



Mid-Willamette Woodworkers Guild September 2024 Newsletter



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September Meeting

Monday September 30, 7:30 PM.

Community Room at Consumers Power

6990 West Hills Road

Philomath, OR 97370

Want to make your own eyeglass frames? Kurt Mottweiler will get you started.



Kurt sends us the following notes for his presentation:

The seed for this started some years ago as I continued to be frustrated with the whole process of searching for, and being disappointed with, eyeglass frames. I proceeded in short bursts of activity until I finally arrived at the first complete example. It's more complicated than I first imagined, but it represents the comfortable marriage of metal and wood that has been part of my process for over 45 years of building cameras.

For the upcoming meeting, I will bring along the mobile elements from my spectacle project. I'll show some photos and video of aspects of the design and fabrication approach. I'm hopeful this will be just part I of a series on adding metal to the woodworking process. Consider this a call for entries for anyone else working to add metal into their wood projects.

Fall Classes and other events at Highland Woodshop

Our good friends at Highland Woodshop have announced several fall classes, starting in September.

<https://www.highlandwoodshopcorvallis.com/upcoming-events>

Also, a party to celebrate Highland's Fifth birthday on October 5th. More info to come.

And in November, MWWG member Michael Toivonen is going to teach an in-depth class on hand planes at Highland. This is a great opportunity to spend 5 hours learning from Michael about the intricacies of hand planes, using them, sharpening and even how to rehab old planes. The class will be on November 9th and it is limited to 6 people. So it will be a small group with a great learning ratio. If you are interested in hand planes, I would highly recommend this class. Rehabbing a plane is a great way to get really familiar with how planes work. I rehabbed my first plane before ever buying a new one and it helped me understand what goes into keeping one sharp and in working order.

Here is the link for the class. Please reach out to Highland if you have any questions! (adapted from a discussion at [MWWG.groups.io](https://www.mwwg.groups.io))

<https://www.highlandwoodshopcorvallis.com/event-details-registration/choosing-and-rehabbing-vintage-hand-planes-with-michael-toivonen>

Katherine Edmonds, for Highland Woodshop

Fall Classes at Tarweed Folk School

Looking for other woodworking and hand craft classes? Tarweed Folk School has many tempting choices:

<https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com/classes>

Mammoth Tusk Cabinet Project Moves Ahead

A couple of years ago the City of Corvallis was moving a gas line on 9th street in front of Starbucks and unearthed a woolly mammoth skeleton. Long story short: part of a tusk was preserved by folks at OSU so it could be displayed at the Corvallis Benton County Library. The library asked MWWG if we could build a display cabinet for it. We asked Highland Woodshop for help. Together we came up with a proposal, the city tentatively approve a budget, and we are now working on the final design for the cabinet. We hope to start work on it this fall and involve as many members of MWWG, Highland Woodshop, and the greater community as possible. Stay tuned for more updates as we get them.



Activity at MWWG.groups.io

Lots of traffic at our online forum this month. Some of the varied topics added in the last month include:

A deal on Japanese planes on eBay, a discussion of a decorated plywood table that is possible folk art, USPS offers Shaker design postage stamps, a vintage Unisaw for sale, assembling a cabinet without clamps, a potting bench, fall classes at Tarweed Folk School, woodcarving tools for sale, a gauge for giant bandsaw blades and how it works, selling a dust collector, Japanese adze finishing, planes for sale, a rare antique highboy shows up in Albany, making wooden eyeglass frames, and more.

To join and view the online forum for MWWG, you only need to email MWWG@groups.io. Alternately, you can type in MWWG.groups.io on your browser and ask to subscribe. You don't need to supply content, other than maybe a hello comment, or "I'd like to join". Doug Ullmer is the moderator, so he approves the first post, and then you can review messages. You'll then be a "subscriber" and can log into mwwg.groups.io to see all the topics and edit your profile settings, including how you get new messages. The choices include getting a summary every day, or every 12 messages, or not at all.

If you are a paid member of MWWG you will also be able to post to the group.

