



## Newsletter

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### President's Letter

I can't believe the weather we have had to start off the month. I can't remember another August where there were several days of sub 80-degree weather. The cool temps and rain have done wonders to my yard and (more importantly) made it pleasant to be in my shop working.

Recently, I've been working on a simple gate to keep our dogs from roaming to places in our home we wish for them not to roam. It's a fairly simple design, consisting of three sections with mortised joints. For one of those sections, I hand-cut the mortise and tenons. For the other section I used a mortising attachment from Delta that fits on my drill press and a dado stack for the tenons. While I love the idea of the hand cut mortise, I have had to



admit that I am not patient enough to get skilled there and should stick to my power tools and shop jigs to get projects to turn out close to what I envisioned.

I think that this is an important lesson for me to remember. You will find no shortage of opinions on how things "should" be done and what "real wood workers" use and don't use. My opinion: woodworking is a hobby for people to enjoy. We should all find the methods and techniques that make us happy and help us bring our visions to life. While I can appreciate the skill and beauty of a hand cut joint, I can never seem to get my joints to work out "perfect" which leads me to frustration. My resolution is to use my power tools because I can get a good, repeatable result. That's not to say I won't try other methods and techniques (I plan to work on a veneered piece soon), but if they ultimately just frustrate me, I'll find another way.

As we journey through the world of woodworking, let's remember that our craft is as diverse as the grains in the wood we work with. Embrace the techniques that bring you joy and satisfaction,

whether it's hand tools, power tools, or a blend of both. Share your experiences with fellow members, and together, we'll keep the spirit of woodworking alive in our community.

Sincerely,



John Loyd  
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association

## August Notes and Announcements:

- The August meeting will be at Sawdust Studios on the 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30. Charlie Leverett will be joining us to share his laser cutting/engraving “side hustle” and will be sharing some tips and tricks he has learned along the way.
  - o Note, Sawdust studios will be moving from their current location to a new, larger space the same week as our meeting. We currently plan to meet at the current location, but it’s possible that this will change. No matter what, I will communicate any changes on the Facebook page.
- We are looking to add electronic payment methods for dues and donations. There are a couple of options that we are looking into. We will have more details soon. We hope to have the system in place for the pumpkin festival in October.
- I am still looking at options to update the website. I would like to have a brief conversation with those interested in this after the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Midwest Woodworkers’ Association and Mid-Missouri Woodturners Dues

Dues for the 2023-2024 club year are payable at the June meeting. If you wish to belong to the Midwest Woodworkers’ Association, dues are \$20.00 per year. If you wish to belong to the Woodworkers' Association and the Woodturners, dues are \$35.00 for both. If you have not yet paid your dues, please bring cash or check to the August meeting or send your dues to our treasurer, Tom Stauder at 4779 East Turkey Trail Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.



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