



The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

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Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting:

October 16th at 7:00 pm
Memorial Building
East Room
206 W. Washington St.
Dewitt, MI

Next board meeting:

November 6th, at 7 pm
Location TBD

Dates to Remember

November 20th, regular
monthly meeting featuring
hand tool sharpening
workshop and guild elections

December 11th, annual
Christmas party

September Meeting Summary

The September meeting featured guest speaker Chad Stanton, custom furniture maker and host of the popular You Tube series 'Wood Choppin' Time' (www.woodchoppintime.com). He shared his background and experience in woodworking, and talked about transitioning into a professional woodworker and woodworking as a business.

Chad referenced several blog articles he has written about this topic (<http://www.woodchoppintime.com/category/blogs/>). There are some key questions to consider before making the leap: 1. Are you self-motivated and self-disciplined? Things to think about are using time wisely, project management, multi-tasking and money management (not a steady paycheck!). 2. What is your skill level? Things to think about are can you work alone, be self-sufficient and solve problems that may arise. 3. Do you want to build for others or for yourself? If you have primarily built in a certain style can you transition to other styles that may be at a different skill, experience and interest level. 4. Who is your market and competition? An honest and accurate assessment will help determine if making the leap is a good decision. 5. Do you understand the relative codes and laws in your area? If not, there could be some costly mistakes in your future! 6. Are you willing to educate and work with customers? Your image and reputation are impacted by this ability.

Chad wrapped up with a question and answer session.

Also, a big 'thank you' goes out to Bill Russell for hosting the Fall Potluck Picnic and lumber milling demonstration at his home (Woodworker's Barn Sawmill, www.woodworkersbarn.com). Delicious food was shared and a valuable demonstration was given by Bill. If you are needing lumber milling, kiln drying, or looking for rough sawn lumber, please contact Bill.

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October Meeting

The October regular membership meeting will feature a presentation by custom saw maker and owner of Florip Toolworks Erik Florip from Empire, Michigan. Erik will talk about the business of making custom saws, saw kits and other woodworking tools. To learn more before the meeting, visit <http://floriptoolworks.com/>.

Notes from the Board

The MMWG Board Meeting was held on October 2nd at the Memorial Building in DeWitt. There are 113 members as of September 30th.

The November meeting activity will be the hand tool sharpening workshop. Members are encouraged to bring their dull hand tools and learn how to sharpen them. Also, 2019 officer and board member elections will be held.

The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party and raffle. It will be held on December 11th with social hour starting at 5:00 and dinner being served at 6:00. It will be held at Fireside Grille, 6951 Lansing Rd., Dimondale, MI. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a holiday themed meal, drink (alcoholic drinks are not included, but will be available at the bar) and one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please purchase the dinner tickets at the October or November regular meeting. This will allow an accurate count for the restaurant. The Christmas party is a good opportunity to bring your significant other and children to meet other members of the guild.

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

Annual Dues

As a reminder, annual membership dues are coming up at the end of the year. Many people take the opportunity to pay their dues when buying their Christmas dinner ticket. Regular individual dues are still \$25, and we have a lifetime membership available for \$250.

Guild Financial Status



As of September, the MMWG has an account balance of 7,123.45.

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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