Guild Membership

Member Benefits

- Can present work at MWWG exhibitions such as our annual show, our exhibit at Footwise in Corvallis and any other MWWG sponsored show.
- Discounted entry fee to special speakers or workshops.
- Can attend our August picnic and December holiday party
- Post to our groups.io discussion forum.
- Attend our mini-workshops
- Receive special notices of items for sale such as wood, tools.

Guild membership is for a calendar year. **Membership needs to be renewed in January.**

Membership for 2024 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students aged 16 to 21. Membership dues are required by January 31, 2024. **MWWG now accepts electronic payment via Square.** See Brian Egan at our meetings. Dues are payable by check to the MWWG at PO Box 321, Corvallis 97339. Or bring a check to our next meeting. Please be sure to include a [Membership/Renewal Form](#). *Note that we require the form every year even if you are a current member.*

Local Resources

Wood

[The Hardwood Centre](#). Big supporters of MWWG and nice folks. Hardwoods, birch plywood, some veneers, and locally milled lumber. Also a pick up site for Bam Carbide tooling. They are happy to order what they don't have.

[Crosscut in Eugene and Portland](#). If the Hardwood Centre doesn't have it these folks have a larger selection and stock. MWWG members get a discount at the Eugene store so let them know you are one of us!

[Lewis Judy/Northwest Timber](#). Also a long time supporter of MWWG. If you are looking for highly figured woods from the Pacific Northwest for a special project, try here first.

[Tree Products Eugene](#). A good source for hardwood, veneered plywood and more.

[Mike's Bargain Center](#). Discount lumber, some hardwoods, occasional treasures and deals.

[Woodcraft Eugene](#). If you are looking for smaller turning blanks in specialty woods.

Hardwood and Plywood Specialty LLC. Used to be in Albany but have moved to Sweet Home. Hours by appointment. Call or email first to let them know what you are after. They might have just the right board.

41221 Upper Calapooia Drive, Sweet Home, OR, United States, Oregon
(541) 936-2915. hardwoodandplywood@gmail.com

[Spaeth Lumber](#). Construction lumber oriented. But if you need table saw or jointer/shaper blades sharpened they will send them to [Snooks Saw Service](#) in Salem for you with a short turn-around.

Tooling, Saw and Blade Sharpening

Need a table saw blade sharpened? Or a jointer, planer, or shaper blade? Or a bandsaw blade made? Local source for Whiteside router bits or custom carbide tooling?

[Snooks Saw Service](#). You can drive to Salem, or you can drop off your tooling at Spaeth Lumber in Corvallis and Snooks will pick up and deliver it back to Spaeth's for no charge.

D and M Saw and Manufacturing, 3951 E Commercial Way SE, Albany, OR 97322, [541-928-6463](tel:541-928-6463).

[Bam Carbide](#), based in Salem but with pickup at The Hardwood Centre in Albany. Router bits, saw blades and other carbide woodworking tooling.

Natural wood finishes. And woodworking books! In one place!

[Heritage Natural Finishes](#), and [Summer Beam Books](#), both at 1337 Main Street, Philomath, 877-272-1987 summerbeambooks@gmail.com. Non-toxic wood finishes, pigments, and oils and other wood finishing goodies. And an absolutely incredible offering of books about wood working, construction, and more.

Woodworking maker space, woodworking classes and instruction

Don't have a shop set up? Looking to get started in woodworking? Need some friendly and encouraging instruction? Here is the place for you, right here in Corvallis. [Highland Woodshop](#), highlandwoodshop@gmail.com 541-315-4737

MWWG Board 2023—2024

Kurt Mottweiler, president
Del Banners, VP and show runner
Brian Egan, treasurer
Doug Ullmer, secretary
Stan Hall, webmaster and publicity
Gary Radice, email communications and newsletter
Michael Toivonen, member at large

MWWG Members – Calendar Year 2024

If you think are a member but don't see your name here please let [us](#) know.

