

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Here it is half way through January and I have been reflecting on last year's events. Marcia has done such a fantastic job as president for this club, I hope I can live up to her standards. Welcome Mike Clark, Vice President, to the Executive Board and all the returning members, John Hunter, Secretary, Ron Benson, Treasure and Marcia Lichnerowicz Past President.

It has been just too cold to create any sawdust in the garage shop yet, but the new catalogs have been coming in.

Our annual Christmas Party was a Fantastic success! Thank you too all that helped out. As Russ Tomjanovich said best, "This year was the best meal we have had at this party!" All those wonderful special dishes that was severed, just fantastic. Thank you to everyone that donated gifts for the ladies that attended the party. My wife and daughter in law loved their gifts.

The club had to move the Library from Hidden Lake due to the remodeling that they are doing. We had a crew of 6 to help move the materials 4 members and 2 nonmembers. Thank all of you for coming out on such a cold day it made the move so much easier. Thank you Mr. Gene Davis for allowing the club to store our resources with you and your wife!

January's meeting will be held at the American Legion in Hobart for the next four months. Look around your shop for items that you want to sell at the annual auction. Great time to do some early spring cleaning. As you are looking around remember February's meeting is the Shop Jig meeting. Dust them off in preparation for February.

Does anyone have ideas for the programs? We have nothing planned for March and I would like for your input on the programs.

Field trips, do we want to do another trip to Schindler's Tool Museum. The last time we went Lou Takacs was president. The Museum has since moved to its new location in Indiana. If you haven't been there it is a great place to visit. See the amazing craftsmanship that went into making the tool boxes and hand tools.

The Wood Shows have started. Indy is January 16th through the 18th, and Milwaukee is March 13th through the 15th. Marc Adams will be doing his paid seminars at both locations. You can find further information on line.

Wood Expo in Charlotte, Michigan at Johnson's Workbench is the weekend after Labor Day.

Wood Magazine is holding their Weekend With Wood in Des Moines, Iowa May 14th – 17th.

In closing, Don't let your tools rust!

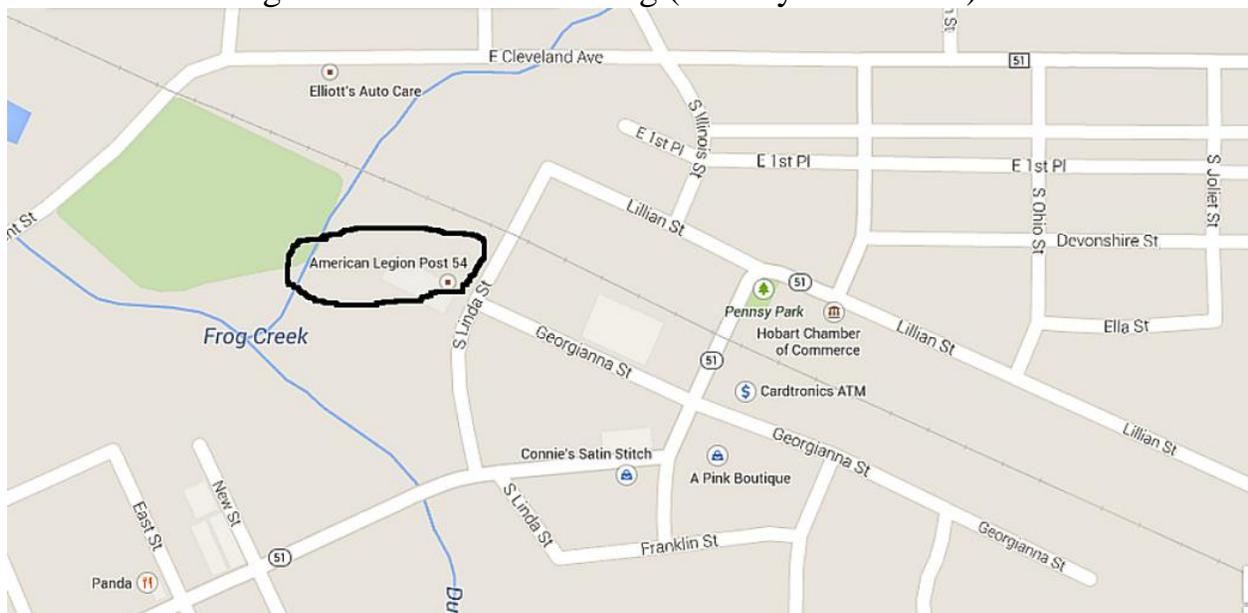
Your President
Kevin Sturgeon

New Meeting Location

As most know we will not be able to meet at Hidden Lake for a while due to the remodeling of the building. Thanks to Chuck Norman for obtaining a temporary location for us to meet at the American Legion Post 54 at 208 South Linda Street in Hobart, IN 46342. You can see a map online at

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/208+S+Linda+St,+Hobart,+IN+46342/@41.5345783,-87.2488726,18z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x8811eae4c09646ed:0x9527465073bfdfc1>

We will start meeting there at the next meeting (January 22nd. 7 PM)



Silent Auction this month, 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 sell. 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.

