



# The Newsletter of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild

November 2018

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Membership Meeting:

November 20th at 7:00 pm  
Memorial Building  
East Room  
206 W. Washington St.  
Dewitt, MI

### Next board meeting:

December 4th, at 7 pm  
Location TBD

## Dates to Remember

December 11<sup>th</sup>, annual  
Christmas party

## October Meeting Summary

The October meeting featured guest speaker Erik Florip, custom saw and tool maker, and owner of Florip Tool Works. He shared his background and experience in woodworking, and talked about how his business came about.

Erik was in the Marine Corps when he developed an interest in woodworking as a hobby. Starting out, he soon realized that good tools and equipment could be expensive. His search for an affordable dovetail saw led him to developing a saw making business as he transitioned from military to civilian life. His business has since grown and now includes saw kits and marking gauges. Erik has gradually expanded his shop and added custom equipment. Also, Erik dabbles in rough sawn lumber, and may have some for sale.

Please check out his website at <http://floriptoolworks.com/>

Erik wrapped up with a question and answer session.

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## November Meeting

The November regular membership meeting will feature a hand tool sharpening workshop. Several members will be demonstrating and teaching sharpening techniques on various cutting devices. Feel free to bring your hand tools in need of sharpening and learn how to develop and maintain a great cutting edge.

Also at the November meeting, the Guild will be conducting our annual officer and board member elections. Any current, active member is eligible to vote and be nominated for a position. The current slate of candidates is as follows:

## MMWG Board Members

**President** - Matt Rosendaul

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Ken Crawford  
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Chris Schoenberg  
Brett Luker  
Eric Curtis  
Jacob Garner

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Jim Wagner

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## Notes from the Board

The MMWG Board Meeting was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Building in DeWitt. There are 113 members as of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup> with social hour starting at 5:00, dinner being served at 6:00, and should wrap up about 9:00. 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. If you do not have a dinner ticket yet, **please purchase your dinner ticket(s) at the November regular meeting. This will allow an accurate count for the restaurant to properly plan.** The Christmas party is a good opportunity to bring your significant other and children to meet other members of the guild.

The By-Laws and Policies and Procedures documents have been posted to the MMWG website. Please use the addresses below if you are interested in reviewing these documents.

<http://mmwg.org/2017-adopted-bylaws/>

<http://mmwg.org/policies-and-procedures-2018/>

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](http://www.mmwg.org)

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## 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.

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## Guild Financial Status



As of October 31st, the MMWG has an account balance of \$5,785.97.

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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 last month’s meeting.

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