



Newsletter

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President's Letter

The Future is Bright!

Recently, I had the opportunity to help judge the youth woodworking projects at the Boone County Fair. It was a real pleasure to be there alongside fellow member and past president, Norm Anderson. We were both impressed by the creativity, craftsmanship, and enthusiasm on display. From beginner pieces to more advanced projects, the kids brought energy and pride to their work that was contagious. Their excitement reminded me just how rewarding it is to work with wood—and it gave me real hope for the future of the craft. If this next generation is any indication, woodworking is in good hands.

Looking ahead to this month's meeting, I'm happy to share that Sam Gunter will finally be presenting his wood carving demonstration. You may remember he was scheduled to speak back in May, but weather kept him away. I know many of us have been looking forward to this one—Sam's work is excellent, and it'll be a great opportunity to learn more about carving techniques and tools.

Before I close, I want to take a moment to speak about the future of our club leadership. I've been honored to serve as your president, and it's a role I've found deeply rewarding. But it's also healthy for organizations like ours to rotate leadership and invite others to step up.

If you've ever considered serving, now is a great time to talk. We're looking for someone to take the reins in the coming year—and I'll be glad to help with the transition. The role is meaningful, and the time invested pays back tenfold in friendships and shared passion.

I hope to see you at the meeting. Until then, stay cool, stay safe, and keep making sawdust.

With gratitude,

John Loyd

President, Missouri Woodworkers Association



JULY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The July 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. We will be finalizing details for the August car painting

FUTURE 2025 MEETINGS:

Month	Topic
August 25 th	Painting cars at Bob's shop
September 22 nd	Open
October 27 th	Open

If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please let me know!

MIDWEST WOODWORKERS' ASSOCIATION AND MID-MISSOURI WOODTURNERS DUES

Dues for the woodworking club and the woodturning club are payable at the June meeting, \$20.00 for the woodworking club and \$25 for the woodturning club or \$35.00 for both clubs. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them to our treasurer, Tom Stauder, 4779 East Turkey Trail Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

Tips, Tools & Jigs

Please submit your favorite tools & jigs for inclusion in this new section of our club websites: midwestwoodworkers.org and midmissouriwoodturners.org. You can send them to erik@erikbetz.com. This can now be found under the RESOURCES tab on either website.

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