

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

This month's meeting will be busy. There will be a lot going on. This is our annual toy giveaway. If you are bringing toys or extra boxes, please come in through the back parking lot as usual. The parking lot lights will be on and the doors unlocked. Please be there by 5:30 so that we can get everything arranged before the meeting and pictures can be taken of the toys on the tables before the disbursement begins.

There will also be a silent auction set up to sell the items recently donated to our club. A mailing was sent out previously describing the items available. All proceeds go to our club so bid generously. Bidding on these items will cease at 8 pm so that the sales can be finalized.

This years raffle drawing will be held this night also. Good luck to everyone.

Member John Fluck will be bringing a truck load of construction cut-offs to the parking lot if anyone would like some.

Our Christmas party will be coming up soon. If you intend to go you must sign up by the end of this meeting. A sign-up sheet and side dish sign up list (potluck) will be there. As is custom, Christmas gifts for the ladies will be needed.

Some of us have been searching for possible hosts for a new modern website. We think that we have found a winner and will present it to you at this meeting. Treasurer Dennis Byron has put together a great Power Point presentation and will describe everything in detail. At the end of the presentation, we will call for a vote on whether to proceed.

It is also election night for next years officers. Nominees currently are myself for president, George Denton for Vice president, Dennis Byron for Treasurer and John Hunter for secretary. A final call for nominations will be taken from the floor before a call to vote.

Last, but not least, as a thank you for all your dedication and hard work this year, it has been decided that the Club will provide PIZZA for all attendees at this meeting!

I would like to again remind everyone that your attendance is also very important for us to be able to conduct our business. To be able to legally conduct some of the things that we need to do, we need to have a quorum of members present. In any item that is presented for a vote of the membership on the floor, this is the case. If we do not have enough members (in good standing) present. No vote can be called for and must be tabled for a later time. This is particularly important for the elections coming up at the November meeting. PLEASE ATTEND AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.

REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on November 20th @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose

See you at the meeting,
Jeff Snellgrove
President NIWA

MONEY TALKS

Welcome to the November edition of Money Talks!

Who ordered the snow?

2025 Event Highlights

It's getting to look a lot like Christmas, or Festivus or however you celebrate the season. This year has been a great year from a financial perspective. We find the club in a strong position going into the new year and the last half of our fiscal year. We still have some expenses to pay out such as our Raffle drawing coming up in November and our holiday party in December. Still with that we are in a much better place financially than we have in the past. This has allowed the club to invest in such things as a storage unit for all our club stuff. We had to double the size of our unit as we have more items than we had counted on.

We have grown our membership to 58 with the addition of 2 new members in October. We are continuing to look at other ways to invest in our continued success. Currently we are researching options to update and improve our web presence. We will discuss this at the November meeting and hopefully have some good news for the membership after that.

2025 Raffle Update

We're wrapping up our 2025 raffle sales! Please remember:

- Sell any remaining 2025 raffle tickets by November 20th.
- Turn in ticket stubs by our November meeting, when we'll select our three winners.
- Return any unsold tickets so we can close out the books.
- New tickets for the 2026 raffle will be available after our November meeting. I have upped our order to 1,500 tickets for 2026.

Looking Ahead

Our financial success and growth are a direct result of your teamwork and passion. Let's keep up the momentum and finish 2025 strong! If you have questions or want to get more involved, please reach out to the board.

Thank you again for your dedication. Here's to an amazing finish to 2025!

Dennis Byron

SHOW AND TELL



Norm Johnson



Tom Ford



Don Miller & George Denton



Jesse Carrillo



Earl Lakia



Bill Schoech



Don Miller



Julie Sturgeon



Gene Davis



Kevin Sturgeon

CROWN POINT LIBRARY DISPLAY



Don Miller





PROGRAM



George Denton on wood moisture content

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter hunterjohn4841@gmail.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 hunterjohn4841@gmail.com

2025

November 20th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Toy Program

December 10th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM

December 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards