

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers. March meeting is canceled due to the virus. I hope everyone is doing well amid this pandemic disaster. My wife and I are getting by with plenty to do in the shop. I have needed to do a good cleaning of the shop for a long time. So far I hope we will still have the April meeting watch your email for updates and our Face Book site. If we have to cancel the April meeting we will still have the 2x4 challenge at the next available meeting. We will be needing some help, when this pandemic is over, to move the library over to the Moose Lodge. At that time we will do an inventory.

I have had a request to bring back the 4 Corners this year. Call me or Jeff Snellgrove if you are interested in putting on a demonstration. This has always been a fun event.

You have the time yet to make your 2x4 challenge project for the April meeting. Let's see what ideas you can come up with!

Remember May is also membership renewal month; please see Ron Benson for your 2020 membership card.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

FROM THE TREASURER

Fellow wood workers; Club dues of \$25.00 can now be paid early for an achievement award. So far only 29 members are paid up. Also raffle tickets are ready for all to take and sell or buy. Without this fundraiser our club could be in financial trouble. Your club has lost a few members now. If you know of a person interested in wood working, talk to them about your club. Bring them in to see what we are about. The club toy program was

short of 1,000 toys last year, Let's all start making toys for those needy kids. Your club still has a lot of wooden cars to be worked on to sell. Pick them up from Ron Benson.

Thank you, HAPPY EASTER

SHOW AND TELL



Kevin Sturgeon



Elmer Phelps



John Fluck



James Krohn



Gene Davis



Ron Benson



Dick Sader



Jon Robbins



Bill Schoech

SHOP JIGS



Ron Benson



Dave Trueb



Bill Schoech



Jon Robbins



Kevin Sturgeon



John Hunter



Elmer Phelps



Kevin Klebs

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

2020

March 26th Membership Meeting **CANCELED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**
April 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
April 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
2 x 4 Challenge
May 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
June 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
July 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
July 9th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM
July 10th – 12th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds
July 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
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 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 22nd Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville
August 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
September 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
October 5th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 19th 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 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
November 19th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Toy Program
December 14th 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

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: How to Lighten an Oil Stain

Say you stain an object with a store-bought oil (“wiping”) stain and the color is too dark. Assuming you haven’t yet applied a finish, how do you lighten it?

Most importantly, don’t sand. Whatever you do, you have to do the same everywhere to keep the color even, and you won’t be able to control the depth you sand to evenly.

It’s much better to try wiping with naphtha. It’s a little stronger than mineral spirits. See if it pulls out some of the color. What you’re trying to do is break down enough of the binder that holds the pigment particles together and to the wood to lift some of the color.

If this doesn’t work, try acetone or lacquer thinner. If this doesn’t work, try paint stripper—any kind. This will be messier, which is why I’m suggesting it last. You ought to be able to remove enough of the color with one of these solvents.

But if you’re still unsuccessful, you could try rubbing with steel wool. It will be easier to rub evenly with steel wool than with sandpaper. You could also try using the steel wool together with one of the solvents to see if that helps. The most important thing is to try to keep the remaining color even.