

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We had a number of raffle tickets turned in at the October Meeting. I think I was told we are over \$700.00 so far on the sales. This money will help our club provide for needy kids this year at Christmas as well as educational programs in the future. Thanks to all for helping make our raffle a success. Please bring any ticket stubs and money to the November meeting. We will hold the raffle right after our coffee break.

At the October meeting we held the nominations for the 2011 officers. The nominees are as follows:

PRESIDENT - **NO NOMINEE**

VICE PRESIDENT - DICK SADER

TREASURER - CHARLIE MORRIS

SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

Additional nominations will be held prior to the election and later in this newsletter you can find a nomination form, forms will also be available at the meeting. The election will take place at the November meeting. I will NOT be running for an office in 2011. The club needs some member to step up to the nomination.

The club is also in need to some committee chairpersons:

Webmaster - Bob Roach is retiring but will be glad to work with the new person for some training. If you have a bit of computer know-how, please talk to Bob about what the job is all about. Our web site has been a great resource for our club and BOB ROACH has done a great job for many years.

Programs - The club has been without a chairperson for the last year so the officers have worked to try and get some programs. Some programs have already been lined up for 2011. We need one or two people to take on the job, with the continuing help and guidance of the officers. The position requires making a few phone calls and some emails.

Librarian - This is another job the Bob Roach took care of for many years and did a GREAT JOB of taking our library from a couple boxes full of books to what it is today. Our library has grown into a very large resource of information for club members. The main task is seeing that items are checked out and returned. Keeping the cabinet organized in the code system that Bob set up is an easy task. Again, please talk to Bob as we need someone to take over this job. Bob Roach 923-8456
Please get involved in your club. We have some really good attendance at meetings and I think we have many good programs and provide learning opportunities for our members.

NOMINATIONS FORM

NOMINATION FOR NIWA OFFICERS 2011

PRESIDENT _____
VICE PRESIDENT _____
SECRETARY _____
TREASURER _____

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR NIWA

I have been in contact with Marc Adams and he is booked up for weekends in 2011. We will have to look into some other similar programs for the club for next year. We will have some more discussion on this at the November meeting. If anyone has any ideas for educational programs for the club, please let me know or bring the information to the meeting.

TURNING CLASS

The turning class taught by Patrick McDaniel from Niles Michigan and held at Denny McCoole's shop in Crown Point was great. In attendance were Norm Johnson, Ronnie Rogers, Tina Villarreal, Lalo Gonzalez, Max Hernick, Dave Skaggs, Denny McCoole, Joe McDaniels, John Hunter and Phil Malavolta.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Max Hernick, Denny McCool, Lalo Gonzales, Norm Johnson, Dick Sader, Lou Takacs, and Ron Benson for donating the prizes for our club raffle. The drawing for the raffle will take place at the November membership meeting.

RAFFLE REMINDER

Just a reminder to turn in any sold raffle tickets. The drawing will take place during the November Club Meeting.

TOYS FOR KIDS REMINDER

Just a reminder to bring the toys you have made to the November meeting! They will be displayed at the meeting and distributed to organizations for children that might not get a toy without this program.

SHOW AND TELL



Phil Malavolta



Max Hernick



Jim Schuster



Ken Woolard



John Sturk



Bob Miller



Jim Jones



Bob Rinearson



Leon Kozlowski



John Hunter



Lalo Gonzalez



Paul Jarrell

Christmas Party

Our December meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2010 due to the Holiday period. As usual we will have a buffet dinner with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share such as a vegetable, salad, or dessert. We always have a delicious assortment of foods.

At the October meeting began to sign-up members and guests, so we will know how much chicken, etc., the club will need to order from a local grocery deli. We will again be asking for a \$5.00 per person refundable deposit. This money will be refunded to you at the party and is a method started a few years ago as a way we minimize the no-shows.

ELECTIONS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

We will be holding elections for officers for 2011 at our November 18th meeting. At the October meeting the following nominations were made:

Dick Sader – Vice President
Charlie Morris – Treasurer
John Hunter – Secretary

Additional nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. We especially need a member willing to run for the office of president. Please consider serving as a club officer and contact Lou Takacs to place yourself or another club member in nomination for a club office.

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@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

Ryobi 18 Volt Drill Recall

Ryobi is recalling their 18 volt battery drill Model # HP 1802M. The switch could catch fire. If you have this drill call Ryobi recall at 1-800-597-9624, have the drill when you call so that you can tell them the serial number and other information. They will make arrangements for FedEx to pick it up and will send you a new drill.

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Sanding Flat Surfaces

Always back sandpaper with a flat sanding block when hand sanding flat surfaces such as tabletops to avoid grooving out the softer, spring growth, areas of the wood. (It's rarely necessary to use a sanding block when sanding between coats of finish because you're using very fine grit sandpaper and not sanding through the finish to the wood.)

