

DATE: March 15, 2020
TO: Minnesota Woodworkers Guild Members
FROM: Ed Neu, President
SUBJECT: Guild Events and COVID-19 Virus Precautions

Unfortunately, in light of the evolving situation regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have had to make some tough decisions about upcoming events of the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild.

On Friday, the Minnesota Department of Health issued guidelines that call for limiting public gatherings to groups of 250 people or less, avoiding person to person contact, and **restricting gatherings with participants who might be at high risk for severe disease to less than 10 people.**

As persons over 60 years of age are considered in the high risk population, and knowing that a large portion of our membership is in that category, the Board of Directors has been taking a careful look at regional developments concerning prevention of the spread of this virus as it relates to Guild events.

The Minnesota Woodworkers Guild greatly respects our community of woodworkers, artisans and craftsmen. We will do our part to protect that community.

To that end we have elected to cancel the meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday night, March 17, at Leonardo's Basement in Minneapolis. This program will not be rescheduled at a later date.

We have had inquiries regarding the fate of our upcoming Northern Woods Exhibition in light of this COVID-19 outbreak. The Board, and the Northern Woods committee, will be meeting within the next few weeks to discuss whether or not we proceed with our planned event, currently scheduled for April 23-26. Details of our decision will be passed along to Guild members in a timely manner.

We will continue to monitor this public health issue and address whether or not other events require alternate plans as the need arises.

We understand that news of this nature will be disappointing to many, however our greatest concern is ensuring the safety and well-being of you and your families.

Thank you,
Ed Neu
President, MNWWG