



# The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

June 2018

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Membership Meeting:

June 19th at 5:00 pm  
Riverside Park  
S. Bridge St.  
Dewitt, MI

### Next board meeting:

July TBD, at 7 pm

## Dates to Remember

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

June 23, OWWM (Old Wood  
Working Machinery) at  
Factory Two in Flint, MI (visit  
[factorytwo.org](http://factorytwo.org) for more  
information)

August 16-19, DeWitt Ox  
Roast

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

## May Meeting Summary

The May meeting featured a presentation by Tom Dowling on finishes. Tom discussed types, oil finish 'myths', characteristics, choosing a finish, how finishes cure and referenced several books with more detailed information

First, Tom talked about the types of oil based finishes. These include non-curing, semi-curing and curing. He also discussed some of the 'myths' around oil finishes.

Tom then discussed the characteristics of different finishes. Wax finishes offer limited protection and work best as a polish. Mineral oil has limited uses. Wiping varnish is easy to apply and offers protection and durability when several layers are built up. Also, a wiping varnish is easy to repair if the need arises. Polyurethanes are durable and offer good protection, but are more challenging to apply and repair.

Next, he talked about choosing an oil finish. Film finishes typically cure to a hard layer. Examples are shellac, lacquer and varnish. Tom suggested that you may want to build layers of finishes to both protect the wood and obtain the desired appearance. Part of choosing a finish is understanding how it cures. There are four basic types of curing: Evaporative (shellac, lacquer, wax), Reactive (oils and varnishes), Catalyst (some polyurethanes, UV curable) and coalescing (water based finishes).

In closing, Tom referenced several books he has found useful. First, there are 2 books by Bob Flexner – "Flexner on Finishing" and "Understanding Wood Finishes". Next there is "Wood Finishing Fixes" by Michael Dresdner and "Classic Paints and Faux Finishes" by Annie Sloan and Kate Gwynn. Finally, Tom had notes and articles from past issues of WOOD magazine.

The finish you choose and apply can enhance or detract from your project. Please take the time to research and understand the finish chosen, and take the time to prepare and apply properly. And if you have questions or are seeking advice, there are resources with experience and knowledge, like Tom, in the Guild.

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## June Meeting

The June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a picnic potluck cookout at the Riverside Park on S. Bridge Street in DeWitt from 5 to 9. Please bring a dish to share. The Guild will be providing beverages and tableware (plates, napkins, etc.). See more details in 'Notes from the Board' section.

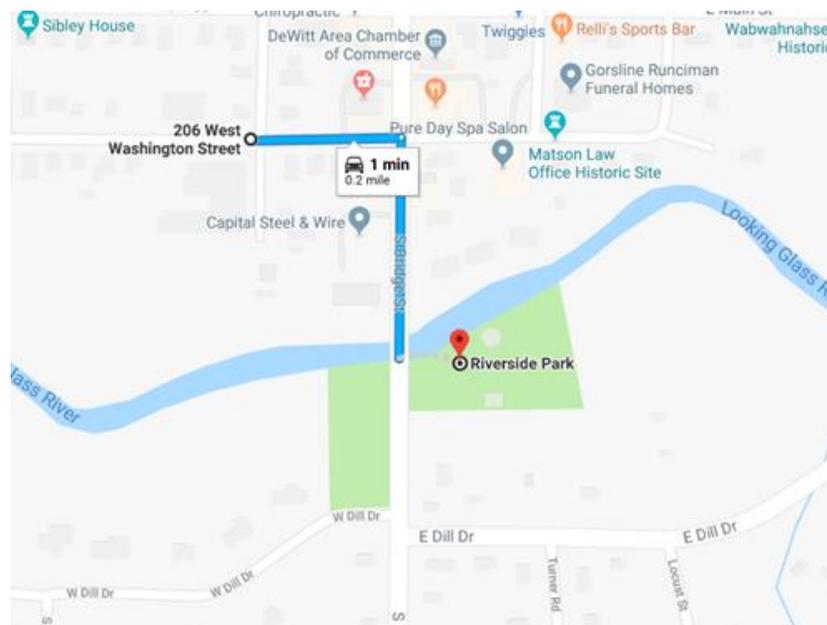
## 2018 MMWG 2 x 4 Challenge

We have 12 members signed up for the 2x4 Challenge contest right now, and expect a few more to sign up at the next meeting.

## Notes from the Board

Our board meeting was held on June 6th. Currently, the Guild has 104 active members.

The June 19th meeting will be a potluck picnic at Riverside Park in DeWitt from 5 to 9 pm. The guild is supplying the drinks, plates, and silverware, and members are asked to bring a dish to share. You may also wish to bring your lawn chairs for more comfortable seating. The pavilion has picnic tables and charcoal grills available. Members can park at the main parking lot off Bridge Street, but there is additional parking off Dill Street near the playground section of the park.



A friend of Terry Kirk has some wood and a dust collector for sale. He has three walnut logs which he'll give away for free, the largest of which is 8 feet long and 17 inches in diameter. He also has a Rosewood log for sale and will negotiate on the price. He also has some slab sections (as shown in the pictures on member Facebook page). The dust collector is a 3-phase commercial unit with large collection bags. Contact Al Christian at 517-371-3900

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

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

or our website:

[www.mmmwg.org](http://www.mmmwg.org)

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## Guild Financial Status



As of May 1st, the Guild had an account balance of \$7190.27.

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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. Please visit the Member Facebook page to see photos from the May meeting.

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