

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers. Again we will **CANCEL THE** April's meeting due to the virus. I am going to try to do a small ZOOM first meeting and if that works, out we can have an online meeting. I hope everyone is doing well amid this pandemic disaster. My wife and I are getting by with plenty to do in the shop. I have been working on Toys for Children's Christmas gifts for this November and many of the live feeds from our woodworking community.

We will be needing some help, when this is pandemic is over, to move the library over to the Moose Lodge. At that time we will do an inventory.

Has anyone thought about the return 4 Corners this year? We will need some volunteers when we meet again. Call me or Jeff Snellgrove if you are interested in putting on a demonstration. This has always been a fun event.

You have the time yet to make your 2x4 challenge project for the April, well maybe May meeting. Let's see what ideas you can come up with!

Remember May is also membership renewal month; please see Ron Benson for your 2020 membership card.

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

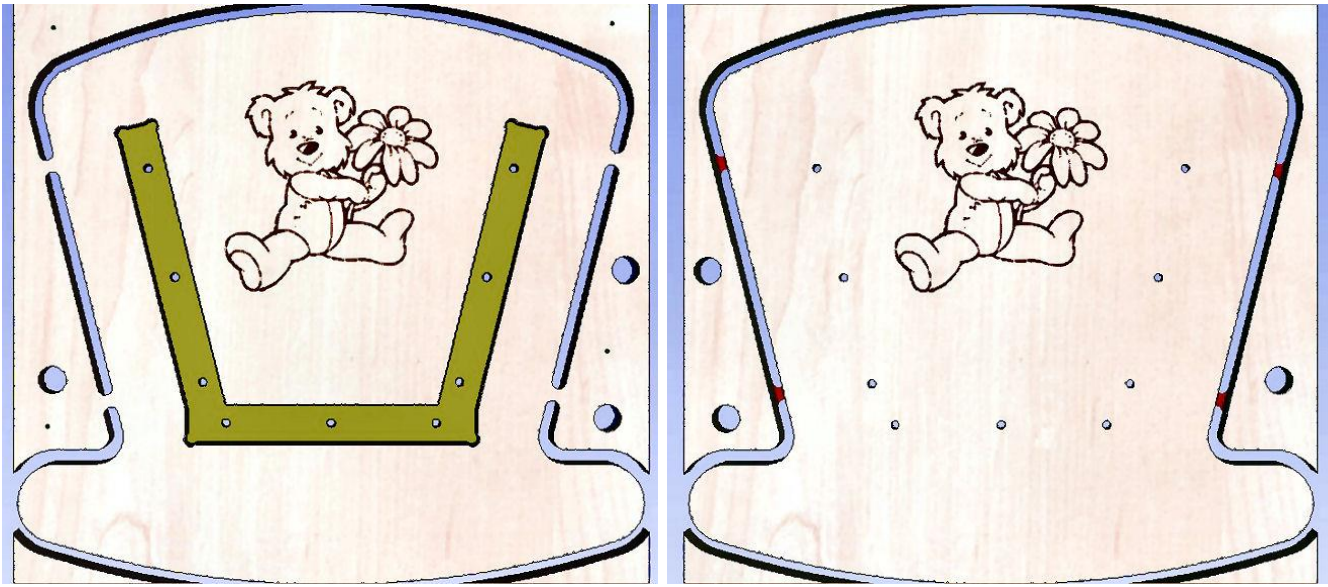
You're President

Kevin Sturgeon

SHOW AND TELL

With no meeting last month we had no pictures for the Show and Tell section but our President Kevin was kind enough to share some of his current works. Thanks Kevin! I was also able to grab a couple of pictures of members projects off of our Facebook page.

Please submit some recent photos of your latest projects for the newsletter! Thank you so much



Templets for cradle ends for Kevin's C&C



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Jeff Snellgrove



Elmer Phelps



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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

2020

May 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
June 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
July 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
July 9th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM
July 10th – 12th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds
July 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
August 6th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 7th – 10th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 22nd Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville
August 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
September 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
October 5th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
November 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
November 19th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Toy Program
December 14th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 17th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

TIP: Water-Based Finish on White Woods

There are a number of considerations when choosing the type of finish you want to use. These include durability, ease of clean-up, odor, etc. But one consideration doesn't seem to be fully appreciated, and that is the color the finish imparts to the wood.



