

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** December is here with so many loose ends that need to be caught up on. I have been making gifts for, family, friends, and our Annual Christmas party. It seems like the work never ends! I have to thank my wife for letting me take one of the spare bed rooms and converting it into a small shop. Lots of work still needed to make it better but at least I can still work in comfort. My big tools are still in the garage but it sure helps when making these smaller projects. We had a great turn out of support at the November meeting with the Toy Program. You made over 1000 toys for needy children. That is so incredible. Thank You everyone that participated, every gift counts at this time of year.

**Library update:** The library has been categorized and set back up. It is ready to use at our next meeting. Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen. Marcia and Duane Bomba, Danny MacDonald, John Hunter, and Kevin Sturgeon.

**Christmas Party** is coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (a week before our normal meeting and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at 6 PM in the big hall at the American Legion Post 54. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and soft drinks but other drinks are available in the social quarters. **We will be in the large hall.** Members are asked to bring a dish to share. We always have wonderful selection of foods. Please bring a raped gift or two for the ladies that support us and participate in our craft.

**The Installation of officers** for 2016 will be held at this meeting followed by a great dinner.

PRESIDENT – KEVIN STURGEON  
VICE PRESIDENT – MIKE CLARK  
TREASURER – RON BENSON  
SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

**January's program:** Norm Johnson and I will be presenting a demonstration on using casting resin in making unique pen blanks. This procedure is a 3 part process. It is very simple but should be done in a well ventilated area. Therefore we will not pore any resin in this demonstration.

**Club Event:** 41st ANNUAL DUNELAND WOODCARVERS SHOW 2017

SATURDAY, April 1, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 2, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Upcoming events:** The Woodworking Shows has posted some of the dates for 2017 already.

Columbus, Ohio is January 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Indianapolis, Indiana is February 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin is March 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Stay warm in your shop and Don't let your tools rust!

Your President  
Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL



Jesse Day



Bill Schoech



Norm Johnson



Duane Bomba



Jesse Carrillo



Rodney Foster



Kevin Sturgeon



C.J. Compton

## TOYS FOR KIDS





## **LIBRARY INVENTORY**

Thanks to the club members that helped put everything back in our library cabinet after it was repaired. We also took a complete inventory and replaced some missing DVD's



Duane Bomba, Marcia Bomba, John Hunter, Danny MacDonald and Kevin Sturgeon.

## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact 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)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2016**

December 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **2017**

January 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage  
January 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
Silent Auction

February 14<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

#### Shop Jigs

March 14<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

March 31<sup>st</sup> Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

April 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

April 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

#### 2 x 4 Challenge

May 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

May 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

June 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

July 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

July 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

July 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

August 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 26<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

#### PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 14<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

#### PM Toy Program

December 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00

#### PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

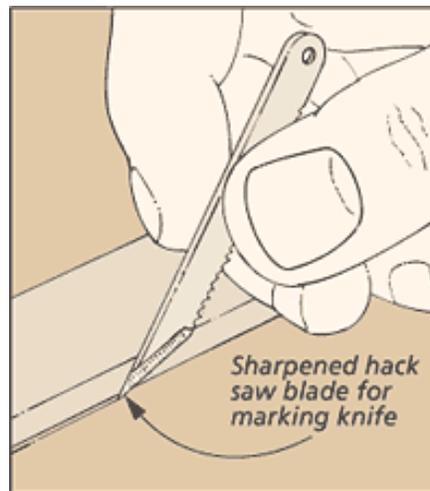
#### **TIP: Removing Wine Stains from Unfinished Wood**

Here are two methods for removing stains caused by spilled red wine on unfinished wood—for example, on a butcher-block countertop.

1. Mix some Oxi-Clean with water to make a paste and put it on the affected area. Check after a few minutes to be sure it's doing something. If so, leave it for a short time until the wine stain is removed.
2. Scrub the wood with a scouring powder, such as Ajax, that contains a little chlorine bleach.

If either of these methods leaves a lighter spot on the wood, apply the cleaning solution to the entire surface so it will be an even color.

## Tool Recycling



I'm a bit of a pack rat and just hate to throw things away. Consequently, I'm always challenging myself to find a new use for an old, worn-out tool. Now, you might think that resurrecting a dull hack saw blade would be asking too much. But a simple need led me to discover a really useful way to put one back to work.

I like to use a sharp marking knife to make crisp, accurate layouts for my projects. But too often I couldn't find one when I needed it. So out of necessity, I decided to convert one of my over-the-hill hacksaw blades into a handy and inexpensive marking knife.

To make the knife, I clamp about 4" of the blade in a metal vise. Then I carefully bend it back and forth until the excess blade snaps off. A trip to the grinder follows. Here I bevel the broken end and give it a sharp edge, as shown in the drawing. And my once useless hack saw blade now has a new job.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*