

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Vice President's Corner

With Kevin having things to take care of, this is your vice-president filling in. (vice-president?)

The July program will be Jeff Postma demonstrating chainsaw carving. For those who have not seen his work, I know you will be really impressed with what he can do. His presentation will be outside. To take advantage of the light, we will change our program a bit. We will start inside at 7 with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then go outside for maybe an hour. You should consider bringing a lawn chair.

Don't forget the July 25 turning event organized by Dave Skaggs. More will be said at our July meeting on this.

You will participate in the August program. You will bring in either your favorite and least favorite tools, or pictures of them, and give a basis for your opinion, giving others information they might benefit from. The tools can be purchased or homemade. They can be anything--duct tape, a marking knife, a saw, a drill, whatever.

We also have the Lake County Fair August 7-10, 10am-10pm. If you have not signed up, you will have to pay to enter. Right now the number of signups is way down from what it was in the past--this places a big burden on the ones who are there.

Our picnic will be August 22 from noon. It will be at Hidden Lake, the location we used to meet. Bring a dish to pass. Right now only about 5 carloads (about 16 folks) are signed up. Sign up or else you will have to pay \$5 per car to enter.

On the topic of participation, I understand about 17 folks have not paid dues this year, and we have many committees that need people, committees including the 50/50, Achievement, Field Trip, Picnic, Toy, Officer Nominating, Parliamentarian; and we have

special interest groups that could use more people (carving, turning, scrolling). To keep this club vibrant, we all need to participate.

Mike Clark

FROM THE TREASURER

NIWA woodworker members; So far this year there are only 40 members paid up. Your club needs your support to keep us going. Without your dues and support our club could collapse. Please come to a meeting and pay your dues of \$25.00 per year. Support our educational raffle also by buying or selling raffle tickets. These funds go to our club for our toy program and demo,s when we have to pay for them. RON

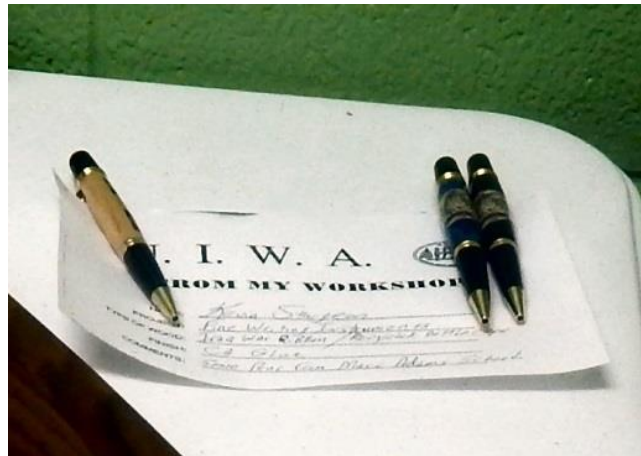
SHOW AND TELL



Frank Schmidt



Dave Skaggs



Kevin Sturgeon



Matt Gastro



Rodney Foster



Gene Davis



Phil Malavolta

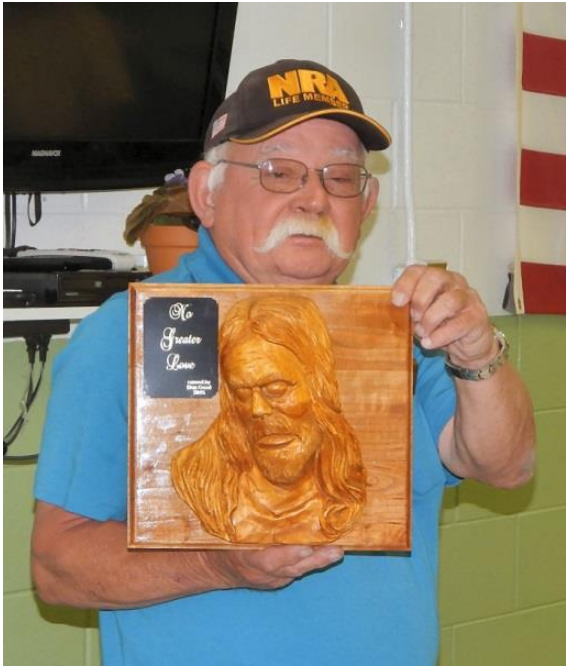


Don Bunce



Denny McCool

TOOL SHARPENING WITH DON GOOD



ITEMS FOR SALE

Delta/Rockwell 46-451 heavy duty gap bed wood lathe



For Sale

Delta/Rockwell 46-451 heavy duty gap bed wood lathe.
16" over gap, 12" over bed, 39" between centers. 1" x 8 spindle, MT2
Variable speed, 340 rpm-3200 rpm.
Includes 6" face plate, 4" and 12" tool rests, spur center and live center.

