

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Greetings Woodworkers, Here we are well into the month of January. It's hard to believe that the year has started. I am happy to say the new Executive Board is busy planning 2014 activities. If you have any ideas for this year let us know.

We are having the election for President at the January meeting. It's time to step up and lead this fine Club. I have done this for several years and have requested someone to now become president. See what you can do.

Carving Sig before the meeting at 6pm, hope to see you there!
See you at the Meeting.....Marcia Lichnerowicz

2013 Christmas Party was a Great Success! Mike Clark, Jon Robins along with their spouses spent many hours organizing, shopping and delegating all the tasks that come together to make the Party a success. The Marines allowed Chuck Norrman time off to make coffee with Al Kalos. Our Elves Ken and Lois Woolard collected the gifts made by our members for the ladies. Clyde and his wife Shirley set up the 7 Days of Christmas Tree for all of us to admire. Our members jumped in and helped wherever they could to make this party a success. The ladies cooked their special treats for us. Awards were passes out and a good time was had by all. To anyone I missed to acknowledge I apologize. To everyone thank you and I hope you had as good a time as I did!

Web Page is Looking Good! I want you to know that John Hunter is better than the US postal service. Through snow and ice, surgery and family, through all Christmas and the other stuff that stops the world, John has our Web page up and running. It is fast and clear. It loads well and you need to check it out! THANK YOU JOHN!!!

Silent Auction this month, yes JANUARY!!!! Bring your stuff you want to sell and this may be just want someone else needs. Do not bring your trash. It leaves with you if it

does not well. Think of a realistic starting price (the least you will take). This is between you and the person you are dealing with. The Club is not involved. This is always a fun program. Look around the shop. Let's start moving things out that you don't use.

We need a Toy Chairman. Ok what does this entail? Everyone runs things different. You can basically do as much as you want. The chairperson needs to keep record of the number of toys and the members that make the toys. This is an achievement issue. Keep the membership informed of the number. Collect names of organizations seeking toys. When it comes time to pass out toys make signs for these organizations.

There is a Wood Show coming up in Wisc. (Wisc Expo Center) March 14-16 more info will be in the newsletter or emailed!

We will have 2 tables at the Duneland Carving Show April 5 & 6 more info to come!

From the desk of the Vice President

Kevin Sturgeon

Field Trip

I will be going to Marc Adams School of Woodworking to improve my skills in making writing instruments. This would be a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning to make fine quality pens or improving your skills. Mr. Barry Gross will be teaching the class. Interested members will have to register with Marc Adams School at (317) 535-4013 or marcadams.com.

I will have a sign-up sheet for driving down we could share the ride.

The following description is from the Marc Adams School Woodworking 2014 Catalogue.

Classes at Marc Adams School of Woodworking Fine Writing Instruments: Pen Making with Barry Gross

Dates: 6/2 - 6/6

Cost: \$750

Materials: \$200

Deposit: \$300

Even if you have never made a pen before, Barry will make you feel at home in this course! Students from basic to advanced are welcome to learn an assortment of techniques to take their pen making to the next level. Thinking creatively is the key to enhance your pen making abilities which will be discussed throughout the course.

Students will work with a variety of materials including, but not limited to, exotic wood, stabilized wood, "biologicals" and acrylics. You will learn how to cast your own clear acrylic pen blanks (without a pressure pot!) which will open your mind to a wide range of creative ideas. Segmented pens, closed end pens and laser cut kits will be made. Many different finishing techniques will be stressed throughout the course including a very easy CA glue finish. By the end of the week each student will have made a minimum of 8 different pens with emphasis on quality of fit and finish. After finishing with your pen masterpieces, Barry will discuss the best way to market your one-of-a-kind masterpieces!

Key Points:

Achieve a perfect finish on pens

Work with stabilized and non-stabilized material

Learn how to casting your own clear acrylic pen blanks

Learn the best way to work with acrylics and other materials

Gain a working knowledge of segmented pens

Adjust a fountain pen nib with proper alignment of tines

There is a \$45 annual registration fee that will be added to your the total amount of the class if this is the first class you are registering for this season.

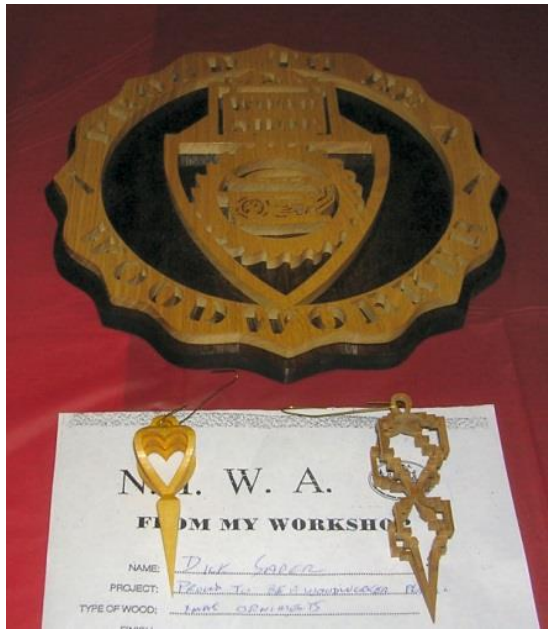
SHOW AND TELL



Phil Malavolta



Max Hernick



Dick Sader



Kevin Sturgeon



Clyde D. Hewlett

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 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

January 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Silent Auction
February 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
February 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
April 5th & 6th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
April 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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April 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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July 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 31st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 1st – 4th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 31st Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
September 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 6th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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October 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 18th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM

November 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 18th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Lacquer Colors Vary

Lacquer is a very versatile finish, especially because of its widely understood easy application in varying weather conditions. Not so widely understood is the range of colors—the amount of yellowing (or “oranging”) of the various types of lacquer.

