



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you and your families! I hope this letter finds you well and ready to kick off another year of woodworking adventures with the Missouri Woodworkers Association. As we turn the page to 2025, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning members and those joining us for the first time. Here's to a year of creativity, camaraderie, and craftsmanship!

Here in Columbia, the January weather has been anything but cooperative. Between the snow, ice, and bitter cold, I'll admit I've spent more time shoveling my driveway than working in my shop. If you're like me, you're probably itching to get back to sawdust and wood shavings. But the good news is, our January meeting promises to be a fantastic way to ease back into the woodworking groove!

At this month's meeting, we are excited to have Dean Gregory share his expertise on setting up hand planes for maximum efficiency and precision. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting to explore the world of hand tools, this demonstration is sure to provide valuable insights. To tie it all

together, we'll also be raffling off a digital plane-check tool by iGaging to help you get your own planes set up perfectly. It's a great chance to take what you learn from Dean and apply it directly to your own tools!

As always, we encourage you to bring along any projects you've been working on for the "show and tell" portion of the meeting—your creations never fail to inspire the group. So, bundle up, brave the cold, and join us for an evening of learning, sharing, and connection.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Warm regards,

John Loyd

President, Missouri Woodworkers Association



JANUARY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The January meeting will be held at Sawdust Studios on the 28th at 6:30 PM
 - o Address: 3150 Paris Rd, Columbia, MO 65202
- There will be a club officers meeting before the meeting at 6 PM.

FUTURE 2025 MEETINGS:

Month	Topic
February	Norm will present Drunkin Joinery. Will be at his shop
March	TBD
April	John will present on finishing projects with a HVLP Sprayer
May	MWA BBQ and officer elections (Date and time TBD)
June	Sam Gunter will present on wood carving.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Woodworking minus patience equals firewood.

The most productive shops I've seen are usually messy.

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