



The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

May 2018

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Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting:

May 15th at 7 pm
Memorial Building
East Room
206 W. Washington St.
Dewitt, MI

Next board meeting:

June 5, at 7 pm

Dates to Remember

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

August 16-19, Dewitt Ox
Roast

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

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April Meeting Summary

The April meeting featured a presentation by Don Fowler from Alumilite Mold Making and Casting Materials. Don is the Marketing and Technical Support Manager, and he shared a wealth of information.

First, Don talked about the variety of products that Alumilite produces. Casting and wood turning resins, mold making materials, dyes, fillers and releases, bar top coating material, and tools and equipment constitute the products in their lineup. He discussed what components make up resins, coatings and mold making mixes.

Don then discussed the steps and tips on successfully making turning blanks. This included ratios, working time, moisture content, managing air bubbles using a pressure pot, placing other materials in the cast resin and working with the material. Don passed around examples for member review and answered many questions. Also, he talked about making molds for blanks and other applications.

Next, he talked about their top coating material, 'Amazing Clear Cast'. Although the main application is for bar tops, it can also be used on certain surfaces that require a durable, clear finish. Examples are kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities, dining room tables, and photo collage tables. Don showed examples and discussed considerations for application and successful pours.

Finally, he talked about using dyes and fillers for their products. Dyes and fillers provide creative options for a variety of projects.

If you have questions about use and application of Alumilite products, contact Don or his team by calling the number on the product label. You can learn more about Alumilite by visiting <https://www.alumilite.com/>.

May Meeting

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

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Also, The MMWG will be 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 terrific way to spend some extra time together and not stay out too late. We will be meeting at Relli's Sports Bar at 5:30 PM. Relli's is located at 202 E Main St. in Dewitt. Hope to see you there!



2018 MMWG 2 x 4 Challenge

We have 12 members signed up for the 2x4 Challenge contest right now, and expect a few more to sign up at the meeting on May 15th. Please see attachment for details about the 2 x 4 Challenge contest.

Notes from the Board

Our board meeting was held in Dimondale on May 1st. Currently, the Guild has 99 active members.

The Great Lakes Woodworking Festival was an immense success for us. We raised \$697 from selling mallets and other items made by members. We talked to a LOT of woodworkers both young and old and a few of them may be joining us soon. Many thanks to Rocco Buisse, John Phillips, Greg Nye, and Chris Schoenberg for helping at the booth. Also thanks to Tom Dowling, Ben Kinsey, Russ Rogers, Steve Hicks, and Colleen Bruning-Fann for making the mallets and items we sold. We will definitely go back next year.

The June meeting will be a picnic potluck at the park in DeWitt on June 19th. More details to follow, and the Guild will be providing beverages and tableware (plates, napkins, etc.)

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/>

or our website:

www.mmwg.org

Guild Financial Status



As of May 1st, the Guild had an account balance of \$6600.34. 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.

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’

Several members brought projects to share. Please visit the Member Facebook page to see photos from the April meeting.

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