

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Corner

**Hi Woodworkers** I would like to thank all of the members that have worked hard on the projects and events in 2012. We all know that there is always something to be done and you so willingly stepped up and took care of business. Thank you for electing me your president for 2013. I am privileged. This is a great organization with so many good people. I truly enjoy working with all of you. If you ever need to talk to me please don't hesitate, or you can call or email me. I am open to ideas. The only bad idea is the one not suggested. Always know that this club is your club and it's here for learning and having fun. Stay safe and enjoy time with friends and family. For those of you I see all the time and those not so often I wish you a

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year My Friends!*

*Marcia Lichnerowicz*

*President Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association*

**Elections** took place at the November meeting. Joe McDaniel, our parliamentarian, conducted the elections. The results are as follows: President - Marcia Lichnerowicz, Vice President - Dick Sader, Secretary - John Hunter, Treasurer - Ron Benson. Their installation will take place at December's monthly meeting.

**Thank you Charlie Morris** for serving as Treasurer of this great organization. I appreciate all you have done. You kept the books and assisted the audit committee by providing them information. You helped to guide our club with valuable input as part of the Executive Board. You have even provided our newly elected treasurer with assistance as needed. Again thanks Charlie. Hope you will be feeling better soon!

**Christmas Tree Display** is at the Visitor's Center at the I 94 and Kennedy Avenue exit. The entire display is great. There are all sorts of family activities going on all day. Our tree is beautiful. Nancy Distal and the Christmas tree committee did a wonderful job

arranging the carefully made ornaments. Thank you to all everyone who made ornaments and worked on the display. I stopped in and voted for our tree. **Did you?**

**Toy Program** was a success. Did you read about us in the Times newspaper? We made 1000+ toys for the needy children from the Region. The toys were displayed on the tables at the November meeting, so that the members could view their masterpieces. There was a nice variety of toys. Several of the recipient organizations had representatives present. They gave us some information about their organization. They were so grateful for the toys they received. Many special thanks go out to all of Santa's helpers. You are such a caring and giving group of people. You have unselfishly donated your time and shared your talents so that many children will be happy this Christmas.

**Christmas Party Serving Diner at 6:30 this year** I can't wait. This is a special annual event for our members to bring a guest and enjoy each other's company. Haven't ever attended you say. Well, make a special point to do so. The club provides meats, buns, and nonalcoholic beverages. The club also will provide paper plates, cups a made and silverware Claudia and Skip are chairmen of this event. They will provide the condiments. Bring your favorite dish to pass. This can range from those special cookies that you make for Santa (I know you made some extra) to a casserole. If you like it I know we will! Doors open after 5:30. It's at Hidden Lake Social Center, our usual meeting place but earlier!

**More information about December's meeting** we will be distributing awards for the Achievement Program. There will be a show and tell so bring them in. Also if you have something special you made and want to show our guests, bring it.

**Gifts for the Ladies** It has been a tradition to bring a wrapped item you made to be given to our lady guests at the diner. Ken & Lois Woolard are in charge of this program. Claudia was in contact with Ken & Lois. She informed us that we are still in need of some gifts. Bring them to the Christmas party. Make sure they are wrapped. The ladies will be thrilled with these beautiful surprises.

**Badges** Ken Garbe has been making badges. For a while it was posing a challenge. But Ken, being resourceful and very talented, has worked out the issue. He brought some amazing badges. If you want a badge, the cost is \$5.00. Print your name clearly on the form and list your phone number. No your phone number will NOT be on your badge. It is used as a contact number so he can call you in case your "a's" look like "e's" like mine did. Oh if your name is as long as mine... You may need a placket badge. (Just kidding)

**Needed** Ken Garbe needs a piece of thick solid plastic (lexon) Size ¾ to 1 inch thick and 3 inches x 6 inches. Please contact him if you can help out.

**Carving Sig** The only carving going on at the December meeting is the casserole. There will be carving before the January meeting at 6 pm.

**January 2013 meeting** we have our silent auction. Look around your shop. This is the time to sell your tools and woodworking items that you no longer use. Don't bring junk. No one wants your junk, At the January meeting you pick up a form and then list the lowest bid you will take. You must take your item home with you if there is no bid accepted. There have been many good deals gained from this meeting.

### **SHOW AND TELL**



Marcia Lichnerowicz



John Hunter



Fred Bogwill



Leon Kozlowski



Leon Kozlowski



Mick King



Bob Miller



Clyde Hewlett

## 2012 TOYS FOR KIDS

A big thank you to all the members that helped make this year's Toys for Kids an outstanding success, our members made a total of 1,050 toys that will go to needy children this Christmas. Here are some pictures of just some of the toys.







## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact Lalo Gonzalez [LaLogon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or John Hunter [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com) Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)

## **EDUCATIONAL DRAWING RESULTS**

A total of 16 prizes were draw for at the club meeting in November, the winners were; Curt Hillegones, two prizes, John Novak, Rose Hartman, two prizes, Sandy Rinker, Dan Cooper, Ken Woolard, two prizes, Dave Sanchez, Doug Aldrich, Ted Rosolowski, Sandy Konzen, Joyce M., Jacob Borner and Kevin Clebs.

Thank you to all the people that purchased tickets for our educational fund.

## **WANTED**

**Wanted:** A used scroll saw in good shape at a reasonable price for an aspiring 9 year old woodworker – must have before Christmas. Call Ted Rosolowski 219-464-8258

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2012**

December 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,  
Installation and Awards

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2013

January 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
January 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Silent Auction  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
February 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs  
March 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
March 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
April 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
June 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
June 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
July 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 1<sup>st</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM  
August 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 25<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon  
September 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
September 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
October 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
November 14<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM  
December 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,  
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## **TIP: Wash Off Stripper Wax**

Directions on cans of paint-and-varnish remover instruct to “neutralize” the stripper as a final step. This is misleading and often leads to finishing problems.

The instruction is misleading because there is nothing in paint strippers that needs to be neutralized. “Neutralizing” refers to acids and bases, not solvents.

What needs to be done with all paint strippers sold in metal cans is remove the wax they contain. Manufacturers add wax to these products to retard evaporation so the stripper remains in contact with the paint or finish longer. This wax will retard the drying and weaken the bonding of most finishes. You should wash off the wax before applying a finish.

Washing is different from neutralizing. Washing means thoroughly wetting and drying off the surface several times. Neutralizing means just wiping over the surface with a damp cloth that is acidic or alkaline.

You can use any number of solvents to wash off the wax residue, but mineral spirits (paint thinner) is the least expensive, stays wet on the surface longer and is just as effective, or even more so, than naphtha, denatured alcohol or lacquer thinner.

## **HUMOR**



“Ed made it with curly maple.”