



Newsletter

November 2025

Upcoming Events

November Meeting

Date and Time: November 20, 7:00 PM

Location: Consumers Power community meeting room
6990 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis

Topic: New projects, tools, and jig roundtable

The amount of time for each will depend on how many join-in. . . so, join-in and bring your stuff!

Since the gift giving holidays will be close at hand the sharing of smaller projects suitable for gifts seems especially appropriate but really, anything goes.

Raffle We will have a raffle so bring some small bills so you can buy a ticket, and if you have items to contribute to the raffle they will be much appreciated. Tools and books are the most appropriate. Larger items, such as lumber, are possible but if they aren't taken you will need to take them home.

Note: The board has decided to have our meetings on various days of the week, not just Mondays, in hopes that members we rarely see will find it easier to attend.

December Meeting

No-host social. . . date, time, and location to be determined.

President's (elect) Message

We had a good turnout at Wade on 10/21, which was bolstered by several new attendees checking out what we do. My head count was ~25. I am wondering about the reaction to our meeting an hour earlier than we generally do. Is that something we should again on occasion? Your input will be appreciated.

After leaving Wade the board headed to the Biere Library where we made some decisions regarding upcoming meeting topics (see below). The Guild's bylaws encourage long range planning by the board, and the farther out we can plan the easier it is on the board, our newsletter editor and those who chose to lend a hand and do a presentation.

And while email communication between board members are certainly necessary we get more done in less time at in person meetings. The Biere Library and the Corazon Wine Bar in downtown Corvallis have proven to be a good locations for board meetings. When we hold our general meetings at Consumers Power it is possible for the board to meet there

Speaking of fun, the Board has decided to repeat last years Holiday Season general meeting at The Biere Library. All we did last year was to set a day and a time to show up. I was unable to attend but if I recall correctly it was on a Saturday a couple of weeks into December and the time was 5 pm, which meant there wasn't an issue with overcrowding. We haven't yet decided on a date but as soon as we do we will let you know.

Last, but not least, the elephants in the room or workshop, take your pick:

Elephant no. 1: We need a volunteer to join the board who is willing to become vice president. The VP's responsibilities are to attend board meetings, participate in board email discussions and be next in line to officiate at meetings if the president cannot attend. The board tries, and usually succeeds, at having its meetings on the same night as our general meetings, and most of the time, but not always, all the board members can attend.

Elephant no. 2: We have to get a volunteer to be in charge of our spring show at the library. If no one steps forward there will not be a library show.

In the past this was part of the vice president's responsibilities. That was asking a lot, and so the board has chosen to make being in charge of the show a separate position for a non board member.

While the room on the library has been reserved we will not be having a show this year if we cannot find someone to take this on by the end of January. Last year we had plenty of volunteers willing to help with specific tasks related to the show, but there has to be

someone making sure everything is covered, especially the essentials: getting the word out, staffing the show, set up and close up.

Elephant no. 3: Besides officers, the Guild's board often has one or more at large members and we could always use more. While at large members do not have specified responsibilities, as voting board members they steer the future of the guild as its board decides on meeting programs, plans other events and works to meet its organizational challenges. I was an at large member for over 2 years before volunteering to be president. During that time I attended most of the Guild's general and board meetings, learned more about how the Guild functions and offered any ideas and opinions that I thought could be helpful either at board meetings or via email. It wasn't a big time commitment but I was happy to help keep the Guild going.

Michael Toivonen

October Meeting Recap: A Night of Craft and Connection at the Woodworkers Guild

The October Mid-Willamette Woodworkers Guild meeting at Wade Hardware brought together enthusiasts of all skill levels to explore the art and soul of woodturning. The three speakers, Michael, Sam, and Gary, focused on the tactile, technical, and philosophical aspects of working with wood, offering attendees a well-rounded experience of the craft.

One of the central themes of the gathering was the sensory experience of turning wood. Attendees discussed how different wood species offer unique textures and resistance, with each type presenting its own personality.

Beyond technique, the meeting emphasized the journey of woodworking as a deeply personal and even spiritual pursuit. The rhythmic hum of the lathe and the transformation of raw material into something meaningful were described as magical moments that transcend mere craftsmanship.

Safety was also a key focus of the evening. Presenters stressed the importance of proper protective gear, understanding tool mechanics, and maintaining a clean workspace. Whether working with mini, midi, or full-size lathes, knowing how to operate equipment safely is essential to enjoying the craft without injury.

Education also emerged. Attendees were encouraged to continue learning through books, online videos, hands-on classes, and peer groups. The guild itself serves as a valuable resource, offering mentorship and community for those eager to grow their skills and deepen their appreciation for woodworking.

Thank you, Michael, Sam, Gary, and Wade Hardware, for a great evening.







Activity at MWWG.groups.io

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. 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.

MWWG Board 2024—2025

Michael Toivonen (elect)	President
Vacant	Vice-president
Brian Egan	Treasurer
Doug Ullmer	Member at large
Vacant	Webmaster and publicity
Vacant	Member at large
Kevin Biebrich	Secretary

MWWG Members – Calendar Year 2025

Brent Baker	Rob Hess	Nick Parr
Del Banners	Kristopher Holland	Gary Radice
Kevin Bieberich	Gary Irwin	Connie Rodman
Peter Burke	Steve Iverson	Scott Seeley
Stephanie Clark	Stewart Janes	Josh Smith
Nick Clark	Mark Jost	Robert Smith
Kiko Denzer	Lam Kok-Meng	Eugene Stemmann
Katherine Edmonds	Ed Kreusser	Sam Stern
Brian Egan	David Leyva	John Tasto
Tim Emery	Mariana Mace	Michael Toivonen
Eddie Frothingham	Patrick McKinley	Doug Ullmer
Jim Good	Kurt Mottweiler	Kurt Wiedenmann
Stan Hall	Chava Neuhaus	Denise Young
Bill Hays	Neal Otto	Dan Youngberg

Local Resources

Wood

Patrick Lumber
541-929-4717
33415 Noon Rd., Philomath
Cedar has been their specialty but now adding hardwoods, even large slabs.

