



The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

September 2018

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Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting:

September 18th at 7:00 pm
Memorial Building
East Room
206 W. Washington St.
Dewitt, MI

Next board meeting:

October 2nd, at 7 pm
Location TBD

Dates to Remember

Fall Potluck Picnic

September 22nd

1:00 to 5:00

Bill Russell's Woodworker's
Barn Lumbermill

12225 Kimler Rd.

Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

August Meeting Summary

The August meeting featured guest speaker John Wilson. He shared his background and experience in woodworking, and talked about his current business of teaching and shaker oval boxes (making and supplies). John then transitioned into wood tool blade making. He discussed choosing the proper type of tool steel (O1 is what he prefers), rough shaping the blade before hardening, the hardening process (which he also demonstrated in a shop built kiln!), tempering the blade, and finally sharpening. John has a lifetime of knowledge and experience, some of which he has documented in several published books. Please check out his website (www.shakerovalbox.com) and consider purchasing one of his books or taking a class that he offers.

September Meeting(s)

The September regular membership meeting will feature a presentation by custom furniture maker and YouTube creator Chad Stanton from Toledo, Ohio. Chad will talk about making the leap to becoming a professional woodworker.

In addition to the regular meeting, there will be a Fall Potluck Picnic and lumber milling demonstration on Saturday September 22nd from 1 to 5 at Bill Russell's Woodworker's Barn sawmill (www.woodworkersbarn.com).

The address is 12225 Kimler Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI. Bill's phone is 517-749-2064.

Bill will be cooking some BBQ pulled rabbit (he also owns Water Crest Rabbitry and has processed rabbits for sale if you are interested!) and will have a grill available if you want to bring a hot dog, brat or burger. There will be water and a fruit drink provided if you don't want to bring a beverage. The guild will be supplying plates, cups, and napkins. This is a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Also, please bring a lawn chair.

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After the meal, he will be giving a demonstration on the sawmill, including the Woodmizer. He will also have deals on some kiln dried lumber, so check it out while you are there. Bill has an incredible selection of local species that you can't find elsewhere, including some live edge slabs.

Notes from the Board

The MMWG Board additional notes will be provided at the September 18th regular meeting.

Upcoming Dovetail and Saw Making Workshops:

If you signed up for the dovetail workshop, remember that it is before the next meeting, September 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Tom's workshop, 1281 E. Cutler Rd. in Dewitt.

If you signed up for the Florip saw making workshop, please be sure to pay for your saw kit order at the next meeting (September 18). If you have not pre-paid for your kit, we may give your spot in the workshop away to someone on the waiting list.

Since both workshops filled up so quickly, we are planning to have more workshops in the future, so stay tuned for details!

Wood Expo 2018 Was an Immense Success!

As a non-profit club, the Guild must evaluate participation in various events based on three criteria:

1. Does it meet our mission statement "to promote understanding, appreciation, and skill development in woodworking."
2. Is there an opportunity to recruit new members
3. Is there an opportunity to conduct fundraising activity

Expo exceeds our expectations in each of these categories every year. This year we gave away hundreds of toys, talked to countless people about woodworking, inspired them with our gallery and 2x4 contest, gave away a bunch of magazines, signed up at least 5 new members, and raised over \$1200 in the process!

A huge 'thank you' goes out to everyone who helped make it a success whether by volunteering to work the booth, driving the golf cart, displaying an item in the gallery, making mallets, toys or birdhouses, or helping with any of the other countless details that go into pulling off a successful Expo.

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 September 18th 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 last month’s meeting.

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