



The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

August 2018

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Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting:

August 21st at 7:00 pm
Memorial Building
East Room
206 W. Washington St.
Dewitt, MI

Next board meeting:

September 4th, at 7 pm
Location TBD

Dates to Remember

August 17th

DeWitt Ox Roast

10 am – set-up

5 – 9 pm – serve food

September 7 – 8

WOOD EXPO

Charlotte, MI

(<http://theworkbench.com/expo.php>)

July Meeting Summary

The July meeting featured a presentation by Matt Rosendaul on “9 Elements of Design”. From the book “Universal Principles of Design” (by Lidwell, Holden and Butler), Matt gleaned the 9 Elements most pertinent to woodworking. Listed below are these elements that were presented and discussed:

1. Rule of Thirds – a technique in which a medium is divided into thirds creating aesthetic positions for the primary elements of a design
2. Fibonacci and the Golden Ratio – ratio within the features of a form (ex: height to width) approximating 0.618
3. Biophilia – natural connection, bringing outdoors into the built environment (ex: live edge)
4. Symmetry – a property of visual equivalence and balance
5. Wood Grain and Selection – symmetry and focus can be enhanced by the proper use and selection of wood grain
6. Rhythm – creating a sense of movement in a composition by repeating or alternating elements in a pattern
7. Priming – the activation of specific concepts in memory to influence subsequent behaviors
8. Storytelling – Creating imagery, emotions, and understanding of events through an interaction between the storyteller and the audience
9. Wabi Sabi – a Japanese concept wherein objects exhibit simplicity, imperfection, and impermanence

Also, Jacob Garner will be the MMWG activity coordinator at the WOOD EXPO. Jacob is seeking volunteers, so please contact him at jegster15@gmail.com or at the August meeting.

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August Meeting

The August meeting will feature a presentation by John Wilson on making woodworking blades. John will take us through the steps of shaping the blade, turning tool steel into carbon steel, and sharpening the blade.

Also, the semi-final judging for the 2 x 4 contest will be completed at the August meeting. Finals will be completed at the WOOD EXPO via public vote.

Notes from the Board

The MMWG Board notes will be provided at the August 21st regular meeting.

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

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

or our website:

www.mmwg.org

Guild Financial Status



The MMWG financial status will be provided at the August 21st 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.

Member Projects ‘Show and Tell’

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

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