

# WOOD CHIPS



## Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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### President's Corner – September 2010

By Lou Takacs

I hope all members who attended the August meeting came away with a bit more knowledge of wood dust. The hazards and solutions for your shop are something every woodworkers needs to consider in working with wood.

I want to thank the members who contacted me in regards to the raffle and expressed their desire to continue with the project. More on the raffle later in the newsletter.

This month we will be having a program/presentation on finishing and General Finish products. We had a similar program a few years ago that proved to be very informative. I encourage members to ask questions you might have.

The club picnic had a beautiful day this year. The bees were hardly noticeable and the weather was great. Thanks to Fred for bringing his grill and being our chef/grillmaster again. The pork rollups that he prepared were very tasty. All of the delicious items brought by members made for a really good meal with plenty to go around. Thanks to Claudia Brazil for being Chairperson again this year and purchasing the items that the club provided. And THANKS to ALL the members who came out to spend a little time together.

We made a Lifetime membership presentation to Tom Howarth at our August meeting. Tom has been a true friend to our club and we hope he is able to come more meetings in the future.

### **WELCOME CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE**

We are still in need of more ornaments for our display Christmas tree at the Welcome Center. We also are looking for some lights for the tree. I can either go with all white or multi colored depending upon how many strings I get of each. Right now it looks like we'll have to go with a 6 ft tree because of the amount of ornaments so far (I really need more even for this size). I need the lights and ornaments at the September meeting. If a member isn't able to attend the meeting, he can call me and we will arrange a way to get the ornaments.

Thanks,

Nancy Distel

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## **MARC ADAMS SEMINAR FOR NIWA**

Marquetry, Cabinetmaking, Methods of woodworking (embellishing your work), Design, Machine set-up & techniques, Joinery, Get the most from your router, Fundamental Woodworking (beginner & intermediate skill), Basic Veneering were the choices for the members to vote at the August meeting. We will continue the voting at the September meeting for those who did not get a chance or were not there.

On the list of programs - mark the row with your name for your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for a program. One possibility is we can get a group together and travel to his school for a one day seminar, which can be during the week or a weekend. Cost would be around \$90-100/per person. Second option is for Marc to come here for a one day seminar.

We hope to use some of the proceeds from the raffle for this educational event.

### **RAFFLE FOR EDUCATION FUND**

The raffle for our education/charity fund is now scheduled for the drawing to take place at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The money will be used to fund programs/speakers for our club meetings, charity activities, and seminars on woodworking techniques. This money will benefit ALL members, so I encourage ALL members to please help out and sell a few raffle tickets.

We will have a number of items for prizes, the exact number is not known as of this writing for the newsletter, as I am collecting them from members. I will put together a sheet with photos of all of the items and some general information about the raffle that members can use to show potential ticket buyers what the raffle is about and items up for raffle. Each member selling tickets will have one of these sheets to aid in the sales.

I am having the tickets printed and hope to have them for the September meeting so we can start to sell them to friends, neighbors and relatives.

The raffle drawing will be held at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Winners need NOT be present to win. The raffle will be a random drawing for each prize to be awarded. The winners DO NOT get to pick which item they want, it is a random drawing.

### **Field Trip to Johnson's WOOD EXPO in Charlotte, MI**

Four members made the trip to Johnson's WOOD EXPO 2010 on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. There were a large number of vendor representatives on site providing demos and information on their lines of products. Many bargains were available on wood that was bundled in 40 to 100 board foot packages that were 6 and 8 foot long. An example was the Red Oak planed both sides and one edge cut straight was just over \$1.00 BF. The only problem was, it started to rain and even with a covered pickup truck, we were concerned about getting the wood soaked on the way home.

Those members attending did however pickup a few other bargains in supplies for our woodworking and watched some very interesting demos and seminars on turning, joinery, and other woodworking areas. I was able to get some contact information from the vendors for some future club programs.

I look forward to 2011 WOOD EXPO and plan to make the trip. I think it's worth the drive and hopefully the weather will be better.

## PICNIC

A great time was had by all, the weather was warm but a nice breeze was blowing. Claudia and her committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to Fred for cooking, the food was great! Many fun prizes were won at the bingo.



## SHOW AND TELL



Claudia Brazil



John Sturk



Phil Malavolta



John Hunter



John Novak



Kevin Sturgeon



Max Hernick



John Sturk



Roger Glennon



Lalo Gonzalez



Phil Malavolta



Leon Kozlowski



Denny McCool



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Lou Takacs

### 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](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or John Hunter [john.b.hunter@verizon.net](mailto:john.b.hunter@verizon.net) Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

## Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

### TIP: Avoiding Orange Peel

Orange peel is an irregular or bumpy surface in a sprayed finish caused by spraying a liquid that is too viscous, or thick, with too little air pressure, or by moving the spray gun too fast or holding it too far from the surface.

