

WOOD CHIPS



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Sawdust and thoughts from the President's corner – June 2010

Here we are into the summer of 2010 and has it been a wet one so far. I don't know about you, but I've had to mow my lawn twice a week, or have a local farmer come and bale it. But the wet weather put's a halt on other outdoor projects and gives us woodworkers a chance to spend a little time with our hobby. I sure hope you all have had a chance to increase your skill and knowledge of woodworking. Just spending an hour cleaning up the shop and doing a little reorganizing can be very rewarding because you're doing something for yourself. We all need to reward ourselves with a little "me" time once in a while besides doing other things.

On Friday May 21st we had our one day class on making Shaker Oval Boxes. We had 11 members and guests in attendance and all learned the steps and techniques for completing 5 progressively sized boxes. The only down side on the day was the heavy rains that had standing water in my side yard parking area. I think the ruts will eventually flatten out with a little assistance from my lawn roller. See the other articles photos about the day later in this newsletter.

The Lake County Fair dates of August 6, 7, 8, and 9 will be here very soon. **YOUR CLUB NEEDS DISPLAY ITEMS!!!** Please bring your items to **THIS MEETING**. Lalo will be collecting the items and making sure you have the club form for displaying filled out for your items. Your work will be in locked display cases and will be very secure. We need things from all types of woodworking. The set up of the display cases will be before our July meeting. PLEASE HELP OUT!!

The club picnic will be held August 22 at the shelter near the meeting room. Claudia Brazil is collecting the money for your REDUCED cost entry fee. Please see her to pay and get your name on the list. It will save you a few dollars. – Lou Takacs

CLUB TRIP TO OHIO CARVING MUSEUM

Plan to join your fellow members on a visit/tour of the Ernest Warther Carving Museum on Sunday morning June 27th at 10:00 am. The museum is located in Dover, Ohio which 20 miles South of Canton, Ohio. I and my wife will be staying at the Comfort Inn - Hall of Fame in Canton, OH on Saturday night. The motel phone number is 330-492-1331.

An hour or so to the North (around 50 miles) is Cleveland, Ohio and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From early blues, gospel spirituals, and the 50's early rock, the 60's electric rock, the 70's hard rock and disco to modern rock it is guaranteed to bring back some memories. It is a very entertaining.

Please let me know if you are planning to come so I can try to coordinate some of our sightseeing and especially the Sunday morning at the Carving Museum – Admission is \$12.00/adult
Lou Takacs (219-465-7207- Home & 219-241-6972 – Cell)

Shaker Box Class

By Marcia White

There is a special place in my heart for anything made of wood. When I heard that there was going to be a Shaker Box Program I knew this was something I had to do. I saved my pennies and waited many months to attend this seminar at the Takacs Studio. As I was driving there I thought "was this the Tupperware of the shaker community?" What a thought! Gotta keep things somewhere. Shakers were not extravagant people, but they had strict organization. As I drew closer to Lou's home I wondered how in the world am I going to be able to do this. I surly do not have the skills many of our members have, not to mention the Shakers. I set my goal on maybe completing one little box and gaining knowledge. Upon arrival I was greeted by Lou, our members who always treat you like family, and our instructor Eric Pintar. He was much younger than I expected. However, as he spoke, I observed, he had the knowledge of an experienced craftsman. I was impressed. It wasn't just teaching the class and getting paid. he has passion for his work and strives to make each person's experience a success. The members listened very carefully as he covered Shaker history, his own life experiences with making these oval boxes and step by step instruction. Lou's garage was set up with several work stations. There was a water bath station for bending wood. This still impresses me. The equipment was brought in, as were all of the supplies down to the amazing copper tacks. They clinch the band. No glue is needed to fasten. The copper tacks have a story onto themselves. Ask someone that attended the seminar. The bands, top and bottom pieces were fitted then held together with wooden pegs. No CA Glue for the Shakers. When the seminar was finished to my surprise I completed five nesting oval boxes. I learned so much. Spending the day with my friends from NIWA is always a treat. I exceeded my goal of making one box and I gained so much knowledge. These will not be the last oval boxes I make. I know this thought is shared by others who attended this great day! I give this seminar four stars.

SHAKER OVAL BOX CLASS - MAY 2010

By Lou Takacs

We had 11 members in attendance and our instructor Eric Pinter from the Home Shop in Charlotte, MI. The Home Shop is the only supplier to all shaker box makers in the US for the copper tacks used in construction of the boxes. They offer a complete line of supplies for making the boxes. Some of the members in attendance purchased some supplies so they could continue with their new found skills and knowledge of the traditional woodworking process.

Eric, our instructor came well prepared with equipment and supplies so all students had little time waiting for a sander or other tool. Soft drinks, water, coffee, snacks and lunch were provided and students took a break as needed during the day. We had a couple of downpours during the day but the temperature was comfortable and the only problem was the parking area/side yard due to the water. It was interesting to see how much more confident the students got as they progressed through the 5 progressively sized boxes. By the 3rd of 4th box you could really see the progress in technique and quality of assembly.

Those that attended all had a great time. The following are some photos from the class.



