

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Here we are half way through May. We have had so much go on this month it's hard to begin and I have been told there is lots of photos so I have to keep this short! First off, Norm Johnson set up a shop visit with Scott Phillips, Star of The American Woodshop. What a fantastic time we all had. Scott made everyone feel so welcome to be there. Many stories were told of life adventures and woodworking tips. We spent over five hours with him and did not want to leave. My wife picked out a thank you card and had all the members in attendance sign it. Scott was so moved by it he said to watch for it in the next season it will be on a cabinet in the background. I have asked Norm if he could keep in contact with Scott and try to setup another visit next year. It was a spiritually moving experience and fantastic time; I wish I could stop in every weekend! Thank you Norm for doing that extra effort and Thank You Scott Phillips for letting us visit.

I met with South Lake County Historical Society on May 8th. We are registered for their 33rd annual show. I will need to get a list of members to them so please sign the sheet at this coming meeting. This is held at the Lake County Fair Grounds in the Arts and Crafts building (same as the fair but along the north wall) this July 7th, 8th, and 9th the building will be open from 9 am to 5 pm, setup will be Thursday July 6th. The goal for this event is to advance our club in the community, gain more members and sell more EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS. So I have a request to all of our turners, can you please turn a couple of pens to give away with 5 raffle tickets. We will have the Slim line kits available for anyone who wants to participate. If we each turn 2 kits we should have enough for the event and maybe extras for the Fair. They don't have to be anything special, whatever kind of scrap wood you have available will do. Also a sign up sheet will be started for those that can attend and help man the booth. Thank You Norm Johnson for making five pens for the event.

The Chicago Pen Show was May 5th through the 7th My Wife and I attended on Sunday I got to see lots of high quality expensive pens. I made some good contacts in the national

pen world there and bought some supplies. It was good to see what goes on at an event like that.

May's Program is a demonstration on 3D Printing.

June's Program is Mickey King and July will be Jeff Postma, Chainsaw carving. July's meeting will start at 6 PM to help Jeff setup and do his demo.

May is Dues Deadline! Check your membership cards and renew now!

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

Treasurer's Corner

NIWA woodworker members; This is a reminder that membership dues are now due at this May meeting for the new upcoming year. Dues are still only \$25.00 per member. A credit for an achievement point is still good if paid at the May meeting. Our Educational raffle is going very slowly with only a few members selling tickets. Some great prizes are there for someone to win. Also the seller of the first prize winner will get a one year free membership and a \$15.00 gift card. Pick up some tickets at the meeting or call Ron Benson at 219-762-8416 and he will send out some to you to sell or buy. This event helps our club to purchase supplies for our toy program and pay our speakers for their demo's and other educational expenses. THANK YOU Ron Benson

SHOW AND TELL



Bill Schoech



Gene Davis



John Novak



Denny McCoolle



Frank Schmidt



Steve Bennett



John Hunter



Kevin Sturgeon



Bill Harbison

SHOP JIGS



Rodney Foster



Norm Johnson



Jesse Day



Max Hernick



Bill Schoech



John Hunter



Kevin Sturgeon

PROGRAM



Dick Sader demonstration on household hacks

FIELD TRIP TO SCOTT PHILLIP'S SHOP

We had a great turnout for the field trip. Those attending were: Norm Johnson, Jon and Lisa Robbins, Kevin and Julie Sturgeon, Marcia and Duane Bomba, Rodney Foster, Sue and Gene Davis, Steve Bennett, Elmer and Linda Phelps, Jeff Snellgrove, Bob Rinearson, Kevin Klebs and Bill Harbison.

On April 29 fifteen of our members took to the (rainy) road headed for Piqua, Ohio to visit Scott Phillips and his shop. Scott and his wife Suzy are the hosts of American Woodshop on PBS. Scott welcomed us with open arms and for four hours told us numerous stories and gave us many valuable tips. As advertised Scott made a band saw box to give to a lucky person, me! Scott even bought us pizza for lunch as we browsed his 1840's milking barn loaded with prized wood. Scott was in awe of President Kevin's pens and he even bought one. We missed Scott's wife Suzy as she was doing her job as a flight attendant, she was over Iceland at the time. I am very pleased to have arranged the trip for our club and we thank Scott again for his super hospitality.

Norm Johnson



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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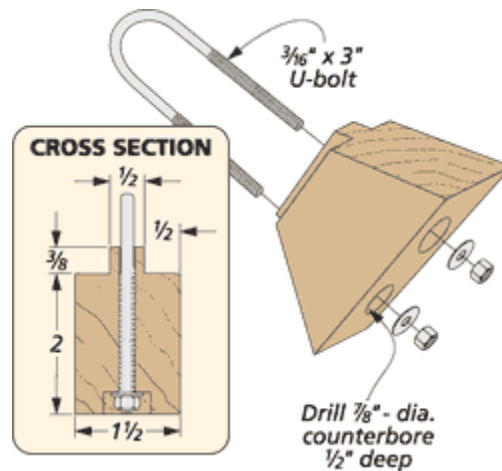
May 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
June 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
July 10th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
July 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
August 3rd Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 4th – 7th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
August 26th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville
September 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
October 2nd Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
November 13th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
November 16th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
PM Toy Program
December 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Pipe Clamp Stand

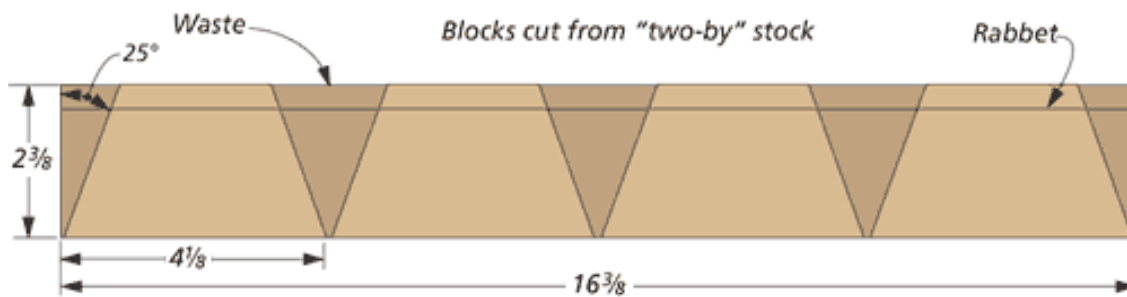
I have a wall full of pipe clamps in my shop. And most woodworkers would agree that they're a great, low-cost clamping option. But at times relying on pipe clamps can generate some frustration. The small "feet" on the clamp heads don't provide a very stable platform, allowing them to tip over easily. And little clearance for the handle can make tightening the clamps a challenge.



I was able to put an end to both these problems by making some stands for my pipe clamps. The stands, shown in the photo, give the clamps a very stable footing, as well as creating extra clearance for the handle.



The construction details are shown in the drawings at right. You'll start by cutting a length of 2x stock to width and then rabbeting both sides of one edge. This creates a narrow tongue that accommodates the screw head. Then you can cut the individual blocks to shape. Drill a couple of counterbored holes for the U-bolt and the stand is ready to be installed.



A bonus is that the stands can be added to the clamps or removed in a snap. And now, when I get the glue out for an assembly, I have one less concern.

Good Woodworking, Ted Raife
 Online Editor, *Woodsmith*