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| 1. Brent Baker | 13. Stan Hall | 25. Marvin | 36. Connie |
| 2. Tom Baker | 14. Bill Hays | McConoughey | Rodman |
| 3. Del Banners | 15. Rob Hess | 26. Pat McKeown | 37. Josh Smith |
| 4. Kevin Biebrich | 16. Kristopher | 27. Patrick | 38. Bob Smith |
| 5. Stephanie | Holland | McKinley | 39. Gene |
| Clark | 17. Gary Irwin | 28. Austin Moon | Stemmann |
| 6. Kiko Denzer | 18. Steve Iverson | 29. Kurt | 40. Sam Stern |
| 7. Katherine | 19. Forrest | Mottweiler | 41. Si Simonson |
| Edmonds | Johnson | 30. Mia Murphy | 42. Michael |
| 8. Brian Egan | 20. Mark Jost | 31. Chava | Toivonen |
| 9. Tim Emery | 21. Lam Kok- | Neuhaus | 43. Doug Ullmer |
| 10. Greg | Meng | 32. Nick Parr | 44. Denise Young |
| Fitzpatrick | 22. Ed Kreusser | 33. Chris Przybyla | 45. Dan |
| 11. Eddie | 23. David Leyva | 34. Gary Radice | Youngberg |
| Frothingham | 24. Carol | 35. Jackson | |
| 12. Jim Good | McCarthy | Rheuben | |

Previous Meetings and Events

2013

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| January 2013 Meeting | Spalting of Wood by Dr. Seri Robinson |
| February Meeting | Coloring Wood |
| February 28 – March 27 | Footwise Window Exhibit |
| March Meeting | Finishing the Finish |
| April 24 – 27 | Annual Exhibition |
| May Meeting | Chair Design by Pat Megowan |
| June Meeting | Zena Forest Products Tour |
| July Meeting | Fire Extinguishers—Theory and Practice |
| August Meeting | Picnic |
| September Meeting | Selection and Layout of Materials for a Chair |
| October Meeting | Joinery and Assembly for Chairs |
| November Meeting | Tools, Jigs & Fixtures, also, Chair Discussion |
| December Meeting | Annual Holiday Party |

2014

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| January 2014 Meeting | Maloof-Style Chair, Kim Johansen |
| February Meeting | Lumber to Legacy Project, Mark Azavedo; Laminated Chairs, Gene Stemmann |
| March 4-17 | Footwise Window Exhibition |
| March Meeting | Chair building DVD's, Stan Hall |
| April 23 – 26 | Annual Exhibition |
| May 19 Meeting | Drawers, kick-off. |
| June 16 Meeting | Jigs for Drawers—John Mikkelson, host |
| July 21 Meeting | Tour of Wood Castle Production Facility—Brent Baker |
| August 18 Meeting | Annual Picnic at The Big Tree—Kent Stockwell |
| September 15 Meeting | Drawer Joinery—OSU, John Mikkelson, host |
| October | MWWG shares a window at Footwise with Lumber Legacy—Kirk Newburgh |
| October 20 Meeting | Drawers—Videos and Discussion |
| November 17 Meeting | Drawers—Chest of Drawers and Hand Dovetailing |
| December Meeting | Annual Holiday Party |

2015

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| January 19, 2015 Meeting | Hand Sawing (Kim Johansen) and High End Jewelry Boxes (Bill Bolstad) |
| February 16 Meeting | Crescent Valley High School Wood Shop Tour—Kent Stockwell |
| March 25-29 | Annual Exhibition |
| April 20 Meeting | Speaker didn't show up. Impromptu discussion followed. |
| May 18 Meeting | Jim Bergeron, Master Northwest Indian Woodcarver; Jim Good |
| June 15 Meeting | Bolstad Workshop Tour, Talbot, OR |
| July 20 Meeting | Waterborne Spray Finishes, John Mikkelson, OSU |
| August 17 | Picnic under the Big Tree, Kent Stockwell |
| September 21 Meeting | Tour of Northwest Timber |
| October 19 Meeting | Steam Bending Wood, Bill Storch |
| November 16 Meeting | Bandsaw Tuning and Use, by Bill Bolstad and Jim Good |
| December | Holiday Party at the OSU Forestry Cabin |

