

WOOD CHIPS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy 2011. As we start this new year, we need to take time and look around the shop and plan for a GREAT YEAR....Make that item you always wanted to....Finish that project that has been haunting you...Ask a member to join you in these projects. Before you know it you've made a lasting friendship and completed a fine wood project.

Project Ideas. The Executive Board needs your ideas for programs, field trips and speakers. Bring these ideas to the January meeting. There are no bad ideas.

Christmas Tree Exhibit. I have to tell you how impressed I am with the display at the Visitors Center. All the wooded ornaments were so beautiful, the train, a work of art that any child would love to play with. A wide variety of woodworking techniques were incorporated. These were arranged with care by Nancy and Merle Distel. The tree skirt was made by Nancy Distel. The lights were donated by Dick Sader. Thank to all GREAT JOB!

The Christmas Party was so nice. Members and their guests drove through the winter wonderland of lights aglow at Hidden Lake. Claudia and Skip Brazil, co-chairmen of the Christmas committee, along with Lou Takacs, Merle & Nancy Distel worked hard planning this event. Chuck Norrman kept the special holiday coffee brewing. Many thanks to the Members who made the wonderful gifts for the ladies. The food was so tasty, thank you to all that cooked and brought treats. Mark your calendar for next year's Christmas party, you won't be disappointed!

Achievement Awards were given out at the Christmas party. These are nice to display in your shop. At January's meeting the stars for the corresponding awards will be distributed. Congratulation on jobs well done!

Silent Auction January meeting has traditionally been the silent auction. Bring tools or woodworking items you wish to auction. All sorts of things have been auctioned in the past. There is a bid form available. List your lowest bid and let the bidding begin! Any items not sold have to go home with the person that brought it. Nothing can be left at the meeting room.

Demo Projection This month's program will be presented by John Hunter. Our club has a variety of plans on disc. John will be walking you through how to get the best out of these programs.

Shop Visits. It's never too early to think about a shop visit. It's a great reason to clean and organize your shop. Also once again the club is offering a free one year membership if you host a shop visit, sweet deal saves you \$25.00. Contact Dick Sader or Ron Benson for details.

February's Program is the Jig presentation. Members look forward to this. Jigs make the job easier and completed faster. If you used a jig on a project, bring it to February's meeting. You can tell us how to make and use this jig.

Library Display NIWA has been invited back to the Portage Public Library to display our fine woodworking. We have been there before and had very positive results. Start thinking about what you'd like to display. We are hoping for items that have not been on display there before. The date will be June 1 until July 1. We need volunteers for set up and take down.

Raffle 2011 Last year our raffle was such a great success, we have already received an item for this year's raffle. Please consider donating an item for the raffle. More details to come.

Fair 2011 We have been invited back to the Lake County Fair. More details to come!!

Keep Safe. Make some sawdust and keep warm,
Marcia Lichnerowicz

SHOW AND TELL



Clyde Hewlett



Fred Baginski



John Hunter



Skip Brazil



Chuck Norrman



Lou Takacs



Lou Takacs



Clyde Hewlett



Bob Miller



Max Hernick



John Sturk



Denny McCoole



Don Boswell



Bob Rinearson

SILENT AUCTION

This month's program will include a Silent Auction so bring any tools or wood working items you no longer use and auction them off during our silent auction. Forms will be available at the meeting.

WOODWORKING PLANS DEMO

John Hunter has put together over 7,000 woodworking plans from woodworking magazines and other sources. They are on a set of 4 DVD's. He will demo how to use them at the January Membership meeting. There will also be a sign up sheet for members that would like to check them out and either copy them to their computers or make copies.

FIGHT KICKBACK WITH A RIVING KNIFE

See kickback in action and learn how a riving knife can help prevent it
with Roland Johnson

In our 2009 Tools and Shops issue, Roland Johnson [reviews the riving-knife systems](#) on eight tablesaws. The knives are an effective tablesaw safety feature that are just starting to come to the United States after being available on European machines for years.

In this video tie-in to the article, Johnson explains how kickback can happen on the tablesaw and actually incites it in a controlled environment, using Styrofoam for demonstration purposes (don't try this at home). Then he shows how a riving knife can reduce the threat.

To see the video go to: <http://www.finewoodworking.com/ToolGuide/ToolGuideArticle.aspx?id=31896>

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: How to Spray a Uniform Thickness

To spray a uniform thickness on a wide surface such as a tabletop, hold the spray gun perpendicular to the work (lock your wrist so you don't rock the gun back and forth) and overlap each spraying stroke by 50 percent.

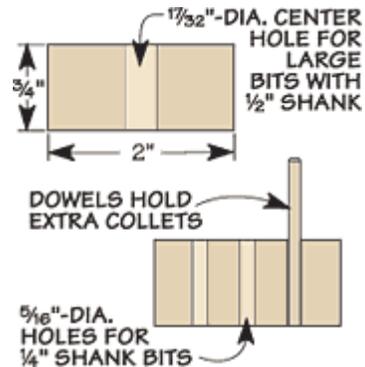
Begin with the spray pattern half on and half off the front edge of the surface and then overlap each additional stroke by half until the last, which should be half on and half off the surface.

So you are actually applying a double thickness and calling it one "coat," but it's the best way to get an even build.

Modular Router Bit Organizer



As my router bit collection grew, I needed an easy way to organize the bits and protect the carbide cutting edges. So I came up with a modular organizing system, see photo.



The system consists of 2"-square MDF "tiles" that hold the bits. The tiles keep the cutting edges from hitting each other. For large-diameter bits, I drilled a single, centered shank hole. For smaller bits, you can drill several holes in one tile. I even mounted a pair of dowels in one tile to hold extra collets. The individual tiles make it easy to rearrange and expand the system as you add new bits.

Good woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

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 or John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Tool Auction & Woodworking Plans Demo
February 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
February 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
March 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
April 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 17th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
May 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Freud Tools
June 1st Setup Display at Portage Library
June 15th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 1st Take Down Display at Portage Library
July 11th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
July 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 5th – 8th Lake County Fair Club Booth
August 16th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 28th Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 14th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
September 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 3rd Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
October 18th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs
November 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 17th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 20th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
December 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

HUMOR

Due to inherit a furniture factory when his sickly, widower father died, Clyde decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with.

Going to a singles' bar, he spotted a woman whose beauty took his breath away.

"I'm only an ordinary man," he said, walking up to her, "But in just a week or two, my father will die and I'll inherit a 20 million dollar business."

The woman went home with Clyde, and the next day she became his stepmother.

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