SHOW AND TELL



George Pluard



John Sturk



George Pluard



Max Hernick



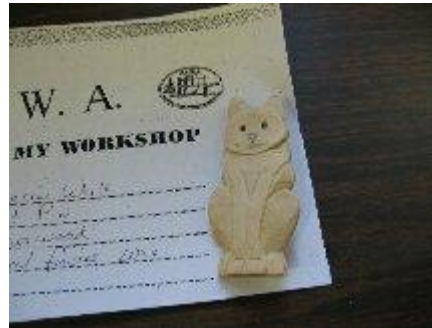
Jim Jones



Hilario Gonzalez



Phil Malavolta



Marcie White



Skip Brazil



Hilario Gonzalez

2 X 4 CHALLENGE



John Sturk



John Hunter



Max Hernick



Hilario Gonzalez



Joe McDaniel



Roger Glennon

Lake County Fair Booth

The Lake County Fair booth will be open starting on Friday August 6th through Monday August 9th. We have a crew lined up for the set-up on Thursday evening at 8:00 pm and the take down at the end of the day on Monday. We still need members to be in the booth and greet the fair-goers and tell them about our club. If you would like to do some scroll-sawing or turning we will have some equipment in the booth. Just bring your wood for cutting. (HINT: This would be a good opportunity to make some ornaments for the Christmas tree display.)

If you would like to do some other woodworking activity, such as carving, you are most welcome to come to our booth and show your skills. You never know when someone might see you doing a task and say to themselves, "That looks like fun. I'd like to learn how to do that".

We will have water and soft drinks in the booth and some fans to keep the air moving on those warm days we sometimes get. Also, all members in the booth are asked to wear their name badges, it will make it more comfortable for people to ask a question. If you have a club hat, shirt, or shop apron, please wear that as well.

A number of our current members found out about our club at the fair, so let's try to encourage some more current and future woodworkers to join us.

Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp August 18-21, 2010

The 2010 Summer Camp will start on a Wednesday morning, ending on Saturday evening, with campground check out by noon on Sunday.

Campsites will be \$20 per night (plus tax) full hookups, for all registered woodcarvers regardless of tent or RV type. Each campsite has a picnic table, fire ring, water, electricity, wireless internet, and sewer hookups available. See their website for details & rules. You can make your campsite reservations now by calling Rod & Brenda at 574-546-3665.

Where: Pla-Mor Campground - 2162 US 6 East, Bremen, IN 46506

Registration Fees for woodcarving:

Adults (18 and older): \$15.00 *per carver in advance*, or \$20 at the door. Couples Rate: 2 carvers at same address on your driver's license \$22.00. (Children must have a parent or adult guardian in the carving area. You do not have to sit at same table, but you must be nearby.)

Children 12-17: \$5.00 Children under 12: \$2.50

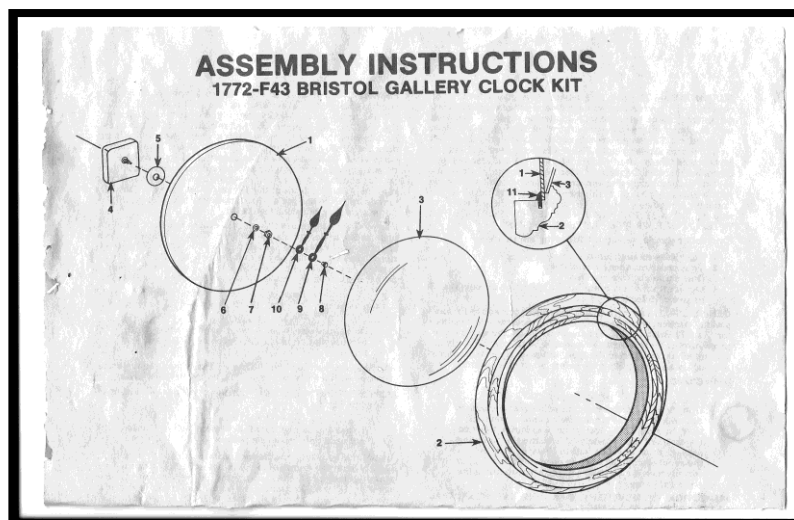
This one-time donation covers all four days of carving and includes parking.

http://www.counciloakwoodcarvers.com/2010_summer_camp_info.html

Clock Kit Give-away for June Meeting

This month we have our second clock kit for some lucky member to build and show-off. This kit has a 12" diameter Convex glass over the dial with Roman Numerals. All material and hardware is included. It too was made by the Crafts Products Company of St Charles, IL which has been out of business for a few years but clock parts are available from a number of suppliers.

This kit is a little simpler than last month's clock kit but would look great on any ones wall.



Two Tips for Installing Hinges

Installing a door on its hinges can be one of the trickiest parts of building a cabinet. Here are a couple tips I've used in the past to help install a cabinet door with less hassle.

Steel Woodscrews



During the installation process, I often end up putting on and taking off the door a few times. And one added frustration I try to avoid is breaking one of the screws.

