

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Corner

Greetings Members, Time to work in the shop! Sure it's a little chilly, but the days are longer! Soon we will spend the entire day in the shop! Can't wait, how about you?

Speaking of the shop, John Hunter had a shop visit. I hope you had a chance to stop in. I did. Upon arrival I was warmly greeted by Sandy, John's wife. John uses shop space very efficiently. He has made so many space saving items. Even the sandpaper holder was made by John from the vast number of plans he has collected. The refreshments hit the spot! Thanks John and Sandy for the great shop visit! If you would like to host a shop visit contact our vice president Dick Sader.

Claudia and Skip hosted a toy making workshop. Charlie Morris reported that it was a BIG success. Santa's Helpers had fun working together.

This month Freud Tools will be at the membership meeting. You won't want to miss this meeting! See you at the meeting!

Marcia Lichnerowicz

## SHOW AND TELL



Lalo Gonzalez



John Hunter



Leon Kozlowski



Bob Rinearson



Max Hernick



Marcia Lichnerowicz



Bob Miller



Art Willing



Denny McCoole



Lalo Gonzalez



Jesse Day



Clyde Hewlett



Lou Takacs

## **2 X 4 CHALLENGE**



Jesse Day



John Hunter



Joe McDaniel



Max Hernick

## **NEW LIFE MEMBER**

Frank Kylsa was nominated for a club life membership. Frank is one of our founding members and has a long record of working for the club. A vote was taken at our April meeting and Frank was elected unanimously. Congratulations to Frank.

## **JUNE LIBRARY DISPLAY**

Bring the items you would like to place in our display at the Portage Library to the May club meeting! This is a great way of showing off items you have made and promoting our club. All items will be returned after the exhibit.

## **LAKE COUNTY FAIR**

We will once again have a booth in the Fine Arts Building on August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to man the booth and put on demonstrations. Those that participate get a free pass for the fair and help us show people what our club is all about. Please consider signing up to help even if you can work the booth for just a couple of hours the help is needed and we have a lot of fun. We also need items that members have made for display at the fair. See Marcie Lichnerowicz or John Hunter to sign up at the club meeting or you can call John at 219-962-4741 or email him at [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)

## **MAY MEETING SPEAKER**

Freud Tools will put on a presentation at our May meeting, be sure and make this one as they always put on a great presentation.

## **SHOP VISITS**

John Hunter hosted a shop visit in May. Anyone wishing to host a shop visit should contact Vice President Dick Sader phone: 219-762-9195 Email: [dickswoodshop@yahoo.com](mailto:dickswoodshop@yahoo.com) . Those hosting a shop visit will receive their next year's membership dues paid. Hosting a visit does not require a super shop we all get ideas from seeing how others have set up their shops.

## **TOOL SHARPENING SERVICE**

Members Bob Miller and Skip Brazil recommended that anyone that needs a sharpening service contact Elkhart Sharpening Service, 58033 State Road 19 South, Elkhart Indiana 46517 Phone: -1-800-303-1464.

## **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](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or 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.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2011**

May 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Freud Tools  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Setup Display at Portage Library  
June 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Kreg Jigs  
July 1<sup>st</sup> Take Down Display at Portage Library  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
July 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Dick Sader Aircraft Presentation  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Lake County Fair Club Booth  
August 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon  
September 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
October 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

## **TIP: Ebonize with Black Dye**

The easiest way to ebonize wood is with black dye. Unlike pigment, which is the colorant used in paint and most common stains, dye is transparent so you can apply as much as you want and still see through it. You can get wood totally black using a black dye and still see the grain and figure of the wood underneath.

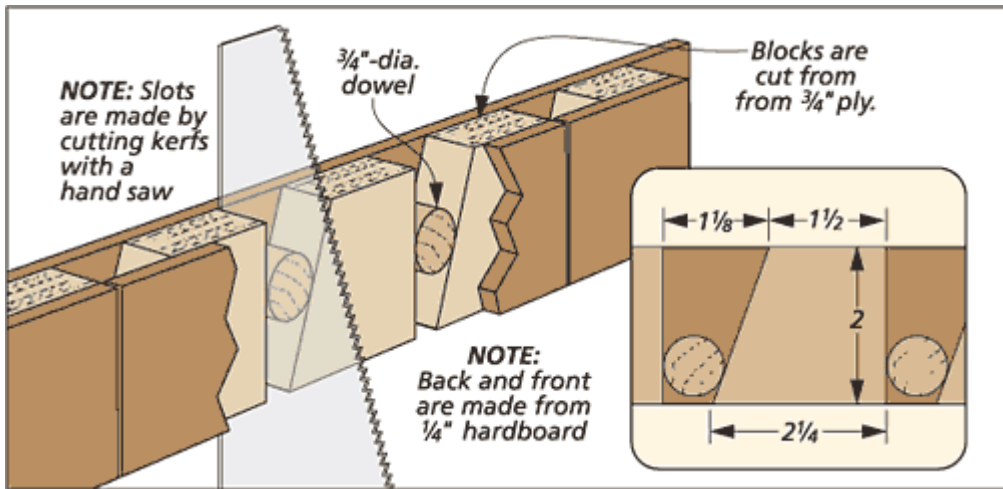
Using dye to ebonize wood is also far more effective than using a rusty solution of vinegar and iron, which is often suggested.

## **Handsaw Rack**



I own a small but very useful collection of handsaws. My problem was finding a handy and safe place to store them. The answer was a simple wall storage rack that keeps the saws out of the way but still easily accessible, as you can see in the photo.

The design of the rack is shown in the drawing below. Basically, it consists of a couple of pieces of hardboard that sandwich a series of beveled blocks. The spaces between the blocks hold loose sections of  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-dia. dowel. And a kerf cut through the outer face allows entrance of the saw blade.



The rack works by pinching the saw blade between the loose section of dowel and the fixed block. To hang up a saw, you simply slip it into the kerf from below and then let the saw drop until the dowel grabs it. To remove a saw, you push it up and out of the kerf.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

## HUMOR

### Farcus

by David Waisglass  
Gordon Coulthart



**"Honey, do we have any elbow grease?"**