\$500.00

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For Sale

1/550 workmate bench, never used. \$50.00, OBO
1/225 workmate bench, never used, \$500.00, OBO
Ryobi 16in. jig saw with blades, \$35.00, OBO
Delta model #22-560, 12 1/2. in. planer extra blades, \$50.00, OBO
Delta sanding drum kit, never used, \$50.00, OBO
Blu-mold journeyman's hole saw kit, \$35.00, OBO

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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

- July 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Program - Jeff Postma Chainsaw Carving
- 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 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Program - Favorite/Least Favorite Tool Program
- September 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- September 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 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 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- November 17th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
- November 19th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM Toy
Program
- December 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- December 17th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Wetting to Predict Blotching

You can usually get a pretty good idea whether or not the wood you are using will blotch when a stain or finish is applied by wetting the wood.



Wetting Cherry to Predict Blotching

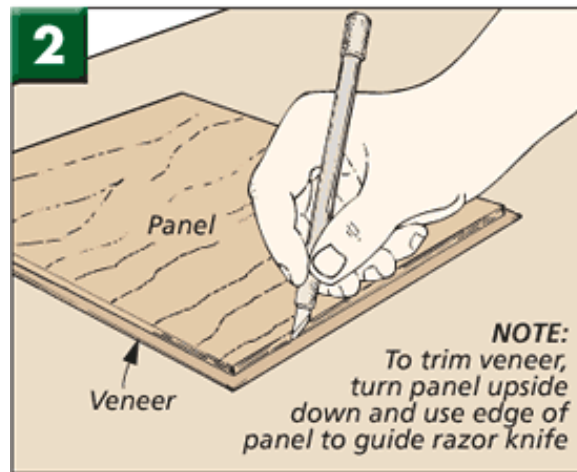
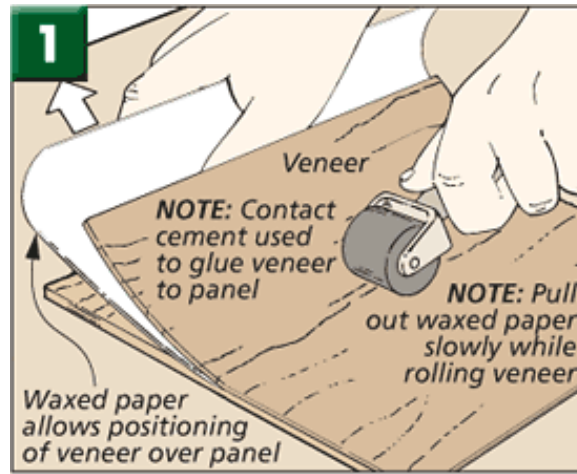
You can use any liquid, but water will raise the grain causing you to have to sand more. Mineral spirits (paint thinner) works well except if you intend to apply a water-based finish. Some residue oiliness may remain and cause the finish to fish eye—that is, bunch up into ridges rather than level out.

Denatured alcohol would be better for this situation because it will totally evaporate. But it evaporates quickly, so you don't have much time to judge the potential for blotching.

One possible solution would be to wipe with mineral spirits to provide more time, then remove the oily residue by wiping with denatured alcohol.

Applying Veneer

A piece of veneer with swirling grain can turn a project into something special. But adding highly-figured veneer to a panel takes a little more care than just slapping it in place and clamping it in a veneer press. Many times it's important that the veneer pattern ends up centered on the panel.



First, select the best-looking area from a sheet of veneer, cut a mask the same size as the panel you want to cover from a piece of cardboard (*see the photo above right*). Then trim the veneer to rough size.

Now to glue the veneer to the panel, I like to use contact cement. This way, once the pieces touch, they won't slip, as they might with a liquid glue. Of course, that means the pieces must be in the right positions before they're pressed together.

One way to do this is to put a piece of waxed paper between the panel and the veneer (*Fig. 1*). This allows you to position the veneer over the panel before pulling the waxed paper out slowly. Once the pieces have made contact, firm pressure from a roller ensures a tight bond.

Finally, the edges of the veneer can be trimmed cleanly by turning the panel upside down and running a razor knife along the edges of the panel, as you can see in *Fig. 2*.

Good woodworking,

Ted Raife
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*