

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## **NOTICE! MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAS MOVED!**

The Membership meeting is moving! From now on we will meet at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville in the Social Center. Just tell the gate attendant that you are there for the Woodworkers meeting and there is no admission charge.

## **TOOL AUCTION THIS MONTH!**

### **President's Corner – January 2010**

The start of a new year and a new decade needs a quick look back. I want to start by thanking our past officers and our outgoing officers Marci and Claudia for their leadership and work over the past few years. They moved the club forward with a number of really good ideas that they made into reality for the club. Some of these that come to mind are the booth at the Lake County Fair, the awards program, getting us a non-profit 501C status, to mention a few. We have come a long way and will continue to grow and change to meet the needs of the members.

Remember that at the January meeting I'm going to ask the membership for some ideas as to programs. Please write down and bring one idea of a program you would like see. Getting ideas from YOU, is how we can be sure to have programs of interest. Along those lines, we are in need of a couple or three people to comprise our programs committee. Sharing the job within a group will make the job pretty easy. I'll have more on this item at the meeting.

Our new meeting location will be a big plus for the club as well. The Middle School was great over the years when we started out in the woodshop for our meetings. But the club outgrew that room and the "Arena" worked fairly well but had some limits. We are very grateful to Frank Kylsa for being our liaison with the school for many years. I think the opportunities the Hidden Lake building provides will be very good for the club's future.

Keep making some sawdust and see you at the meeting.

Lou Takacs

## AWARDS

The following members earned a total of 80 Achievement Awards in 2009

### Bronze Level

Don Boswell  
Ken Copeland  
Gene Davis  
Merle Distal  
Nancy Distal  
Alex Gavaller  
Kris Hahn  
Paul Jarrell  
Alan Kalos  
Kevin Klebs  
Frank Kylsa  
Bob Nelms  
John Novak  
Charles Progar  
Bob Rinearson  
Carl Ronschke  
Kyle Rush  
Norma Rush  
Frank Schmidt  
Jim Schuster  
Bonnie Vavrek  
Kenny Vavrek

### Silver Level

Fred Baginski  
Elizabeth Carlsson  
Ken Copeland  
Merle Distal  
Nancy Distal  
Robert Jancich  
James Jones  
Denny McCoole  
Joe McDaniel  
Robert Miller  
Charles Morris  
Charles Norrman  
Wally Richardson  
Bob Rinearson  
Kyle Rusk  
Norma Rush  
Dick Sader  
George Salatas  
Frank Schmidt  
Lou Takacs  
Helen Willing

### Gold Level

Ronald Benson  
Merle Distal  
Hilario Gonzalez  
Max Henrick  
Phil Malavolta  
Charles Morris  
Charles Norrman  
Wally Richardson  
Dick Sader  
John Sturk  
David White  
  
Platinum Level  
Hilario Gonzalez  
Max Henrick  
Phil Malavolta  
Wally Richardson  
Dick Sader  
John Sturk  
Marcie White

### Bronze Double Level

Claudia Brazil  
Emery (Skip) Brazil  
Hilario Gonzalez  
Max Henrick  
Phil Malavolta  
Dick Sader  
John Sturk  
Marcie White

### Silver Double Level

Claudia Brazil  
Emery (Skip) Brazil  
John Hunter  
Bob Roach  
Marcie White

### Gold Double Level

Claudia Brazil  
Emery (Skip) Brazil  
John Hunter  
Carl Mills  
Marcie White

### Platinum Double Level

John Hunter

## TOYS FOR KIDS UPDATE

Here is the latest information on our Toys for Kids project. We are good for at least one more year. On December 18, the Associated Press reported **The Consumer Product Safety Commission voted to delay for another year — until February 2011 — the certification and independent third-party testing rules on the amount of lead allowed in children's products. Those rules were set to kick-in last February but have been delayed twice. Big toy-makers — some of whom had high-profile lead recalls — backed the legislation. But smaller companies that make toys, children's educational products and homemade crafts complained the legislation was overly broad, forcing them to test and certify products they already knew to be safe, a cost they feared would put them out of business. The testing can cost anywhere from a few hundred dollars to thousands, depending on the product and the required tests.**

On December 17, I received this information: **The Handmade Toy Alliance met with CPSC Commissioner Adler and CPSC staff last week and raised some of these same questions. Here are a few clarifications:**

**According to Commissioner Adler, the CPSIA regulates only interstate commerce, which means that items made for charity are not subject to the 3rd party testing requirements. If you sell your**

toys, however, the full force of the CPSIA applies. We have heard various interpretations of this, however, and the CPSC has put nothing in writing about this distinction, but I feel confident that charity crafters can rest a little easier (assuming of course they are making safe products to begin with). Notice it says this has not been put in writing, but gives us hope because we are not involved in interstate commerce.

I would like to point out that our elected representatives have been of no help to us on this issue. Pete Visclosky and Richard Lugar gave very generic responses to our pleas for help. Evan Bayh did not bother to respond.

As we know, the lead paint problem is with toys imported from China. Not American made toys and certainly not toys made by us. It appears that our representatives are too frightened to rock the Chinese boat. Referring to the editorial by Doug Ross in the December 25 issue of *The Times*, a person who is concerned about lead tainted toys from China is quoted “**I’ve written to everybody in Congress. I’ve written to all of them. Their hands are tied. We’ve got this crazy trade agreement with China.**” Ross comments, “**It must not be forgotten that China is buying up U.S. debt. So, in effect, Congress has to step lightly where China is concerned. If China stops loaning money to the federal government as it tries to spend its way out of the recession, (and pay for two wars) that could be an economic calamity for the United States and its citizens.**” (Isn’t that sweet.)