For example, nitrocellulose lacquer (on the left in the accompanying photo) adds a noticeable darkening or slight orange coloring to the wood. This can be very pleasing on dark and dark stained woods, but some find it objectionable on light woods such as maple and birch and on white pickled woods.



Lacquer Colors

At the opposite extreme, CAB-acrylic lacquer (on the right), which applies just like nitrocellulose, adds no coloring to the wood. It is water clear.

In between is acrylic or “water-white” lacquer, which isn’t totally water white. This lacquer is made with nitrocellulose and acrylic resin rather than nitrocellulose and alkyd or maleic resins. Alkyd and maleic resins add color, which acrylic doesn’t.

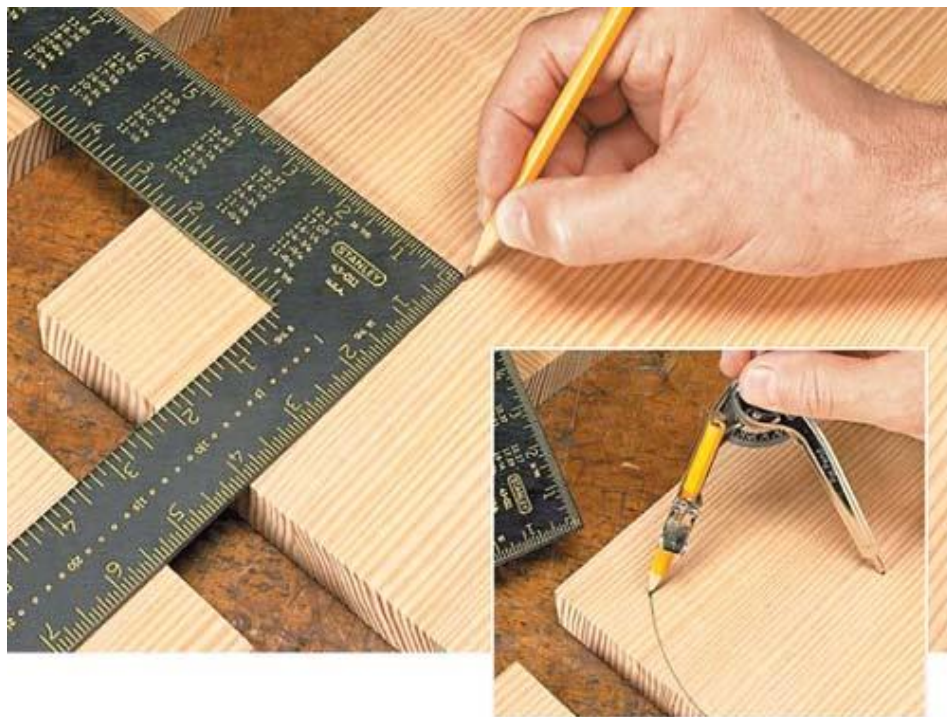
You have a choice of color when using lacquer.

Finding a Corner Radius

I often need to make a rounded corner on a workpiece. But this can often lead to a lot of trial and error until I get the corner radius just right.

You’ll find a carpenter’s square and a compass makes this task quick and easy. And the results are perfect every time.

For example, I needed a 4” radius at the corner. So I lined up the edge and end of the workpiece with the 4” mark on the outside of both legs of the square (*see photo below*). Then I marked the point of the square. Finally, put the pointed arm of the compass on this mark, extend the compass to the edge of the workpiece, and scribe the line, as shown in the inset photo.

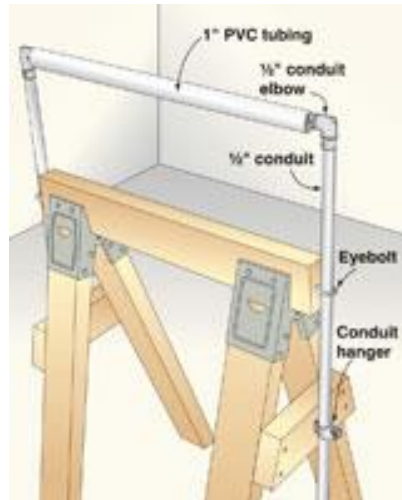


Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber

Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

Add an adjustable outfeed roller to your sawhorse



When I needed an outfeed support for some long cedar deck boards I was ripping on my tablesaw, my sawhorses were not tall enough nor would they allow the wood to slide past. Fortunately, some leftover 1/2" electrical conduit and PVC pipe provided a solution. My wooden sawhorses now serve double-duty as adjustable outfeed supports.

To make the roller frame, cut two pieces of conduit, a bit shorter than the sawhorse height, to work as side posts for the roller. Add a conduit hanger low on each end of the sawhorse to fix the roller's height. Next, drive a wood-screw-type eyebolt, with an eye large enough to accommodate the conduit, into the sawhorse's top brace to act as a guide. Attach the side posts, and add a 1/2" conduit elbow. Measure the distance between the elbow ends, add 1", and cut the conduit crosspiece.

With the frame pieces cut and side posts installed, slip a piece of 1" PVC pipe over the crosspiece and fit the roller into the elbows. The roller parts are easily removed and rest nicely on the sawhorse cross braces. Also, the conduit hangers, equipped with wing nuts, offer infinite adjustability and can compensate for an uneven floor, or in my case, an uneven patio/yard where I set up my tablesaw.

- *Dave Baer,*
St. Louis