The Hardwood Centre
https://thehardwoodcentre.com/
(541) 766-5904,
29855 Hwy 34 Albany, OR 97321
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 and sharpening. They are happy to order what they don't have.

Crosscut Hardwoods - Eugene (Portland, Seattle)
http://www.crosscuteugene.com/
2344 W 7th Place, Eugene OR 97402
541-349-0538
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!

Northwest Timber
https://nwtimber.com/
3229 Jefferson-Scio Drive, Jefferson, OR 97352
541.327.1000, sales@nwtimber.com
Owner Lewis Judy is a longtime supporter of MWWG. If you are looking for highly figured woods from the Pacific Northwest for a special project, try here first.

Tree Products Hardwoods - Eugene

https://treeproductshardwood.com/

150 Seneca Rd, Eugene, OR 97402

(541) 689-8515

A good source for hardwood, veneered plywood and more.
--

Mike's Corvallis Bargain Center
--

33993 Texas St SW, Albany, OR 97321-9487
--

(541) 497-6171

Discount lumber, some hardwoods, occasional treasures and deals.
--

Goby Walnut and Western Hardwoods
--

https://gobywalnut.com/

503.477.6744, Aaron@gobywalnut.com

25420 S. Hwy 99E. Aurora, OR 97002

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.

Spaeth Lumber – Corvallis

www.spaethlumber.com
--

1585 NW 9th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

541-752-1930

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

https://www.snwwood.com/

2701 SE 14th Ave., Portland, OR 97202

503,239.9663, info@snwwood.com

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

Snooks Saw Service
https://www.snookssaw.com/
1455 Oak St. SE, Salem, Oregon 97301
503-581-2570, sales@snooks-saw.com
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.

D and M Saw and Manufacturing
3951 E Commercial Way SE, Albany, OR 97322
541-928-6463
Saw blade sharpening.

Bam Carbide
1345 Rural Ave. SE, Salem 97302
503-362-8587
Located in Salem but with pickup at The Hardwood Centre in Albany. Router bits, saw blades and other carbide woodworking tooling as well as authorized dealer for Whiteside & others (call Joe for monthly sale items) and full sharpening service.

Miscellaneous

Heritage Natural Finishes, and Summer Beam Books
https://heritagenaturalfinishes.com , https://www.summerbeambooks.com
1337 Main Street, Philomath
info@heritagenaturalfinishes.com , 541-844-8748, summerbeambooks@gmail.com, 877-272-1987
Natural wood finishes. And woodworking books! In one place! 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.

Highland Woodshop

https://www.highlandwoodshopcorvallis.com

1930 NW McDougal Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330
--

highlandwoodshop@gmail.com , 541-315-4737

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.
--

Woodcraft - Eugene

https://www.woodcraft.com/pages/store/eugene

155 Q Street, Springfield, OR 97477

541-685-0677, eugene-retail@woodcraft.com
--

Place to go for wood or woodworking tools.
--

Previous Meetings and Events

2025

January 20	Meeting planning and Kurt's tips on crafting wood and metal together
February 22	Visit to Scott Seelye's shop, Outdoor Ukeleles.
March 17	Mortises at Stan Hall's shop
April 27	Annual Exhibition at the Corvallis Benton County Public Library
May 18	Tour of Bamboo Valley
June 7	Clark's workshop for a tour and presentation
July 21	Tools, jigs, and techniques – Member show and tell
August	Moxon type vice using a thread box and tap
September	Nick Clark on his journey through the craft of woodworking
October	Woodturning with Gary, Sam, and Michael
November	New projects, tools, and jig roundtable

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	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

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

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 Emerson Lab at OSU
December 20	Holiday party at Corvallis Arts Center (Cancelled)

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

2020

January 20	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

2019

January 21	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 MWWG 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

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 MWWG 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

2017

January 16	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 MWWG 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 Mikkelsen
October 16	Installing Hinges by John Mikkelsen
November 20	Inlay Techniques by Gary Radice, Doug Ullmer, Jim Good
December 11	Holiday Party Potluck and Wooden Screwdriver Exchange

2016

January 18	Collecting and Restoring Tools, by Bob Malouf
February 15	Finishing Figured Woods by Kim Johansen
March 19	Albany Carousel, arranged by Stan Hall
April 21 – 24	Annual Exhibition
May 16	Philomath High School Shop, by Scott Ballard
June 29	Working with Slabs by Justin McMinds and John Mikkelsen, Part 1
July 18	Working with Slabs, Part 2
August 15 Picnic	Annual picnic, hosted by Kent Stockwell under "The Big Tree"

September 26	Fundamentals of Design by Andrew Nigon
October 17	Refining Furniture Designs
November 21	(1) Members' proposed Guild Show Project Designs (2) Machine-assisted Joinery
December 12 Party	Holiday Party Potluck and Wooden Router Bit Exchange

2015

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

2014

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

2013

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