

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** I just can not believe how fast this year has gone by, August is half way over and we just finished a great show at the Lake County Fair. I wish to thank all of you that participated in making this show a success. As you all know the intent at the fair is to promote our club and bring in new members and inform the general public of our Needy Kids Program. Both points were well made. Thank you to everyone that helped set up, take down, and donated so much of their precious time to man the booth. It is always so great to see all of you there. Without you we could not have had such a great success! Jon Robins brought in his scroll saw, display shelves, racks to hang items to display and many fine pieces to display. John made sure all of our displays were secure until the security showed up to lockup for the night. Thank you gentlemen.

The Woodcarvers Summer Camp followed just a few days after the fair in Bremen, Indiana at Pla-Mor campgrounds. The wife, the two grandchildren, Phil Malavolta, Marcia Bomba and I attended this event. I am saddened to report that this is the last time for Summer Camp. Turn out was so low that instructors left and one posted on Facebook that he would no longer be teaching woodcarving. I did have a good time sitting by the camp fire telling stories and fibs to the children. But as one door closes another opens. I have been invited and accepted to teach at the Buckeye Woodcarvers Roundup next year near Picua, Ohio.

It's **PICNIC TIME** again! Our Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from Noon till? Same location as before, **Hidden Lake Park in Merriville, IN.** The club will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Brats, Chicken, Water and Pop. Bring a covered dish and a gift for the BINGO.

For those of you that signed up your names will be at the guard shack as you come in, anyone else that wants to attend (and please come out) will have to pay the entrance fee, let us know if you had to pay.

August Program; Cigar Box Guitar making by Kimmer Olesak. September's Program is

Your Favorite and or Least Favorite tool.

Artistry in Wood by the Dayton Carvers Guild. October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Roberts Centre, 123 Grano Road, Wilmington, Ohio. It is believed to be the largest show of its kind in the U.S. Features some of the top Woodcarvers and Woodworkers in the nation.

Johnson's Workbench, WOOD EXPO 2017, Charlotte MI. Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. and Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. To 4 p.m. Featuring Scott Phillips on Saturday the 9th, and many others.

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

Your President, **Kevin Sturgeon**

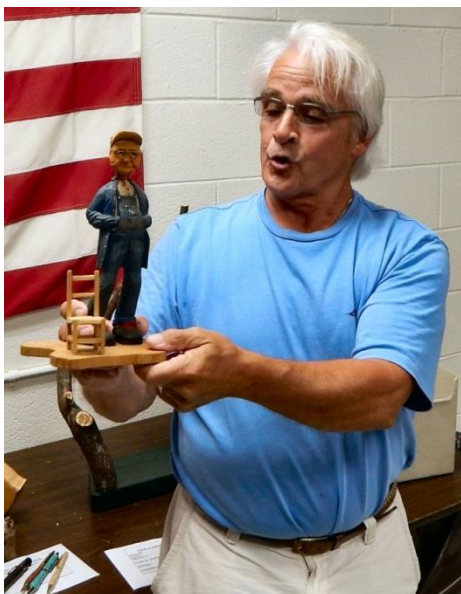
### SHOW AND TELL



Seth Bennett



Max Hernick



Mic King



Jason Sickinger





Jason Sickinger



Bill Schoech



John Hunter



Jon Robbins





Kevin Sturgeon and grandchildren



Rodney Foster

## LAKE COUNTY FAIR















## **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)**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2017**

August 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 26<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00  
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 13<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00  
PM Toy Program

December 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00  
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

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

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

### **TIP: Spraying Outside**

One solution for spraying your project when you don't have a spray booth or adequate exhaust in you shop is to spray outside. There are some conditions, however, for getting good results.

First, you need to pick a day with temperatures in the high sixties to low eighties. Colder will cause the finish to take much longer to dry and this will create more time for debris and bugs to land on and stick to the finish. Hotter will cause the finish to dry too fast, which may lead to dry spray—the finish drying before it lands on the object. Dry spray results in a sandy look and feel.

Of course, you could slow the drying if you are spraying lacquer by adding a lacquer retarder to the finish.

Second, pick a day with a light breeze. You don't want wind, but unless there is some breeze, the "bounce-back" finish will settle back onto your work, also causing a sandy look and feel.

Third, spray in the shade but not under a tree. Sunlight will cause the finish to dry too fast, and trees shed leaves and other debris.

Fourth, if you are spraying lacquer, shellac or water-based finish, pick a day that is not too humid. High humidity causes lacquer and shellac to blush (turn milky white) and slows the drying of water-based finish considerably.

This may seem like a lot to take into consideration, but there are always days that meet these conditions throughout most of the year.