

# WOOD CHIPS



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## President's Rambling's

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** Wow what a fantastic end to August and beginning for September! Julie and I spent the last week of Aug. at MASW and we had to beat feet to make the Annual Club Picnic that was on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Turn out was a little light possible due to the road construction out front of the Moose Lodge but the road was still open to there. Jon & Lisa Robins did a great job coordinating the meal, the hamburgers turned out great. Awards for 2020 were handed out at this gathering because of the covid closures of last year.

Julie and I attended Johnson's Workbench, WOOD EXPO in Charlotte, MI. on September 10th & 11th. We sat in on some seminars while there. We talked to Chris Conners from Freud about some new sanding paper and blocks, similar to the Merka grid paper. Jim Smily put on demonstrations on the Deft stains over the two days. John Wilson is still going strong at 82, he put on a seminar on hardening steel for homemade wood tools. And we saw Zach Dillinger give a talk on hand planes and how to sharpen Julie really liked the way Zack and John explained how to sharpen in a way that worked for her.

Fall Harvest Fest starts the weekend after our next club meeting at Sunset Hill Farm Co. Park

Sept, 24-26, set up on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00. We sure can use some items donated that we can sell at this show. If you cannot attend you can drop them off at the next meeting. I wish I had more information for setup and the show but our contact to NIPA has not been very helpful so we will not be putting on turning demonstrations. We will be selling our Educational raffle tickets and donated items. If you want to display some of your work, please bring it. Jon and I will be bringing some of our tables. We will discuss this further in the upcoming meeting.

**Program for September** is Favorite / Least Favorite tool. Dust off that clunker tool that is taking up space and help out your fellow woodworker. Tell him or her why it was a bad or great investment. Also why you can't live without that special tool in your shop. This was a great turn out last year; I can't wait to see what is brought in for this year.

**October 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 its 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.

**Club Events:** The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Festival & Antique Equipment Show at Sunset Hill Farm Co. Park 775 N Meridian, Valparaiso, IN Sept, 24-26 Friday through Sunday 9 to 5. [www.nipa.org](http://www.nipa.org) Set up on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00

LL Johnson's Workbench Woodworking Show Case South Bend, IN Oct. 9:30 to 5 Friday and 9:30 to 3 Saturday. [www.theworkbench.com](http://www.theworkbench.com) for more information.

Consider scheduling a **shop visit** and get your 2022 dues paid by the club.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL



Jon Robbins



Julie Sturgeon



Susan Bunce



Jeff Snellgrove



Ken Woolard



Norm Johnson



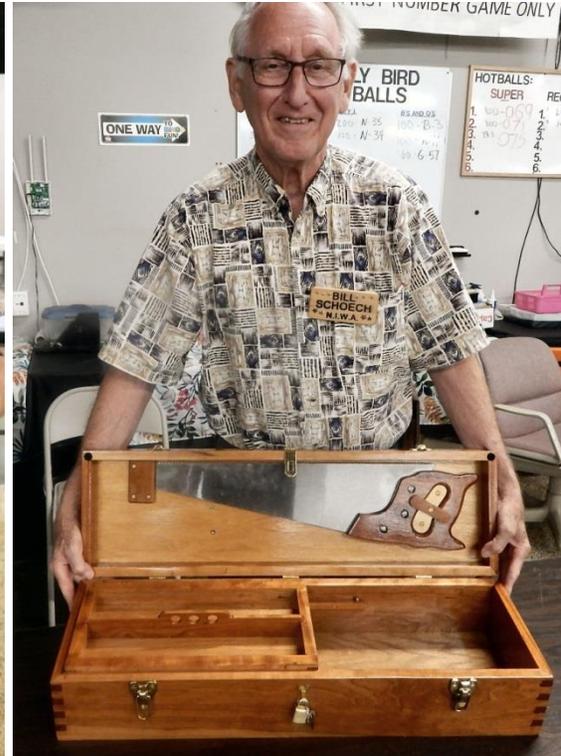
Joe Mazrimas



Ron Benson



Steve Smith



Bill Schoech

## 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)**

## 2021

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

September 24-26 Harvest Festival Sunset Hill Farm Co. Park, Valparaiso IN

9 AM to 5 PM daily

October 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

October 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

October 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

November 10<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

November 18<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM Toy Program

December 8<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

December 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

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

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

### **TIP: Tack Cloths and their Use**

Inexpensive tack cloths (tack rags) are available from most suppliers of paints and finishes. They are sticky rags meant for picking up dust, often sanding dust, from a surface just before applying a coat of finish. Here are some tips for using them.