So until I'm satisfied with the fit of the door, I only put one screw in each leaf, as shown in the photo. And instead of brass screws, I temporarily substitute steel screws, since they're less likely to break.

Finally, when it's time to add the other screws, I run steel screws in and out of the pilot holes first. This way, the steel screws cut the threads for the brass screws.

Installing Hinges



If a hinge mortise is cut too deep, there may not be enough of a gap between the door and the cabinet. As you can see in the photo at right, a quick fix for this is to add a paper or thin cardboard shim. A shim also comes in handy if the gap between the door and the cabinet tapers from top to bottom. This time, though, you'll only shim one of the mortises.

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact Lalo Gonzalez LaLogon@sbcglobal.net or John Hunter john.b.hunter@verizon.net Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

Ryobi 12" Planer \$200
Porter Cable 3 1/4 HP Router \$250
Router Bits \$50
Dewalt 12" Sliding Miter Saw \$800
Jet 13" Band Saw \$200

Ryobi BT3000 10" Table Saw \$150
Dewalt 2 1/2 HP Plunge Router \$200
Router Table \$20
Jet 4" 2 bag Portable Dust Collector \$200
Dewalt/Craftsman 10" Radial Saw \$150

Contact Dwayne Simons 219-787-8453

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WOOD WORKING TOOLS FOR SALE:

All tools are from a personal home shop, not from an industrial application.
Very low hours, excellent condition.



**Delta 10" Table Saw: 3hp,
Biesmeyer fence, general brand rolling base,
maple ply, blades storage cabinet**

**8" Delta Jointer: (msrp \$2134) Long
Bed. Asking \$700 (photo below)**

Also for Sale...

- ❖ 14" band saw, delta **\$250**
- ❖ Makita 6" planer, new in wood box (new: \$650) **\$350**
- ❖ Shop vacuum: stainless steel, Dayton brand, new motor **\$100**
- ❖ Air compressor: 5 hp single phase, 20cfm / 85% duty cycle, 80 gallon horizontal tank, mounted on frame with heavy duty casters. Wyane brand industrial model, use as home workshop air. **\$550**
- ❖ Air dryer: refrigerated, speedaire brand, model 3Z532B. 30hp capacity, Very low hours, (New: \$1200) **\$475**
- ❖ Air dryer: condensing / fan coil, speedaire brand model 5Z758 grainger brand **\$150**
- ❖ Six door cabinets on casters: 6ft wide x 6ft high x 2ft deep w/roll out shelves
On castes for easy movement, all maple plywood construction, mitered joints **\$350**



Re Saw, Hitachi
CB75F: (new \$3500)



20" grizzly planer
(new:\$1500) **\$800**

**Call Howard Lund 312-519-4848
Or email info@metrichome.com**

UPCOMING CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 3 Sat. 9 a.m. Membership Breakfast We meet for a friendly get together at the Old Country Buffet. All members invited. Old Country Buffet [1634 East 80TH Avenue, Merrillville](#)

July 6 Tues. 6 p.m. Executive Board Meeting . [Portage Library 2665 Irving Street Portage](#)

July 20 Tues. 6:30 p.m. Committee Meeting All members are invited.

All committees should be represented. [Hidden Lake Park Merrillville](#)

July 22 Thur. 7 p.m. General Meeting **Program: Four Corner Demos.** [Hidden Lake Park Merrillville](#)

Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 **Special** Fri. -Mon. [Lake County Fair](#) We will have a woodworkers booth at the Fair again this year. [889 South Court Street Crown Point](#)

Aug. 7 Sat. 9 a.m. Membership Breakfast We meet for a friendly get together at the Old Country Buffet. All members invited. Old Country Buffet [1634 East 80TH Avenue, Merrillville](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Shop Lighting Mike Guilfoyle) 7 PM
June 26	Field Trip to the Werther Carving Museum near Dover Ohio
July 3	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
July 5	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
July 20	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
July 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Four Corner Demo) 7 PM
August 6-9	Club Lake County Fair Booth 10 AM – 10 PM
August 7	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
August 17	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
August 26	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
August 29	Club Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
September 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
September 23	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (General Finishes Sheryl Monahan) 7 PM
October 2	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
October 4	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
October 19	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
October 28	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
November 6	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
November 16	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
November 18	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Toy Program & Elections) 7 PM
December 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
December 16	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Christmas Party & Awards Banquet) 7 PM
December 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM

HUMOR

Seventy year old Martha woke her husband, seventy-five year old George from his nap on the sofa. "There is a truck backed up to your shop and thieves are loading up your tools." she told him in a frightened voice.

He immediately looked out the window, then phoned the police.

The police informed him that it was Saturday night and they were really busy but would have an officer over to his place as soon as one was available, probably in about half an hour. He was advised to stay inside the house with the doors locked until they got there.

He hung up the phone, waited about a minute and called back.

"This is the fellow that just called about the thieves stealing his tools, don't hurry, I just shot them."

Three minutes later an ambulance and two police cars arrived and the burglars were caught red-handed.

"What is going on here?" asked one of the officers, "We were informed that you had shot them."

"Yeah, and I was informed that nobody was available." Old George replied

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