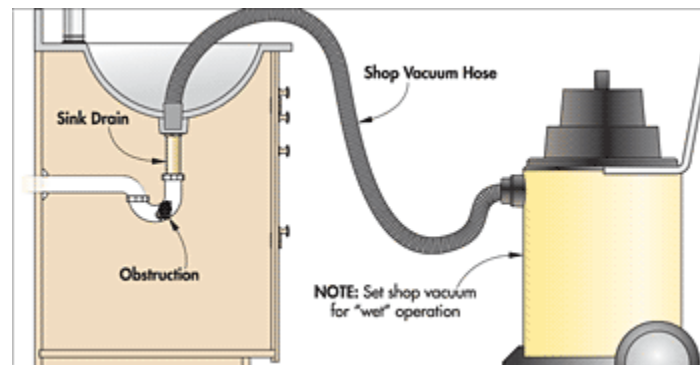
When defined in this manner, the methods for avoiding orange peel are obvious. To reduce or eliminate orange peel, thin the finish or increase air pressure (or both). If you're using a turbine rather than compressor, you can't increase air pressure. So thin the finish.

Also, arrange lights so you can see how the spray wets the surface in a reflection as you're spraying. Adjust your speed and distance so you are spraying an evenly wet coat.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
September 23	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (General Finishes Sheryl Monahan) 7 PM
October 4	Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
October 19	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
October 28	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
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

## Shop Vacuum Ends Clogs



Frustrated by repeated attempts to unclog my sink with expensive liquid drain cleaners, I resorted to my shop vacuum. And what started almost as an act of desperation became my first choice when it comes to fighting clogged drains.

Just fit the nozzle of the vacuum hose tightly in the drain opening. Make sure the vacuum is set for "wet" operation, and then switch it on. It should remove the obstruction in seconds.

## Finish Nailer No-Mar Nose Pad



The non-mar nose pad on my finish nailer disappeared almost immediately after I bought it. And as luck would have it, the part was no

longer available. So I improvised a nose pad by dipping the metal tip into a rubberized plastic coating. (The coatings are available at most home centers and hardware stores.) The new nose pad cushions the blow from the nailer, so I don't have to worry about marring a project.

Happy home improvement,

Wyatt Myers  
Online Editor, *Workbench*

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

## HUMOR

REAL LIFE ADVENTURES By Wise & Aldrich



The term woodworking covers a lot of ground

A scrawny little carpenter is sitting at the bar having a beer, a big burly goof walks in and WHACK, smacks the little carpenter on the ear knocking him off his stool.

"That was a karate chop from Korea," the big goof laughs as he sits down and orders a beer.

No sooner had the little carpenter settled himself back on the stool, when the big goof stands up and WHACK, smacks him on the other ear knocking him off the stool again.

"That was a judo chop from Japan," he laughs going back to his beer.

The little guy gets up, dusts himself off and leaves the bar.

He returns a couple minutes later, walks up behind the big goof, WHACK, knocks him out cold.

"When he comes to tell him that was a wrecking-bar from Sears," he grins to the bartender as he leaves.

## ***“The Handmade Toy Alliance launches new website”***

Stamford, CT – August 2, 2010 – This past month, the Handmade Toy Alliance (HTA) launched a new web site with improved member and navigation features. The updated site will allow the HTA to more easily support small batch manufacturers and specialty retailers as well as share information with the public.

“Since our inception in November of 2008, and later incorporation in April of 2009, the HTA has grown by leaps and bounds – now supporting over 400 small businesses nationwide,” stated Randy Hertzler, Board Member and owner of EuroToyShop (PA) and BigWindow LLC ( <http://www.bigwindow.net> ), a web design and programming company. “The new site will allow us to connect with members quicker and easier with new forums, interactive features and an eventual marketplace.”

“This has been a massive undertaking,” Hertzler shared. “Since we began as a grassroots organization, our information was stored in 3 or 4 different locations and formats. Installing the new web site allows us to organize our data in one central location and helps to move our alliance forward as it develops into a professional trade organization.”

"We were lucky that Randy was able to combine his experiences as a toy store owner and programmer for our cause," said HTA vice president Dan Marshall of Peapods Natural Toys (MN). Layout and navigation design for the new site was also donated by graphic designer and branding consultant, Lizzie Sorensen ( <http://www.lizziesorensen.com> ). "Many hours of work went in to this effort which will benefit our members for years to come," Marshall added.

The HTA includes retail stores, toymakers and children's product manufacturers from across the country who want to preserve consumer access to unique handmade toys, clothes and all manner of small batch children's goods in the USA. Formed in November of 2008 in response to the CPSIA, HTA members are parents, grandparents and consumers who are passionate about their businesses as well as the safety of the children in their lives. While in support of the spirit of the law, the unintended consequences of the CPSIA have motivated members of the HTA to work to enact change at a federal level. For more information, visit <http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org> .

### **The following links added by John Hunter:**

***A copy of the Guide to Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) can be downloaded in PDF format at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/smbus/sbguide.pdf>***

***The CPSIA flow chart showing just what must be tested can be viewed at: <http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org/Resources/CPSIATestingFlowchart.aspx>***

***5 Changes that would be needed for CPSIA that would allow clubs like ours to continue making toys for needy children: <http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1Wpzw1DdILg%3d&tabid=89&mid=410>***

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