

WOOD CHIPS



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From The President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Hello everyone, October meeting is here and we are bringing Brat Fest back! The Menu will be brats, buns, chips, and kraut. Beverage of choice can be obtained in the social quarters. George Denton and I have volunteered to help prepare and cook the brats.

Elections/NOMINATING COMMITTEE: November Elections is here. Here is your chance to become an executive board member for 2024! At the October meeting you can submit your name for nomination in the November elections, You can be President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer consider running for an office! The members are great & you can take this Club in any direction that you feel is best for the club.

Message from Santa: **The Toy Program** is nearing its deadline (November 16th 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. The organizations has dwindled down from years past, please check with your church and other charitable organizations. 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.

November's meeting is when these toys are passed out and time is running short. We will need some extra boxes and or bags to package up the toys to go to their destinations. Please help where you can and thanks to all members who have and are helping make a merrier Christmas for some needy children.

Christmas Party is coming up on December 14th, 2023 at 6:00 PM (a week before and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at 6 PM. A sign up sheet for our members and their guest will be at the October meeting. The dinner will be buffet style with the club

providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish and some handmade presents to share with the ladies. We always have wonderful selection of foods.

A **sign up sheet** will be available at the next meeting for the Christmas party and gifts for our ladies.

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

October Program will be on Segmented Bowl turning hosted by our own member Bill Schoech.

NOTE TIME AND DATE changes for the last two months of the year! November 16th at 7 PM general meeting date and time. December 14th at 6 PM general meeting date and time.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

SHOW AND TELL



George Denton



Bill Schoech



Jon Robbins



Dick Sader



Gene Davis

FROM THE TREASURER

Your club still only charges a yearly dues of \$25.00 per person and \$35.00 per husband and wife. But, the amount we take in is not sufficient to pay the costs to run the club. Our Raffle helps to supplement for all other costs we need, like buying toy supplies, picnic

costs, Christmas costs, speakers, and many other items like buying hats, pen kits, gift cards, refreshments. Members selling raffle tickets at the Tractor shows and to family and friends is very important. Thank you to all those members that sell tickets, and help at the tractor shows and make a donation to your club. Without club participation at meetings and events your club would not be as financially sound as we are so far. NIWA thanks you very much.

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

For sale; Makita cut off saw and grinder with many disks and grinding wheels. \$50.00
Contact Ron Benson



2023

September 28th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools & Silent Auction

October 2nd Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

October 18th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

October 26th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

November 8th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

November 16th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM Toy Program

December 6th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

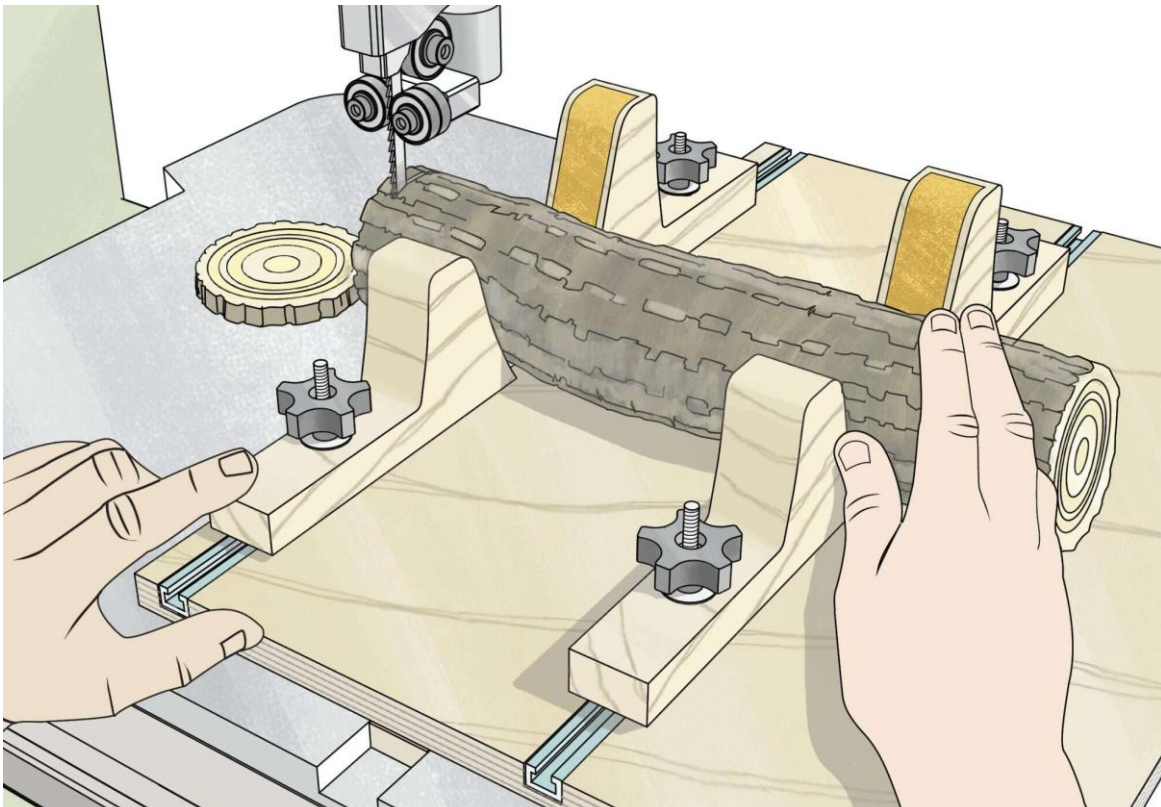
December 14th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Woodworking Tips

Slick sled for sawing shapes

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his bandsaw sled holds oddly shaped pieces like burls and small logs using four movable, curved jaws that pivot and slide on the base to almost any position. Create a plywood base and install a pair of T-tracks in grooves. Attach a hardwood runner that fits your miter slot and positions the base against the blade Cut the jaws from 2-by stock. (Download a pattern at woodmagazine.com/286patterns.) Then, drill a hole in the "tail" of each jaw for a 1/4"-20 bolt. Prevent workpieces from slipping by adhering 100-grit sandpaper to the jaw faces. Add a bolt, jaw, washer, and knob to the T-track in the sled base.

Never-Fail Miter Joint Clamp



Clamping up four mitered corners is tricky. You can buy specialty clamps for this, but I [make my own](#). Here's how to do it: Start with a long 1×4, as it's easier (and safer) to clamp for making the angled cuts than a short piece. Mark out the blocks, and then drill a 1-in. diameter hole in the center of each one. The hole prevents the blocks from getting glued to your project. Cut 45-degree angles tangent to the hole, and then cut the blocks free from the long board.