SHOW AND TELL



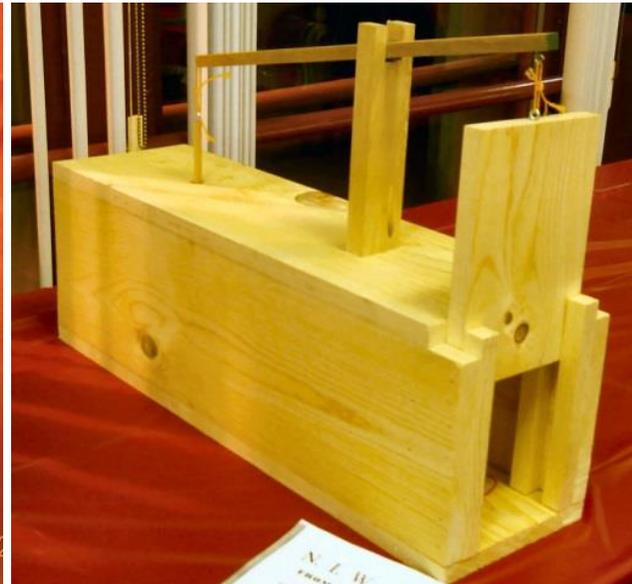
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John Hunter



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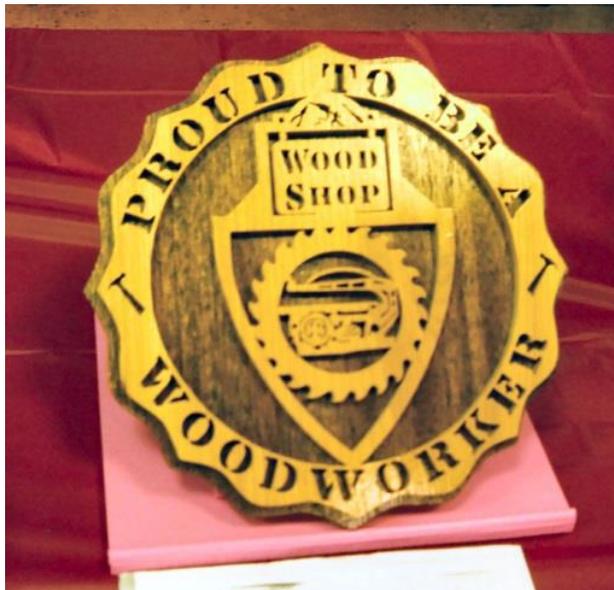
Jon Robbins



Clyde D. Hewlett



Max Hernick



Dick Sader



Denny McCoole

2014 CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Our Achievement Awards Program consists of specific requirements that members must complete to earn these awards. These requirements can be seen on our club webpage at <http://www.niwoodworkers.org/achievement%20protocol.htm>

The following members earned these achievement awards during 2014

Bronze Level Award

Duane Bomba
Carrie McGinty

CJ Compton

Ed Harrison

Silver Level Award

Jesse Carrillo

Mike Clark

Bill Schoech

Gold Level Award

Gene Davis

Bob Miller

Platinum Level Award

Frank Berizins

Bronze Double Level Award

Frank Berizins

Silver Double Level Award

Norm Johnson

Gold Double Level Award

Phil Malavolta

Gold Triple Level Award

Dick Sader

CHRISTMAS PARTY





MOVING OUR LIBRARY

A special thank you to those that helped move our library and coffee cabinets and a big thank you to Gene Davis that allowed us to store them at his house.





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 2015

- January 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
January 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Silent Auction
February 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
February 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Shop Jigs
March 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
April 10th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
April 11th & 12th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
April 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
April 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
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May 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

June 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 13th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
July 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 6th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 7th – 10th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 22nd Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
August 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
September 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 5th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 17th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 19th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 17th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

Photographing Your Work

Other than arranging the object or objects you're photographing in an attractive manner, the most important requirement for achieving good photographs is getting the camera adjusted to the ambient light.

This used to be a really big problem back in the film days, but it is much easier with digital cameras. In fact, it is no problem at all when you use a "gray card." This is typically an 8-by-10-inch cardboard designed to reflect 18% of the light hitting it. It is gray in color (accounting for its name), and it's available from most photography suppliers.

With any consumer or prosumer digital camera, set the white balance to "custom" and fill the frame with the gray card leaning up against the object you're photographing. (You will probably have to zoom the lens.) Follow the instructions for the camera to evaluate the white balance.

This is a lot easier and usually more accurate than selecting one of the pre-sets for incandescent, cool-white fluorescent, sunlight, cloudy, etc. when you most likely have a mixture of these. For example, you may have daylight streaming in the windows of your shop, blending with cool-white fluorescents.