

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Happy
New Year!

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, I hope the New Year has found everyone safely and in good health. 2015 was a great year in woodworking for me. Looking back, we had to suddenly move our meeting location and store the library until a more permanent arrangement could be made. American Legion Post 54 opened their doors to us and I am grateful that we found a suitable place so quickly. The Duneland Carver show last spring, we had a great turn out and support from the membership. Then the Lake County Fair, I know I spent more time with some of you than I did that weekend than with the wife. I had a great time at both shows. It always amazes me on the support and good times we have at these events. Our Annual Picnic had its share of hiccups but that's what makes such great memories. Fred did a great job on the grill, thank you. It's nice to spend a summer's afternoon visiting with our fellow woodworkers and catching up. October we did something different, Brat Fest. Dick and Ron brought out the grill, while Dick took charge of cooking the rest of us ate. Great time was had by all. Thank you Dick and Ron. If we could, I would like to repeat that this year. And finally the Christmas Party No stress there, Jon and Lisa Robbins did a fantastic job on the party thank you. Ken and Jean Woolard Chaired the gift giveaway, great job. I am reminded of the duck so gracefully floating on the calm lake, but the view under the water is a frantic motion of the legs to keep it afloat. Without the committee volunteers I would have a more frantic look to my face. Thank you. I had reservations about taking the President's position last year, but with the help like this, from our great staff on the executive board, committees and our membership it has made the transition as president a smooth one. I am looking forward to continuing this great working friendship with the board and membership. New Year New Ideas: any suggestions for improvement? What would you like to see in the programs and field trips in the New Year? Jeff Snellgrove did a fantastic job arranging speakers to put on programs for us. We are always open for fresh ideas. As of January's Executive Board meeting, we have discussed a few ideas to entice new

members, field trips, and raising some much needed funds that will be brought up in the future meetings.

Christmas Banquet: Thank you Jon and Lisa Robbins for your outstanding work bringing the banquet together. All that wonderful selections of the best treats in the region were laid out for all to enjoy in a great display. We have the best chefs and bakers attending this feast, sharing their specialties with us, thank all of you so much! I have to recognize Ken and Jean Woolard on doing a fine job in organizing the gift give away, and all the members that donated their beautiful & unique handy works for our guests. Marcia Bomba's excellent center pieces added an outstanding decoration to the tables, thank you. The 2015 party is very memorable, the large hall heating system failed, but didn't cool off the warmth and love in the room. I was told that the Legion will try to make it up to us at a later date.

January's Program, Silent Auction: Here is your chance to make some room in the workshop. Bring in your gently used tools and or supplies that you haven't used in years and make a few bucks. This just maybe the thing someone else needs. Pick up a form and list the lowest bid you will accept on the item. Then towards the end of meeting, bidding will close. If your item has no bids you must take it home with you. The club cannot dispose of the item.

Pen Turning Class: Is coming together nicely. I have most of the supplies that will be needed already. This class has been over booked but I will still be taking names of the interested members and will have another class later this year. I will notify each person on the list for their status. So far the expense for the class is \$40.00. That will cover 2 pen blanks, 2 pen kits and hall rental. Scheduled for Saturday, January 30th. Legion management notified me that we will not be allowed in to the small hall until **11:00 AM**. So **start time will be at Noon**. Figure on 7 to 8 hours depending on your skill levels. Lunch is **NOT PROVIDED**, but we will take a lunch break. There is a refrigerator in the small kitchen we can use if you want to brown bag. There are a few restaurants close by as well. Remember Safety Glasses or Face Shield.



We had a good turnout of members at the Woodworking Shows in Indianapolis this past weekend. The cold weather may have had a hand in the low attendance at the show. I was able to get the final supplies for the pen class and had a chance to talk with Marc Adams. We have permission to tour his school this summer. I also talked to Al from the Merrillville Woodcraft store. He was ecstatic that we want to stop in and see him this summer. Further arrangements and discussions will need to be made for a good date for all to attend that want to go.

Milwaukee, March 11-13, 2016 Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-3
Wisconsin Expo Center Hall C, 8200 West Greenfield Avenue West Allis, WI

Check out The Woodworking Shows web site for additional information.



Northern Kentucky Convention Center • Covington, KY September 16-18, 2016

In the February issue of Popular Woodworking the Editor (Megan Fitzpatrick) has an article on this annual event. Additional information is on the web.

Club Event: [Duneland Carver Show April 2nd – 3rd](#). A sign up sheet will be started for members that plan on attending this event. We will need help setting up and break down at the end. Always needed is your best items to showoff and what better way for you to talk about your craftsmanship by attending both days.

Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

Vice President's Corner

Those of you who attended the Christmas party heard me comment on Titebond's no run, no drip glue, a new glue advertised to be used, for example, to hang crown molding to furniture. I want to repeat my experience to those who were not there.

You are all familiar with squeeze-out. Their glue indeed does not run or drip when put onto a vertical surface. However, I learned when using it that it does also not squeeze out--this means that it is very difficult to squeeze the trim tightly against the furniture. And this means that if you have a miter joint that fits perfectly during dry-fit, each of the legs may stand out from the furniture 1/16th of an inch or so, making the miter joint itself look really bad.

Just wanted to pass this along.

Many of you know I attend the Gwinnett Woodworkers Association when I spend time in Georgia. I recently saw that they have posted 230 YouTube videos, mostly on turning and scrolling. Search for Gwinnett Woodworkers on Youtube; you may find something of interest.

Mike

SHOW AND TELL



Jeff Snellgrove



Kevin Sturgeon



Dick Sader



Bill Schoech



Marcia Bomba



Max Hernick

CHRISTMAS PARTY





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

2016

- January 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Silent Auction
- February 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- February 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Shop Jigs
- March 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- March 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- April 1st Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
- April 2nd & 3rd Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
- April 4th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
- April 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- April 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
2 x 4 Challenge
- May 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- May 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- June 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- June 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- July 11th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
- July 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- July 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- August 4th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
- August 5th – 8th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
- August 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- August 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- August 27th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park, Merrillville IN 12 Noon
- September 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- September 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
- October 3rd Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
- October 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- October 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- November 15th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
- November 17th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Toy Program
- December 13th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- December 15th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Best Exterior Finishes are from Marinas

Ultra-violet light, especially sunlight, causes finishes to deteriorate. Many finishes sold at marinas and home centers claim UV resistance, but those sold at marinas are much more expensive. If both work the same, why would you pay more at the marinas?

So I did a test to compare the UV resistance of the varnishes from regular paint stores and home centers with those from a marina.



Marina varnish at left

For the test, I stained a panel with a red dye because red dye fades relatively rapidly in sunlight. Then I applied five coats of four different varnishes to four sections on the panel and placed the panel in a west-facing window for six months.

The conditions (through glass and exposed just during the afternoons) were not nearly as harsh as those on a boat or on a project kept outdoors. But I reasoned that it shouldn't take long to determine if UV light was getting through, because the red dye would fade.

The varnishes I used, as seen on the photo of the panel, were (on the left) Z-Spar, a common varnish sold at marinas, two common exterior, supposedly UV-resistant varnishes, sold at paint stores and home centers, and a common indoor varnish that makes no claim of UV resistance (on the right).

I covered the top two-thirds of the panel so that only the bottom third was exposed.

As you can see, the marina-bought varnish did its job well. But the two home-center varnishes did little better than an interior varnish with no UV-resistant additives.

My conclusion is that if you want a varnish that will hold up best for outdoor projects, buy the varnish from a marina, many of which have websites and shipping capabilities.