



# Mid-Willamette Woodworkers Guild February 2025 Newsletter

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## February Meeting

February 22, 2:00 pm. (Saturday meeting)

Scott Seelye's shop, home of [Outdoor Ukulele](#)

7175 NE Avalon Drive  
Corvallis

Join us for a tour of new member Scott Seelye's unique shop. Scott has a background in industrial design and has carved a unique niche for himself making weather resistant musical instruments such as ukuleles, banjoleles, and guitars for those who like to make music outdoors. From his web site:

*Our instruments are injection molded on hardened steel tools at 600°F under 420 tons of pressure. Polycarbonate reinforced with carbon fiber strands give the instruments a natural grain structure that greatly increase strength and acoustics. 4X stronger than ABS plastic instruments and weather resistant. Our parts are injection molded in Everett, Washington....*

*We manufacture our instruments using the lean system. This process takes 3 days, and we produce 6 instruments each day. We assemble every Ukulele, Banjolele, and Guitar at our shop in Corvallis, Oregon.*

See you there.

# 41st Annual Exhibition of Fine Woodworking, April 24th-27th

Call to Members that will be submitting their show pieces in the 2025 Exhibition at the library this year.

If you haven't sent in your information about the items you want to show, please take this opportunity to do it this month.

MWWG is now accepting applications from MWWG members to exhibit your work in the Corvallis Library main meeting room. You may submit up to three items for the show. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025. Members must have current dues paid at least 4 weeks prior to the show. Exhibitors are expected to share responsibilities for hosting and monitoring the exhibition.

Your application should include at least:

- Your name, e.g., Joe Woodworker
- What your piece is, e.g., Craftsman-style Coffee Table
- Type of wood(s) used, e.g., Oregon White Oak with ebonized Walnut
- General size & whether it is best displayed on a table, a pedestal, or floor

Send your information by email to:

Stan Hall  
Mid-Willamette Woodworkers  
Exhibition Chairman  
[stan.sthmachg@gmail.com](mailto:stan.sthmachg@gmail.com)  
541-990-3867

## Meet the members



Here we highlight a different member each month, chosen at random (more or less) from our current roster of nearly fifty members. This month, meet **Del Banners**.

*I joined the guild after moving to Corvallis from Traverse City, Michigan in 2015. While my current shop lacks space, it is better equipped for woodworking than shops of the past, including comprehensive dust collection, a cherished feature. Restoration of a Maine-built lobster boat in a heated storage building used to keep me occupied each Michigan winter. Now my interest has shifted primarily to making custom lamps. They match the scale of my shop and offer the challenge of creative design for both uniqueness and function. Over these recent years I've been inspired by the amazing projects and beautiful workmanship of guild members, yet despite extensive planning and much care, my efforts to complete a really satisfying lamp, one that exceeds expectations, has eluded me, so I keep trying. Maybe the next (#11).*

## Activity at [MWWG.groups.io](http://MWWG.groups.io)

Notice for the Oregon Woodturning Symposium, British, walnut tables at Dirt Road Brewing in Philomath, what electrician do folks recommend, unique planes, a shop made multi-router, help needed resawing oak, more on Kurt's eyeglass frame construction, where to borrow a big paper cutter for veneers, and more.

To join and view the online forum for MWWG, you only need to email [MWWG@groups.io](mailto:MWWG@groups.io). Alternately, you can type in [MWWG.groups.io](http://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](http://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](http://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, 2025. **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.

[Goby Walnut](#). They have Oregon Black Walnut (Claro Walnut), Big Leaf Maple (Pacific Maple), Oregon White Oak, Madrone, Myrtle. Limited runs of Elm, English Walnut, Tan Oak, and other NW hardwood species. 25420 S. Hwy 99E. Aurora, OR 97002

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](mailto: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.

[Sustainable Northwest Wood](#). In Portland. Recycled and FSC certified construction lumber, and PNW hardwoods including hard to find woods like tan oak, madrone, and myrtle. Their focus is on local and sustainable supply.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:highlandwoodshop@gmail.com) 541-315-4737

## MWWG Board 2023—2024

Kurt Mottweiler, president

Brian Egan, treasurer

Doug Ullmer, secretary

Stan Hall, webmaster and publicity

Gary Radice, email communications and newsletter

Michael Toivonen, member at large

Kevin Biebrich, 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           | 15. Bill Hays             | 28. Carol<br>McCarthy     | 40. Connie<br>Rodman    |
| 2. Tom Baker             | 16. Malcolm<br>Hecht      | 29. Marvin<br>McConoughey | 41. Si Simonson         |
| 3. Del Banners           | 17. Rob Hess              | 30. Pat McKeown           | 42. Bob Smith           |
| 4. Kevin Biebrich        | 18. Kristopher<br>Holland | 31. Patrick<br>McKinley   | 43. Josh Smith          |
| 5. Peter Burke           | 19. Gary Irwin            | 32. Austin Moon           | 44. Gene<br>Stemmann    |
| 6. Stephanie<br>Clark    | 20. Steve Iverson         | 33. Kurt<br>Mottweiler    | 45. Sam Stern           |
| 7. Kiko Denzer           | 21. Forrest<br>Johnson    | 34. Mia Murphy            | 46. Michael<br>Toivonen |
| 8. Katherine<br>Edmonds  | 22. J.J. Jones            | 35. Chava<br>Neuhaus      | 47. Doug Ullmer         |
| 9. Brian Egan            | 23. Mark Jost             | 36. Nick Parr             | 48. Denise Young        |
| 10. Tim Emery            | 24. Lam Kok-<br>Meng      | 37. Chris Przybyla        | 49. Dan<br>Youngberg    |
| 11. Greg<br>Fitzpatrick  | 25. Ed Kreusser           | 38. Gary Radice           |                         |
| 12. Eddie<br>Frothingham | 26. David Leyva           | 39. Jackson<br>Rheuben    |                         |
| 13. Jim Good             | 27. Marianna<br>Mace      |                           |                         |
| 14. Stan Hall            |                           |                           |                         |

# Previous Meetings and Events

## 2013

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

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

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

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 1
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

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 Nunnally
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

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

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

January 20, 2020	Restoring/Hot-Rodding Woodies, Marty Behrens
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
<b>2021</b>	
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
<b>2022</b>	
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)
<b>2023</b>	
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
<b>2024</b>	
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	Annual Exhibition at the Corvallis Benton County Public Library
May 21	Visit to the carving studio at the Albany Carousel and Museum
June 14	Bring a work in progress to discuss, Consumers Power community room.
July 14	Green woodworking and a pizza party with Kiko Denzer
August 17	Visit to Michael Toivonen's shop
September 30	Kurt Mottweiler: shop made wood eyeglass frames
October 18	Kevin Biebrich: staining white oak for an antique finish
November 18	Member Show and Tell
December 8	Happy Hour at Bière Library, Corvallis

**2025**

January 20	Meeting planning and Kurt's tips on crafting wood and metal together
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