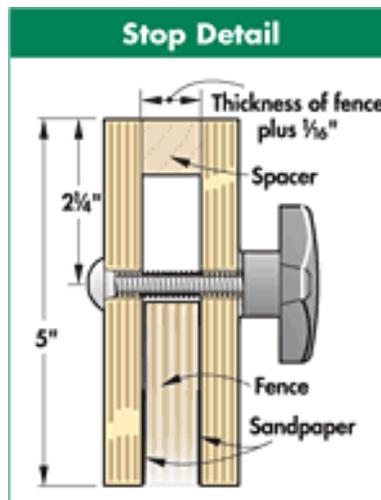
You can use a commercial sanding block such as the Zip Sander, TheFinishingStore.Com, or you can make your own sanding block, from a piece of wood with 1/8-inch gasket cork glued to the bottom

A Quick & Easy Stop Block



Stop blocks are an indispensable accessory when cutting pieces to length on the table saw or miter saw. And they don't get much simpler or quicker to make than this one.

Designed to clamp onto a fence, this stop block is made from two 3" × 5" pieces of 1/2" plywood. A solid-wood spacer that's 1/16" wider than the thickness of the fence holds the plywood pieces apart. (My fence is 3/4" thick, so I made a 13/16"-wide spacer.)



Tightening a knob on a carriage bolt that passes through both pieces of plywood clamps the stop block to the fence. A strip of sandpaper (for a wood fence) or rubber (for a metal fence) attached to the inside faces of the stop block provides a firm grip on the fence.

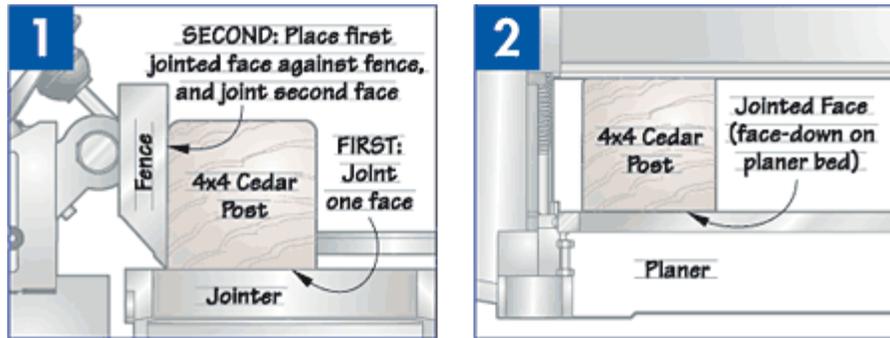
<http://www.woodsmithtips.com/>

Flat, Straight, & Square: Stock Prep Secrets



Jointing and planing stock before you build is always a good idea, even on already “square” pieces like 4x4 cedar posts. Not only do these tools produce straight faces that are square to each other, but they also clean up dings and scuffs and crisp up the corners of the dimensional cedar.

When machining these cedar posts, the first step is to create two flat, adjoining faces. In order to do this, start by making one face flat on the jointer. Then, simply turn the post 90°, set the jointed face against the fence, and joint the adjoining face (*Fig. 1*).



Now you’re ready to move to the planer. Place one of the jointed faces down on the planer bed, and make a pass. Then flip the piece 90° again to plane the adjoining face. Continue making passes through the planer this way until the pieces reach the desired width and thickness (*Fig. 2*).

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

HUMOR

Bob goes to see his supervisor at the woodwork shop.

“Boss,” he says, “we’re doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff.”

“We’re short-handed, Bob,” the boss replies. “I can’t give you the day off.”

“Thanks boss,” says Bob, “I knew I could count on you!”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

November 16 Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
November 18 Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Toy Program & Elections) 7 PM
December 16 Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Christmas Party & Awards Banquet) 7 PM
December 21 Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

January 3rd Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
January 18th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
January 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Tool Auction
February 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
February 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
March 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
April 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
May 17th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
May 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Freud Tools
June 15th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 11th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
July 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 5th – 8th Lake County Fair Club Booth
August 16th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 28th Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 14th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
September 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 3rd Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
October 18th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs
November 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 17th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 20th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
December 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

2010 Committee Members

President Lou Takacs
Vice President Dick Sader
Treasurer Charlie Morris
Secretary John Hunter
Achievement John Hunter
Audit Bill Harbison
Badges Elizabeth Carlsson
Bargain Alerts John Hunter
Christmas Exhibit Nancy & Merle Distel
Christmas Party Claudia Brazil & Marcie White
Community Liaison Dick Sader
Discounts George Hamnik
Drawings Phil Malavolta
Exhibits Marcie White & Phil Malavolta
Field Trips Leon Kozlowski
Fund Raising Norm Johnson
Hats & Shirts Fred Baginski
Historian Art & Helen Willing
Hospitality Charles Norman
Lake County Fair Lou Takacs
Library Bob Roach
Membership/sign-in George Salatas
Mini-Seminars John Sturk & Bob Miller
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Recycling Claudia Brazil
Shop Visits Dick Sader
Show & Tell Denny McCool & Max Hernick
SIG Carving Carl Mills
SIG Scroll Saw Dick Sader
SIG Turning Denny McCool
Toys for Kids Bob Roach, Claudia Brazil & Skip Brazil
Videographer Carl Mills & Max Hernick
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