

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Hi Fellow Members hope that you had a wonderful July 4th celebrating our nation's birthday! All that food and fireworks! And the fun continues. Mark your calendars and sign up for NIWA's annual picnic held Sunday Aug 31. Things will be getting started around noon. Bring a dish. The Club supplies the burgers, brauts, hot dogs and beverages. We need to know how many people you are bringing so we have enough food and by signing up your name and number of guests you are admitted free. We are having the "wooden elephant" bingo. Wrap something up for a bingo prize. Ron is bringing the bean bag toss game. This is a good time!

Lake County Fair is Fast Approaching. August 1,2,3,&4. We need members to demonstrate wood working skills. We will have a scroll saw and a lathe. There are still times available to work the booth. There will be a signup sheet at the July meeting or call Marcia. Thursday July 31st is setup at 9pm and we take down on Monday Aug 4 at 9pm. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

Thank You Bob & Sandy Miller for putting on the shop visit. Sadly I was on call but I heard that the visit was very interesting and the food was great!

Thank You Mike Clark for talking to the members at the June meeting about frame making. I bet your son loves the frames you made him!

Make Fine Sawdust,

Marcia Lichnerowicz your President

FACEBOOK

The club's Facebook page is up and running thanks to member CJ Compton. Drop in and like us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/niwafanpage>

SHOW AND TELL



John Hunter



Bob Miller



Rodney Foster



Bill Schoech



Frank Schmidt



Max Hernick



Ron Benson



Dick Sader

PICTURE FRAME PROGRAM BY MIKE CLARK





CABINET BUILD FOR LAKE COUNTY FAIR

Monday 7/14/2014 Members Al Kalos, Ron Benson, CJ Compton and Kevin Sturgeon behind the camera.



Kevin, Al and Ron

Tuesday



Marcia Lichnerowicz and CJ Compton



CJ, Kevin & Marcia



Marcie and John



CJ Compton



John Hunter

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

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,
Gray house on corner. Sign out front says [Family Center]
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: Linseed Oil and Polyurethane

I've heard it suggested that linseed oil (raw or boiled) should be applied to wood floors before applying oil-based polyurethane. Various reasons are given: seal the wood, establish a better bond, or add color.

Doing this is risky, however. Raw linseed oil can take months to dry. Boiled linseed oil can take a week or longer deep in the large pores of oak.

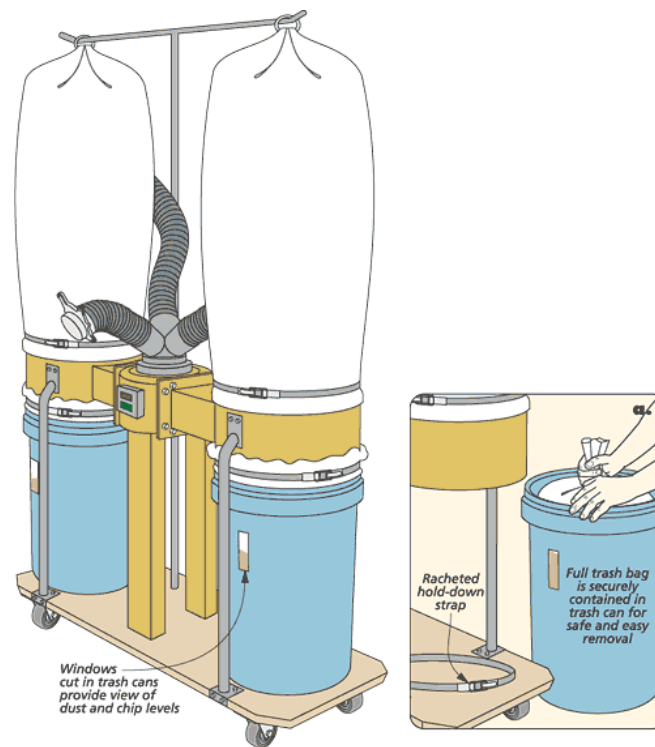
If you apply polyurethane before the linseed oil is thoroughly dry, the linseed oil and polyurethane will mix right on the wood and create an oil/varnish blend, which will never get hard. It would be like brushing or spraying a wet coat of Danish Oil and not wiping off the excess.

The finish will be soft and it will scratch easily, when what you surely want on a floor is a very hard film of polyurethane. The finish could also be sticky, which would not be functional at all on a floor.

Trash Can Dust Collection

Of all the shop maintenance chores I have to perform, emptying out my dust collector has to be the most unpleasant. Removing and dumping the cloth bags that collect the dust is a dirty, dusty, and just plain messy job. It often seems like half of the dust from the bags ends up strewn around the shop only to be cleaned up a second time.

But as is usually the case, there was a pretty simple solution to the problem. What I did was replace the loose cloth bag with the sturdier and more convenient combination of a garbage bag inside of a rigid plastic trash can.



There are a couple of fine points to this system. I use clear plastic bags to line the cans and clamp them in place with the same strap that held the cloth bag. And each can has a small “window” cut near the top. This arrangement allows me to easily check the “fill” level and know when I need to replace the bag.

To empty the dust collector, you unclamp the bag, slide the can out, tie off the bag, and lift it out. The whole operation is quick and easy, and all the dust stays put.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*