The accompanying picture shows water-based finish on a pine floor. The pine will darken some as it ages, but for a number of years the water-based finish will give the floor a unique and attractive look. This same look can be achieved with all white woods such as maple and birch. And these woods won't darken. Most finishes give wood a yellow/orange tint. Until water-based finishes became available a couple of decades ago, color was never much of an issue because all finishes added this tint. But now you have a choice because water-based finishes (all finishes that thin and clean-up with water) don't add any color at all. They just make the wood a little darker.

Woodsmith Tips

Rolling Tool Tower

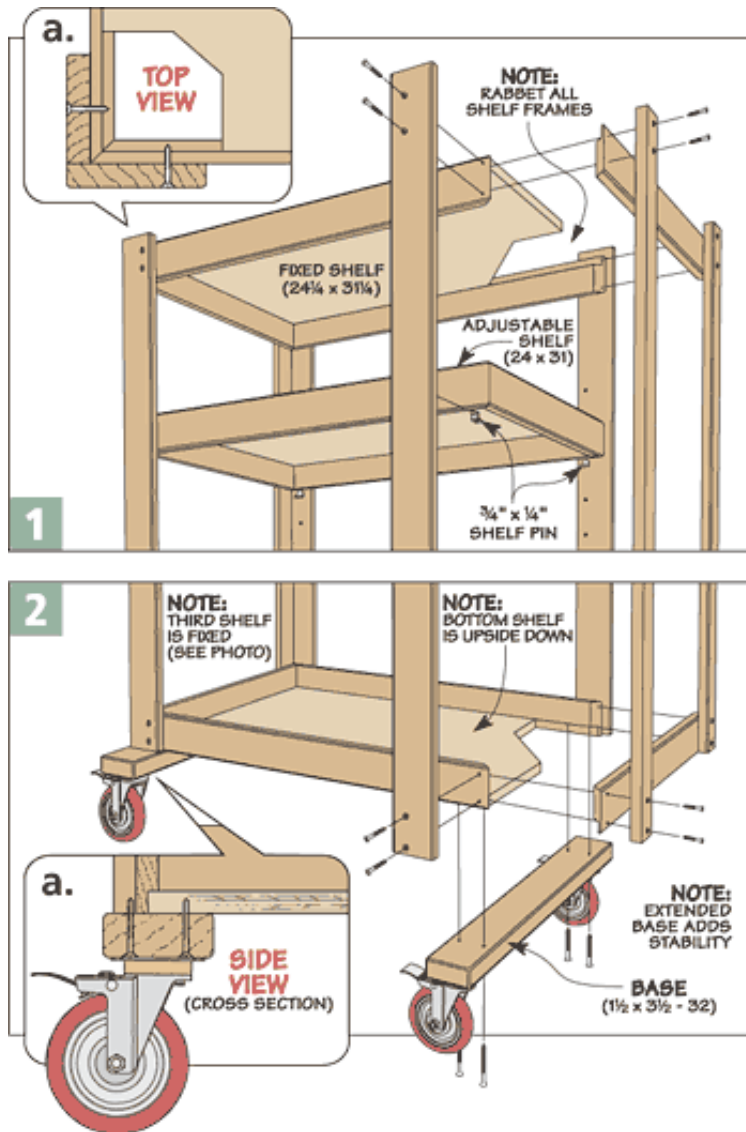


My shop is small so I need to use the space efficiently. That's why I built the tool tower you see in the photo at right. The tower allows me to stack tools that would otherwise be stored in many other places throughout my shop.

I sized the tower so my air filter could sit on the top shelf. This way, the air filter can be quickly moved anywhere it might be needed.

The shelf just below the top is adjustable. It can be easily raised or lowered as needed to accommodate items of various sizes.

I use the middle shelf to store my planer. The height of this shelf and the open sides are positioned so I can pass stock through the planer as well as store it when not in use.



The tower is simple to build. First cut four pieces of MDF to size for the shelf platforms. Each shelf sits in a rabbet along the edge of a sturdy frame, like you see in Figure 1 at right. The end of each frame piece is mitered at 45° and then glued together. The shelf and framework provide stability as well as a place for securely attaching long upright supports with screws at each of the corners, as shown in Figure 1a.

Two 2x4s provide the base for the tower. I extended the base past the width of the tower for greater stability (*Figure 2*). You'll want to add large casters to the ends of the base before screwing the base securely to the bottom shelf frame (*Figure 2a*).

After installing the adjustable shelf pins, add the shelf and the tower is ready to use.

Happy 4th of July,

Phil Huber
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