

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Corner

### Greetings Fellow Woodworkers

March is finally here! I hope everyone is doing well and did not over indulge in the on Saint Paddy's Day celebrations. I have been extremely busy preparing for the upcoming caver show, turning pens and making stand to display them. Work has not helped with an outage in the Hot Strip mill, too many hours and not enough sleep. Thank you to all that participated in the Jig program last month. I always enjoy seeing the different ideas that each of you come up with to solve a problem in the shop.

It is that time of year again for the 41<sup>st</sup> [Annual Duneland Carver Show](#). The doors open [Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.](#) And [Sunday, April 2nd 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.](#) A sign-up sheet has been started for members that plan on attending this event. We have obtained extra room for displaying your projects this year. Doors will open at 2:30 pm Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> for set up. We will need help setting up and break down on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the end. [This year we will be located in the north west corner by the main entrance.](#) We still have the three table space but right next to the main entrance. Always needed is your best items to show off, and what better way for you to talk about your craftsmanship by attending both days. **Hope to see all of you at the show!**

Our friend and fellow woodworker, Charles "Chuck" A. Norrman has passed away on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I knew Chuck through the American Legion before I joined NIWA; he was very active in the Marine Corp League and loved to get out on his motorcycle. He will be greatly missed.

From Norm Johnson:

Road Trip: Norm Johnson has set up a field trip to Scott Phillips shop! 901 Piqua Troy Rd., Piqua, OH 45356

Be warned that some navigational programs will take you 7 miles south of that to Troy Ohio. My shop is in Piqua. The fastest way to my shop is to take interstate. You can come across on state Route 36 but it is actually slower. So here are the details: Exit from interstate 75 N. from Dayton on County Road 25A. That is at mile marker 78. Turn left or go north north east on County Road 25A. Towards Piqua. Turn right at the first traffic light. That is Peterson Road. Drive across the great Miami river bridge and go to the first stop sign and turn left. That is Piqua Troy Road. Drive 2.1 miles on Piqua Troy Road and enter Piqua city limits. Once entering Piqua city limits, the very first building you come to is my woodshop. It is in the middle of nowhere. It has a green metal roof with a solar array on it! It is offset from the road 190 feet. Look for the Stonewall and the American flag. Big sign on the front gable too!

Program for March will be a demonstration of a Vacuum Chuck presented by our own Denny McCool. Should be very interesting. April will feature Dick Sader along with the Annual 2X4 Challenge. Challenge yourself and see what you can create out of one standard 8 foot 2x4. It is fun and challenging to come up with an idea for this program.

For the Pen Turners: 2017 Chicago Pen Show, May 5-7, Noon – 5:30 pm Friday, 9 am – 5:30 pm Saturday and 9 am – 4 pm Sunday \$5 for Fri, \$10 Sat or Sun. See the Web site for more information. [chicagopenshow.com](http://chicagopenshow.com)

International Association of Pen turners, Chicago Chapter next meeting will be April 22 from 10 am to 1 pm at The New Rockler woodworking and Hardware, 139 S. Weber Rd, Bolingbrook, IL 60490

**Ron Benson** has the 2017 Educational Raffle tickets available now! Get yours soon!

First and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a 10 inch and 8 inch Kindle Fire tablet! I will be donating a Writing Instrument for a prize. Please donate some special handy item that you made to help make this **RAFFLE** a success. When you donate a prize to the raffle you will receive credit to the Achievement Award program.

**2016 Dues are Due!** Be an Early Bird and receive a credit to the Achievement Award program.

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

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

# SHOW AND TELL



Kevin Sturgeon



Bill Schoech



Fred Baginski



Ken Woolard



Duane Bomba



Dick Sader

## SHOP JIGS



Max Hernick



Denny McCoolle



Don Bunce



Bill Schoech



Dick Sader



Jesse Day



Jeff Snellgrove

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Have a number of 8 x 8 and 6 x 6 new glass blocks – various styles of clarity. .50 cents to \$1.00 each.

3 pieces #2 USE Type wire 35-40 Ft, each New – unused. \$60.00

Older Delta 13 x 5-6” Planer Knives. Professionaly Sharpened set of 3. Four sets available to install. \$15.00 each set.

Delta Light Duty Shaper excellent condition, minimum use, mounted, new professional HTC mobile base, number of new cutters, ring guard optional, ¾ HP motor. Come to shop to look and see. \$400.00

Three 5 panel 1920-30’s interior doors. 1 – 32” wide, was swinging door kitchen to dining room. 2 24” wide. All standard height. Looking for a good home – if parted out contains beautiful clear pine. \$1.00 each

Have a number of new hardened nuts & washers from ¼” to ½” minimal cost.

New in boxes 4 foot 2 tube T-12 fixtures – exposed lamps. \$5.00 each

New factory plastic wrapped vinyl awning crank-out window 40” x 26 1/8” – tan vinyl exterior & tan wood interior \$35.00

For all items listed stop in at shop and look and see.

**Contact Alan Kalos 219-962-4812**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2017

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

March 31<sup>st</sup> Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver’s Show

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Booth at Duneland Caver’s Show

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

April 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

April 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
2 x 4 Challenge

May 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

May 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

June 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

July 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

July 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

July 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

August 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 26<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00  
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 13<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00  
PM Toy Program

December 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00  
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

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

## **TIP: Murphy's Oil Soap**

During my career refinishing furniture, Murphy's Oil Soap has morphed from a regionally-available natural soap made with potassium hydroxide (similar to lye) and vegetable oil to a nationally-available furniture-care product. I watched this transformation happen and find the story fascinating.

I find it fascinating because furniture and woodwork don't get dirty very often and washing them with soap and water when they aren't dirty can only cause problems.

Water gets under a finish through cracks and splits and causes the finish to peel. Everyone knows this at some level (just look at the peeling paint on building exteriors) so how did Murphy's pull this off?

Some genius marketing!

Murphy's was started in Ohio in 1889 and owned by the Murphy family until 1991 when the company was bought by Colgate/Palmolive. I called Murphy's in the late 1970s as the transformation was happening. I spoke to a Murphy descendant and got the following story confirmed.

In the early 1970s, Homer Formby started selling his lemon oil by claiming that it replaced the natural oils in wood. Never mind that furniture woods don't contain natural oils and that a finish is there to keep liquids out of the wood. Through 30-minute TV infomercials and thousands of appearances in shopping malls and at antique clubs, Formby was able to implant this false idea into the minds of most Americans as fact.

To wit: Wood contains natural oils that should be replaced regularly with a lemon-oil furniture polish, which is really little more than mineral spirits (petroleum distillate) and a lemon scent.

At the same time, manufacturers of other furniture-care products used advertising to convince people that they needed to "clean" their furniture often with furniture polish.

So along comes this small soap manufacturer that had found a local market selling a natural soap made from vegetable oil and alkali rather than animal fat and alkali, and its product was called "oil" soap! Someone realized that all they had to do was advertise the soap as a furniture-care product and people would draw the conclusion themselves that they were replacing the "natural oils" in wood at the same time they were cleaning their furniture.

Murphy's Oil Soap was transformed from a natural soap to a furniture-care product, sold in the furniture-care section of supermarkets rather than in the soap section.

I hate it that people are so often duped into thinking they should wash their furniture on a regular basis with soap and water. But I stand in awe at the impact of marketing.