2016

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| January 18, 2016 Meeting | Collecting and Restoring Tools, by Bob Malouf |
| February 15 Meeting | Finishing Figured Woods by Kim Johansen |
| March 19 Meeting | Albany Carousel, arranged by Stan Hall |
| April 21 – 24 | Annual Exhibition |
| May 16 Meeting | Philomath High School Shop, by Scott Ballard |
| June 29 Meeting | Working with Slabs by Justin McMinds and John Mikkelson, Part I |

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| July 18 Meeting | Working with Slabs, Part 2 |
| August 15 Picnic | Annual picnic, hosted by Kent Stockwell under "The Big Tree" |
| September 26 Meeting | Fundamentals of Design by Andrew Nigon |
| October 17 Meeting | Refining Furniture Designs |
| November 21 Meeting | (1) Members' proposed Guild Show Project Designs |
| | (2) Machine-assisted Joinery |
| December 12 Party | Holiday Party Potluck and Wooden Router Bit Exchange |

2017

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| January 16, 2017 | Coopering by Katherine Edmonds |
| February 20 | Building Guitars by Kim Johansen |
| March 2 – April 4 | Footwise Window Display |
| March 20 | Jigs and Fixtures |
| April 26-30 | 34th Annual MWVG Exhibition of Fine Woodworking |
| May 15 | Making Clocks by Stan Hall |
| June 16 | Michael C. Fortune Presentation |
| June 17 | Michael C. Fortune Workshop |
| July 17 | Photography for Woodworkers by Lou Nunnelly |
| August 19 | Annual Picnic |
| September 18 | Boxes by John Mikkelson |
| October 16 | Installing Hinges by John Mikkelson |
| November 20 | Inlay Techniques by Gary Radice, Doug Ullmer, Jim Good |
| December 11 | Holiday Party Potluck and Wooden Screwdriver Exchange |

2018

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| January 15, 2018 | Story Sticks, Dean Stephens |
| February 1 - 28 | Footwise Window Display |
| February 19 | Successful Glue-Ups, Bill and Joanne Storch |
| March 19 | YouTube and Woodworking, Lin Orvar |
| April 13 – 14 | Garrett Hack Presentation and Workshop |
| April 18 - 22 | 35th Annual MWVG Exhibition of Fine Woodworking |
| May 21 | Tool Restoration, Gary Radice |
| June 16 (Saturday), 3 PM | Gray's Furniture Repair, Albany Field Trip |
| July 16 | Vacuum Technology for Woodworking, Doug Ullmer |
| August 20 | Annual Picnic, Under Kent Stockwell's Big Tree |
| September 17 | Some Methods for Sharpening Tools |
| October 15 | Selecting the Right Wood for a Project |
| November 19 | Turning by Donna & Ed Kreusser, Brent Baker |
| December 10 | Holiday Party Potluck and Wooden Chisel Exchange at the Arts Center |

2019

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| January 21, 2019 | Tommy's Paint Pot – Finishing Products for Woodworkers |
| February 19 | Finishing 2 – Members Share Their Expertise |
| March 18 | Works in Progress |
| April 25-28 | 36th Annual MWVG Exhibition of Fine Woodworking |
| May 20 | Lessons Learned |
| June 17 | Working with Difficult Wood |
| July 15 | Board and Members Planning Session |
| August 19 | Annual Picnic, Under Kent Stockwell's Big Tree |
| September 10 | Hull-Oakes Sawmill Tour, Lunch at Long Timber Brewing |
| October 21 | Shop Safety |
| November 18 | French Miter Jack Reproduction, Gary Radice |
| December 13 | Holiday Party at the Arts Center |

