

# WOOD CHIPS



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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** Hello everyone, the October meeting will have guest, Marcia Yrineo from the Duneland Woodcarvers will give a demo and talk. Just a notice that we will start at 6:30 PM with the Oktoberfest. If you can help please show up at 6. We can always use some help from our members to make this work.

**Oktoberfest** The Club will provide the brats, buns, chips, and kraut at our October meeting. Beverage of choice can be obtained in the social quarters. Our new meeting hall has plenty of room for any social distancing concerns and sanitizers are available.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** November is knocking on the door, we need the nominating committee to start the process of gathering nominee's for this year's elections.

**Message from Santa:** The Toy Program is nearing the deadline (November meeting). Time to start putting the finishing touches on the toys for the needy children. Also we need the names of the Charitable organizations with contacts and address of the organization you would like to see get these items. It will be your responsibility to get the items delivered to your organization(s). You can submit the names of organizations at our next meeting or email them to John Hunter at [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com). November's meeting is when these toys are passed out and time is running short. Please help where you can and thanks to all members who have and are helping make a merrier Christmas for some needy children.

Educational Raffle Tickets are still available. Drawing is held at the November meeting.

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

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL



**Jeff Snellgrove**



**Ron Benson**



**Jon Robins**



**Ron Benson**



**Bill Schoech**



**Jeff Snellgrove**



**Don Bunce**



**John Hunter**



**Kevin Sturgeon**

**FAVORITE/LEAST FAVORITE TOOL**



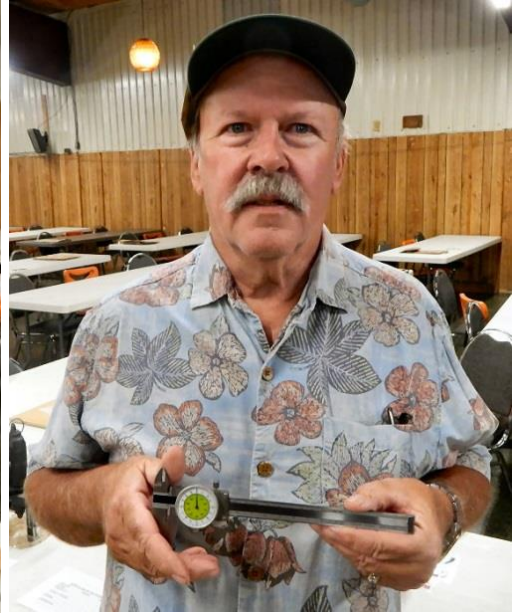
**Kevin Sturgeon**



**John Hunter**



**Jon Robbins**



**Bob Miller**



**Jeff Snellgrove**



**Bill Schoech**



**Dick Sader**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)**

*For sale:*

2 pcs popular – no knots, surfaced both faces. 1 pc 1 3/4" x 7 5/8" x 56" about 5 bd feet - \$10.00, 1 pc 2" x 7 5/8" x 56" about 5 1/2 bd ft. \$10.00

1 pc popular 1 7/8" x 5 3/8" x 49" - \$8.00

1 pc cherry 3 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 7' 3" long - \$10.00

1 large roll of cheese cloth – 9" in diameter 18" long roll - \$5.00

A number of 1 1/8" thick x 11 1/4" wide x 8' long some knots – ponderosa pine stock - \$5.00 each

5 pc cast iron grinder stand base (very heavy 3 leg) column – water pot support – water pot – top grinder mount pc – USA made not China junk excellent condition – also a number of electrical motors various HP some new.

