

Midwest Woodworkers Association

August 2024 Newsletter

Dear Woodworkers,

I've just returned from a few days in Las Vegas, where I attended a conference dedicated to the fascinating world of artificial intelligence. From my hotel room, I had a unique view of the Tropicana casino's demolition—a stark reminder of how the old makes way for the new.

The conference was eye-opening, showcasing how AI is revolutionizing various industries. It's clear that we are only scratching the surface of what AI can do. However, despite the incredible advancements in technology, I couldn't help but reflect on the unique craftsmanship that our woodworking passion demands. After all, no AI can yet replicate the delicate touch required to cut a mortise and tenon joint or apply that perfect finish to a project we've poured months of effort into.

This month, we have the pleasure of learning from one of our very own, Dean, who will be showcasing his latest creation—a set of mid-century modern floor lamps. Dean will walk us through his design process, the challenges he faced during the build, and how he overcame them. It promises to be an inspiring session that highlights the skill and creativity that make our craft so rewarding.

Looking forward to seeing you all there and continuing to share our love for woodworking.



John Loyd
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association



AUGUST NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The August meeting will be at Sawdust Studios on Monday the 26th starting at 6:30 pm. Food and beverages will be provided.
 - o There will an officers meeting beforehand at 6 PM.
- Annual dues for MWA and the Turners are now due. Dues are \$25 for Mid-Missouri Woodturners, \$20 for Midwest Woodworkers' Association or \$35 for both clubs.
- Our Site has been updated:
 - o A huge thanks goes out to Erik Betz for converting our old sites and doing a major renovation. Check his work. It is very impressive.
 - o Both the woodworkers and wood turners sites have been updated.