2020

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| January 20, 2020 | Restoring/Hot-Rodding Woodies, Marty Behrens |
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| February | Tallwood Institute tour |
| March | Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 |
| April | Show cancelled due to COVID-19 |
| May | No meeting due to COVID-19 |
| June 15 | Zoom: Projects by Bob Smith, Gary Radice and Brent Baker |
| July 20 | Zoom: Projects by Brent Baker, Gene Stemmann and Brian Egan |
| August | Picnic cancelled due to COVID-19 |
| September 21 | Zoom: Kiko Denzer: Working with hatchets and drawknives |
| October 19 | Zoom: Rose Holdorf: Folk School |
| November 16 | Zoom: Doug Ullmer 20 Desks Challenge |
| December 21 | Zoom: Doug Ullmer 20 Desks Challenge Update; Holiday Gifts |
| December | Holiday party cancelled due to COVID-19 |
| 2021 | |
| January 18, 2021 | Zoom: Brian Egan, Microshelters; Gary Radice, Drawer Slips |
| February 15 | Zoom: Rocking Chairs by Kevin Bieberich and Doug Ullmer |
| March 15 | Zoom: Heritage Natural Finishes and Timber Framing by Autumn Peterson |
| April 19 | Zoom: Bleaching and Ebonizing Wood by Kevin Bieberich |
| May 17 | Zoom: Inset Drawers by Gary Radice |
| June | No meeting, COVID scheduling difficulties |
| July | Zena Forest Products Tour, arranged by Gary Radice |
| August | No-host happy hour and dinner at Common Fields, arranged by Kevin Bieberich |
| September | Pandemic Projects Exhibition via Zoom |
| October 18 | Zoom: Projects—2 Bills and a Tim |
| November 22 | Zoom: Projects—Kiko and Kurt |
| December | No meeting, no party due to COVID-19 |
| 2022 | |
| January 17, 2022 | Zoom: Birdhouse Project; Stan Hall's Shop by Brian Egan and Stan Hall |
| February 21 | Zoom: Maloof-Style Rocker-Curves by Ed Kreusser |
| March 21 | Zoom: Planning for Post-Pandemic |
| April 18 | Zoom: Woodworking Photography by Jon Meyers |
| May 25 | Highland Woodshop by Ashley Merback |
| June 20 | Wood Castle Tour by Ron Loe |
| August 15 | Picnic at the Walnut Barn at MLK Park |
| September 19 | Oliver Pijoan, luthier, hosted by Highland Woodshop |
| October 14-16 | Exhibition of Fine Woodworking at Corvallis Library |
| November 7 | Tour of Emmerson Lab at OSU |
| December 20 | Holiday party at Corvallis Arts Center (Cancelled) |
| 2023 | |
| January 16 | Japanese saws with Michael Toivonen and Gary Radice; carving with Kurt Mottweiler. |
| February 20 | Coloring wood with Brian Egan, Doug Ullmer, and Stan Hall. |
| March 20 | Tour of Crescent Valley High School Shop, led by Adam Kirsch |
| April 17 | Marquetry with Katherine Edmonds, veneer flattening with Del Banners |
| May 20 | Japanese timber frame joinery and shop tour with Gary Radice |
| June 19 | Visit and tour of Thormahlen Harps, Corvallis |
| July 17 | Sharpening hand tools. Stan Hall's shop |
| August 26 | Vintage Western and Japanese hand tools with Michael Toivonen |
| September 18 | Tour of Patrick Lumber, Philomath OR. |
| October 19 | Building a Ming table with Gary Radice. |
| November 10-11 | Presentation and workshop with Yuri Kobayashi |
| December | No meeting |
| 2024 | |
| January 22 | New member welcome |
| February 19 | Tanya Laird. Do changes in moisture content degrade mass timber constructions? |
| March 25 | Book Night at Summer Beam Books in Philomath |

April 24
May 21
June 14
July 14
August 17

Annual Exhibition at the Corvallis Benton County Public Library
Visit to the carving studio at the Albany Carousel and Museum
Bring a work in progress to discuss, Consumers Power community room.
Green woodworking and a pizza party with Kiko Denzer
Visit to Michael Toivonen's shop