Prices are not firm. Come to the shop & look see at the various items I'm offering. Al Kalos 962-4812

## 2020

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 11<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

November 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00  
PM Toy Program

December 9<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

December 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 6:00  
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

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

#### **TIP: Two tricks to successful French polishing**

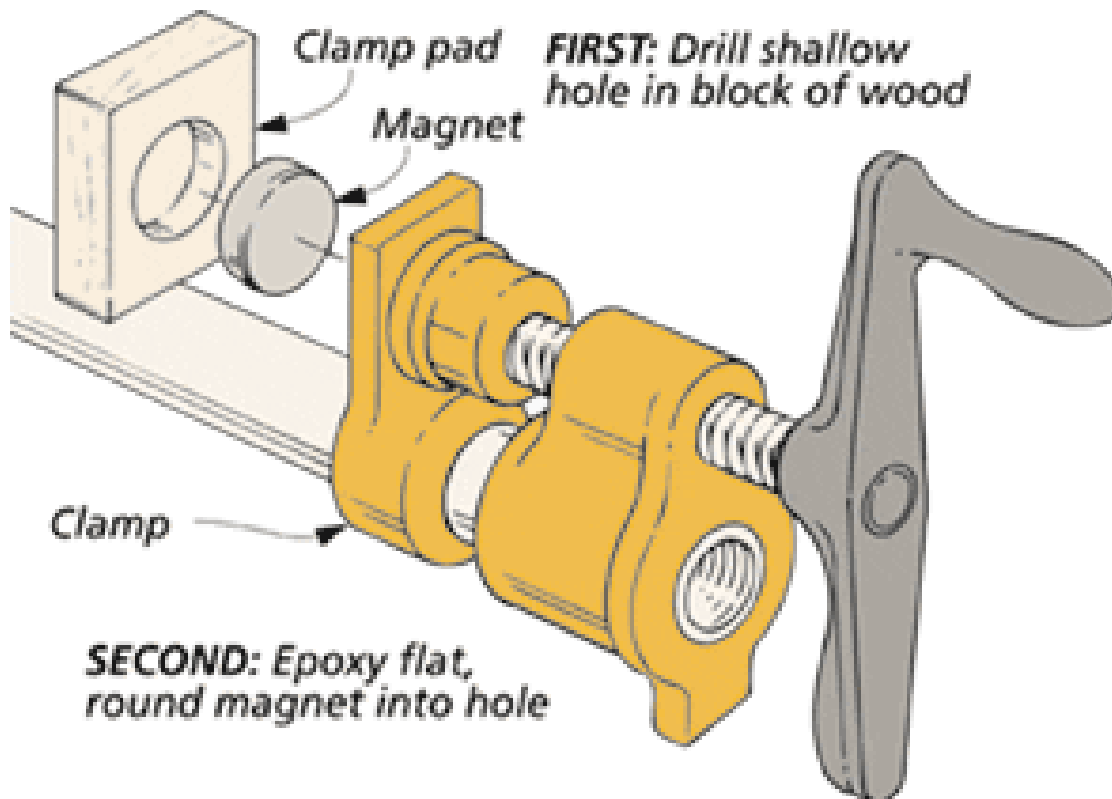
There are two very useful tricks to getting good results when French polishing.

The first is to achieve a one-foot-or-less “comet’s tail” trailing the pad as you move it over the surface—as shown in the accompanying picture. This tail is made by the alcohol in the French-polishing solution evaporating through the oil (also in the solution). If the tail is too long, the pad is too wet, and you’ll probably damage the surface. When the tail gets really short, just a couple of inches, this is the signal that you need to add more shellac, alcohol and oil (I use mineral oil) to the pad.

The second is to slowly reduce to zero the ratio of shellac to denatured-alcohol solvent as you near the end. There is still shellac in your pad, so you will still be depositing some shellac on the surface, but your “rag tracks,” which are the rag equivalent of brush marks, will be reduced to almost nothing.

I find it helpful to have two containers, one with two-pound-cut shellac and the other with denatured alcohol. I begin the French polishing by applying a little from each to the pad, together with a couple of finger dabs of mineral oil. As I progress, I reduce the amount of shellac and increase the amount of alcohol, until I’m adding only alcohol.

## Magnetic Clamp Pads



Whenever I use pipe clamps, I like to place a block of wood between the clamp and my workpiece. This clamping pad helps prevent damaging the surface of the wood. The problem is trying to hold the block in place as you tighten the clamp.

To solve this, I made some magnetic clamp pads. Each pad is just a block of wood with a shallow hole drilled in the center. Then I epoxied a small magnet into the hole, as you can see in the drawing. The magnet holds the pad in place, leaving me with both hands free to align and tighten the clamp on the workpiece.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*