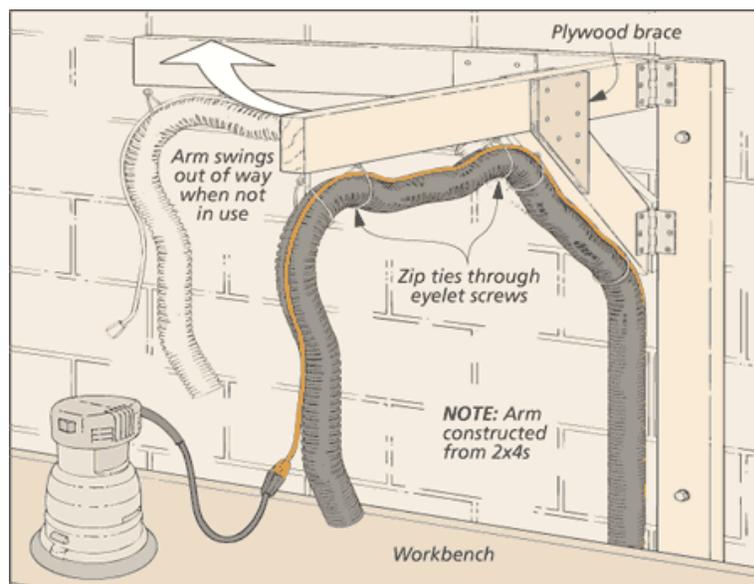
- Limit their use to solvent finishes. They can cause fish-eye and bonding problems with water-based finishes because they leave an oily residue on the surface. Instead of a tack cloth, use a slightly water-dampened cloth to remove the dust when working with water-based finishes.
- Before using a tack cloth on sanded wood, remove the majority of the sanding dust with a vacuum, or blow it off with compressed or turbine air if you have adequate exhaust to remove the dust from the air (so it doesn't settle back on your work).
- A tack cloth is most effective between coats of finish because there is less dust to remove (so the cloth doesn't become overloaded too quickly).

- No matter whether you use a tack cloth, vacuum, or compressed or turbine air to remove the dust, wipe over the surface to be finished with the palm of your hand just before beginning to apply the finish. This will remove the last of any remaining dust that might have settled, and it will warn you if there is still excessive dust that should be removed with one of the other means.

## Cord and Hose Boom

In the past, the power cord and dust collection hose going to my workbench trailed across the floor creating an inconvenience and a hazard. So I thought of a simple way to get them off the floor and more easily accessible.

My solution is shown in the drawing below. I built a simple hinged boom that I attached to the wall of the shop to carry both the power cord and the dust collection hose. When I need the cord and hose, I can quickly swing the boom out over my workbench. When not in use, the boom folds flat against the wall, out of the way.



As you can see, the construction of the boom is simple and functional. I used 2×4s for the main parts and a scrap of plywood reinforces the knee brace. A pair of heavy, butt hinges allows the boom to swing on the support. Finally, the cord and hose are loosely fastened to the boom with zip ties threaded through eyelet screws.

Now, having a cord and hose underfoot and in the way is a thing of the past.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Editor, *Woodsmith*

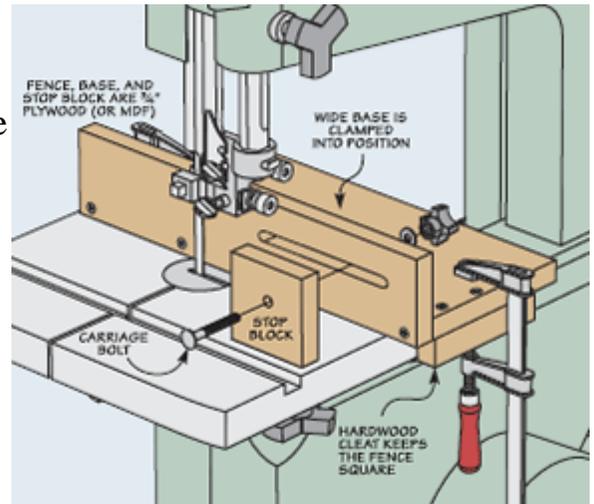
## Band Saw Fence & Stop Block

I like cutting tenons on the band saw because it's quick, easy, and accurate — especially with this fence and stop block. As you can see in the drawing, the plywood fence is attached to a base that can be adjusted and clamped to the table. A cleat registers the base square to the table.



I made the fence and stop block 3" tall. That's tall enough to handle most tenons, but low enough to keep the blade guides close to the work. To cut the slot for the stop block, drill a pair of  $\frac{3}{8}$ "-diameter holes in the fence and remove the waste in between with a jig saw. Then, drill a hole at the same height in the stop block for the bolt. The 6"-wide base is the same length as the fence.

At this point, you're ready to assemble the fence. Begin by attaching the cleat to the front edge of the base. Then, attach the fence to the side of the base with countersunk screws. A carriage bolt through the slot with a star knob makes adjustments quick and easy.



Good woodworking,

Phil Huber  
Editor, *ShopNotes*