

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Well April is here but winter has not let go of it's grip on us. What a month this has been we have completed another very successful Duneland Woodcarvers Show. This was their 42nd year. What a blast, thanks to Jon Robins, for his displays that made our booth look so professional. We had a good turnout of volunteers to man the booth, thank you everyone that was there. Ron Benson and all the members that sold our Educational Raffle tickets did a GREAT JOB again at the show and sold many Educational raffle tickets Thank you to everyone that turned pens for the show. If you have any pens completed please return them to Ron for our next event.

Norm Johnson hosted a fantastic shop visit. I had a great time checking out that turning tool he picked up at Marc Adams School, it worked really well on the acrylic pen blank that we turned.

Schedule and have your shop visit before the May meeting and get your 2018 dues paid by the club.

Program for April is the 2X4 Challenge at this Thursday's meeting. This is your chance to show off what you can do with a single 8 foot 2x4. This can be quite a challenge. I have used You Tube in the past as a source for great ideas for the challenge in the past. Let's see what YOU CAN DO!

May's program will be on casting ALUMILITE PEN BLANKS.

June's program is Chris Connor from FREUD.

July's program will be 4 corners, we need volunteers to put on demonstrations. We are not limited to only 4 demonstrations during that time. Please share your skills!

We have been invited to another show in May for the 9th Annual Good Time Woodcarvers & Council Oak Woodcarvers. Location is the Marshall County Council On Aging Older Adults Services Life Enrichment Center, 1305 West Harrison Street, Plymouth Indiana. I plan to attend and demonstrate pen turning, and sell our tickets. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a one day event. Displays must be set up by 8:30 AM doors open at 9 AM till 3 PM We have Three table space reserved now but we can expand if needed, hope to see you there.

We have another event coming up! South Lake County Historical Society 34th annual show. This is held at the Lake County Fair Grounds in the Arts and Crafts building (same as the fair but along the north wall) this July 13th, 14th, and 15th the building will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. The goal for this event is to advance our club in the community, gain more members and sell more EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS. We will have to start ordering more supplies so we can build toys for the children at Christmas, and the raffle is how we fund this. We did great at The Duneland Caver show and I would like to repeat this at this event. So I have a request to all of our turners, can you please turn a couple of pens to give away with 5 raffle tickets. We will have the Slim line kits available for anyone who wants to participate. If we each turn 2 kits we should have enough for the event and maybe extras for the Fair. They don't have to be anything special, what ever kind of scrap wood you have available will do. Also a sign up sheet will be started for those that can attend and help man the booth.

Scott Phillips posted on his Facebook page that he will be having shop openhouse on May 5th 2018 to celebrate 25 years of the American Woodshop. Pizza and Pop at noon. This is not a club event.

Scott Phillips shop! 901 Piqua Troy Rd., Piqua, OHIO 45356

I am including the directions from last year's event.

Be warned that some navigational programs will take you 7 miles south of that to Troy Ohio. My shop is in Piqua. The fastest way to my shop is to take interstate. You can come across on state Route 36 but it is actually slower. So here are the details:

Exit from interstate 75 N. from Dayton on County Road 25A. That is at mile marker 78. Turn left or go north north east on County Road 25A. Towards Piqua.

Turn right at the first traffic light. That is Peterson Road. Drive across a great Miami river bridge and go to the first stop sign and turn left. That is Piqua Troy Road.

Drive 2.1 miles on Piqua Troy Road and enter Piqua city limits. Once entering Piqua city limits, the very first building you come to is my woodshop It is in the middle of nowhere. It has a green metal roof with a solar array on it! It is offset from the road 190 feet. Look for the Stonewall. And the American flag. Big sign on the front gable too!

2018 Dues are Due! Why wait for the last minute, Be an Early Bird and receive a credit to the Achievement Award program

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

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

NIWA wood workers;

Coming in May on the 24th. dues will due. Pay early before the meeting night to get an achievement credit. Dues are still only \$25.00 per year. This year's Carvers show raffle ticket sales was great. Coming in July will be the annual Tractor and Steam show. We usually sell a lot there. Anyone needing raffle tickets can pick some up at the April meeting night. Also members can call Ron Benson at 219-762-8416 and have some sent out to you. His e-mail address is; rnivars@msn.com The seller of the first prize gets a free membership for one year. Thanks to all the raffle ticket sellers at the Carvers show. Thanks to all who made give away pens for the raffle. The more we sell, the better our educational fund is to buy supplies for our toys and pay speakers that put on demos, books, DVD's, ETC.

SHOW AND TELL



Tom Kozrowski



Mike Schienle



Denny McCool



Jeff Snellgrove



Elmer Phelps



Marc Meijer



James Krohn



Gene Davis



Kevin Sturgeon



Max Hernick



Bill Schoech



Jon Robbins



Lynn Warner



Dave Lopez



Dave Lopez

Kevin Sturgeon

Mike Schienle

**STAMP JIGSAW PUZZLES AND A HOMEMADE SCROLLSAW
WITH LYNN WARNER**





SHOP VISIT AT NORM JOHNSON'S





DUNELAND CARVER'S SHOW







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

2018

April 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
2 x 4 Challenge

May 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

May 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

June 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

June 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

July 2nd Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

July 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

July 13th – 15th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM

August 2nd Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 3rd – 6th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

August 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 25th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 1st Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 12th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 15th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
PM Toy Program

December 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 20th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Using a Viscosity Cup

Finishes vary in viscosity (thickness in liquid form) depending on their type and formulation, and especially in temperature differences. The viscosity is thicker when the finish is cold and thinner when the finish is warm.



To measure viscosity dip a viscosity cup into a finish so the cup is full. Then lift the cup out of the finish and begin timing the drainage with a stopwatch. When the stream breaks, indicating that the cup is empty, stop the timer. The number of seconds is the measure of the viscosity.

There are many types of viscosity cups. Some are quite expensive. The most common cups used in finishing are the Ford #4 and the Zahn #2. You can go online and find conversion tables.

Finish manufacturers sometimes tell you the viscosity at which their finish should be sprayed for best results. But I've never found these numbers to be more than just general guidelines because the type of gun, air pressure and whether you're using an air compressor or turbine, all make a difference.

I've found viscosity cups more helpful for dealing with temperature differences. If you determine that you get good results (usually meaning minimal orange peel) at a certain temperature and number of seconds' drainage through a viscosity cup, it's easy to check against this when the temperature is different. You'll know if you need to add thinner or increase or decrease air pressure.