In my opinion we can plan on making toys in 2010 and hope we don’t have to start speaking Chinese. I mean we do have to step lightly, don’t we.

Bob Roach  
Chairman – *Toys for Kids* Committee

## **START THE NEW YEAR PROJECT OFF!**

By Marcie White

Since this is 2010, as you are making projects you could mark the year it was made. Here's how. Choose your favorite 2010 coin and bore a hole with the corresponding Forstner bit in your project. Make sure you have measured the depth so it sits flush. Add some strong glue perhaps epoxy and write your name on the wood around the coin.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Christmas and Awards Diner was a great success. If you were able to attend you know that the food was great. Member’s favorite dishes were truly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all that cooked such a feast. The club also appreciated all the hard work the Christmas Committee did. Chuck Norrman made special Christmas coffee. Big thanks go out to him. Keep the coffee coming! The ladies loved their Christmas gifts made by our members. The best gifts are made by our woodworkers! Yes December 2010 there will be another wonderful party. The exact date will be published soon so you can mark it on your calendar.

Marcie White



**SHOW AND TELL**



Lalo Gonzalez



Carl Mills



Skip Brazil



Claudia Brazil



Dick Sader



Marcie White





Bob Miller



Art Willings



Denny McCoole



Max Hernick – Phil Malavolta



Bob Rinearson



Norm Johnson



Norm Johnson



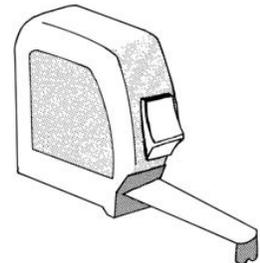
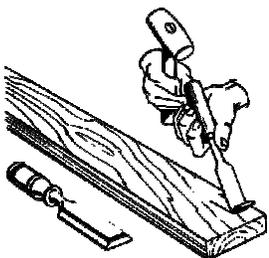
Clyde Hewlett



Gene Davis



Kenny Vavrek



## 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 28	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Tool Auction) 7 PM
Feb. 6	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
Feb. 16	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
Feb. 25	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Shop Jigs) 7 PM
March 6	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
March 16	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
March 25	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
April 3	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
April 5	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
April 20	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
April 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (2 x 4 Challenge) 7 PM
May 1	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
May 18	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
May 27	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
June 5	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
June 15	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
June 24	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
July 3	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
July 5	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
July 20	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
July 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Four Corner Demo) 7 PM
August 7	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
August 17	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
August 26	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
August 29	Club Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
September 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
September 23	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
October 2	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
October 4	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
October 19	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
October 28	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
November 6	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
November 16	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
November 18	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Toy Program & Elections) 7 PM
December 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
December 16	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Christmas Party & Awards Banquet) 7 PM
December 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM

## HUMOR

A woodworker had a neighbor that always borrowed his tools and never returned them, one day frustrated with this he phoned him.

"Could I put my table saw and drill press in your garage?" he inquired.

"Sure," his neighbor replied, " But why?"

"Just to have all my tools in one place." he retorted...

## LAKE COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

Marcie White has contacted the Lake County Fair Committee and we have been invited to participate once again. Planning for our club booth will start in the spring and we will need volunteers for both demonstrations and to man the booth. Once we know the dates we will pass on the information so that plans can be made.

### THIS MONTHS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

T E A R O U T K F N R F L I O  
P X S I Q C M Z R E B B W Y T  
F M H C G H N R F A L X A R P  
A I Z B V W E M P A B E Y O U  
V H P X Y C A A D P K G F G G  
X H C H L H A E L V R B Q N Z  
B S P T C X G P O U G E N I D  
H O M N A O W P R N X N S N I  
K C O L B M P B U O C C R O Q  
M Y W M Y P K R T I N H F S A  
M B Q I I R M O S P V H S A O  
I V A W T V R K O A T F G E J  
A J A S L X F X T B Q F M S O  
V C S M R B R N F U T S J H L  
B H A E O X W O T U B T F G M

APRON

AWL

BARK

BENCH

BLADE

BLOCK

BOOKMATCH

CHAMFER

SEASONING

TEAROUT

## 2010 Committee Members

President Lou Takacs  
Vice President Dick Sader  
Treasurer Charlie Morris  
Secretary John Hunter  
Achievement John Hunter  
Audit Bill Harbison  
Badges Elizabeth Carlsson  
Bargain Alerts John Hunter  
Christmas Party Claudia Brazil & Marcie White  
Community Liaison Dick Sader  
Discounts  
Drawings Phil Malavolta  
Exhibits Marcie White & Phil Malavolta  
Field Trips Leon Kozlowski  
Hats & Shirts Fred Baginski  
Historian Art & Helen Willing  
Hospitality Charles Norman  
Lake County Fair David White  
Library David White & Bob Roach  
Membership/sign-in George Salatas  
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Parliamentarian Joe McDaniels  
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Publicity John Sturk  
Program John Hunter  
Recycling Claudia Brazil  
Shop Visits Dick Sader  
Show & Tell Denny McCool & Max Hernick  
SIG Carving Carl Mills  
SIG Scroll Saw Dick Sader  
SIG Turning Denny McCool  
Toys for Kids Bob Roach, Claudia Brazil & Skip Brazil  
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