean-up accessories, preparing the glue (including selection of best glue for the application), completing the glue-up efficiently and providing the proper drying conditions (time, temperature, humidity, etc.).

By considering and following these guidelines, you should be able to create projects that are solid and stand the test of time.

If you have questions about use and application of Franklin Adhesive products, contact Bob or his team by calling the number on the back of any Franklin product or visiting their website.

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## April Meeting

The April meeting will feature a presentation by a representative from Alumilite Mold Making and Casting Materials. You can learn more about Alumilite by visiting <https://www.alumilite.com/>

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

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Also, The MMWG would like to start a new pre-meeting tradition of getting together for happy hour before the regular membership meeting. Since it is often hard to find enough time during the meetings to socialize and get to know the other members, this is a great way to spend some extra time together and not stay out too late. We'd like to support a new brewpub in Dewitt by meeting there at 5:30 PM. The Looking Glass Brewing Company is located at 115 N. Bridge Street, just a stone's throw north of the intersection of Main Street, next to the ice cream shop. Hope to see you there!



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## From the Desk of the President

### Shavings from an old No. 4

I can remember my first middle school shop project, an edge grain cutting board glued up from slats of maple and cherry. My daughter has it now and uses it every day. Although I've had to refurbish it a few times over 35 years in the kitchen, it has never needed repair. Obviously, my shop teacher knew what he was doing when he showed me how to put it together, but if you had asked me at the time, I would've said he was an old-fashioned task master who didn't care whether I ever finished the project because he required me to flatten it with a bench plane...when there was a perfectly good power planer in the corner of the classroom.

Even today, if I had a cutting board to flatten, I'd run it through the planer or wide drum sander and be done in a few passes and a few minutes, but I no longer jump at the chance to fire up a machine to do every task. In fact, I find myself looking for opportunities to use hand tools more and more. One of the best feelings comes from answering the question, "how am I gonna do this?" With the answer, "I can use a hand plane!"

For some tasks, like doing the initial flattening, squaring and ripping of rough sawn lumber, machinery is indispensable at saving us from the torturous tasks that would sap all the joy out of our time in the shop. Beyond those and a few other tasks however, power tools and machinery may take away some of our enjoyment. I've come to realize that the major advantage of power tool woodworking is that

of saving time. If we really wanted to save as much time as possible, we should just go out and buy the piece of furniture we're planning to build. That would save us a LOT of time.

Since most of our woodworking passion is NOT about saving time, we need to look for ways to spend a bit more time in the shop, and ways to spend that time doing something enjoyable. Contrary to my fourteen-year-old self, I can't think of anything more enjoyable than making shavings with an old No. 4. (provided by Matt Rosendaul)



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## Notes from the Board

Our board meeting was held in DeWitt on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Guild has 87 active members.

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 Terry Kirk, Jacob Garner or Eric Woodruff to pick up and drop off your item.

The May meeting will feature Tom Dowling and he will be talking about oil and film finishes.

If you are interested in making mallet(s) for the Guild, to sell at events for fundraising, please contact a Board Member.

Please remember to keep up on current happenings by visiting the Guild Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MidMichiganWoodworkersGuild/>

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## Guild Financial Status



As of April 3rd, the Guild has an account balance of \$6232. 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 will cost approximately \$2500.

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## 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.

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## Member Projects 'Show and Tell'

Several members brought projects to share. Examples included a children's table and chair set, a variety of toys, an outdoor rocker, different styles of mallets, bowls, an end grain cutting board, replica wood weapons and a Chinese corner joint.