

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, December is here with so many loose ends that need to be caught up on. I have been making gifts for, family, friends, and our Annual Christmas party. It seems like the work never ends. We had a great turn out of support at the November meeting with the Toy Program. You made over 1000 toys for needy children. That is so incredible. Thank You everyone that participated, every gift counts at this time of year.

Christmas Party is coming up on **December 21st, 2017 (a week before our normal meeting and an hour earlier than our normal meeting)** at 6 PM in the big hall at the American Legion Post 54. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. We always have wonderful selection of foods. We are in need of some handmade gifts for or ladies. Please bring a raped gift or two for the ladies that support us and participate in our craft.

The Installation of officers for 2018 will be held at this meeting followed by a great dinner.

PRESIDENT – KEVIN STURGEON

VICE PRESIDENT – JON ROBBINS

TREASURER – RON BENSON

SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

Club Event: 42nd ANNUAL DUNELAND WOODCARVERS SHOW 2018

SATURDAY, April 14th, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 15th, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming events: The Woodworking Shows has posted some of the dates for 2018 already.

Columbus, Ohio is January 19th through the 21st

Indianapolis, Indiana is February 2nd through the 4th.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin is March 9th through the 11th.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year!

Your President

Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

Fellow wood workers; I got a call from Skip Brazil to come over to pick up some wood working books he is giving to our club. While I and Al Kalos were there, His wife Claudia told us that he only has a little more than six months to live. He has Renal failure. Although he looked good when we were there, but Claudia said he is not always good. I met Skip when I joined the Wood Chucks club a few years back. He was our toy chairman then like he was in our NIWA club. He has always been a very active club member in both clubs. Many club members have been over to his shop to make toys and great fellowship. I have learned many things from him. He will be missed. Ron

SHOW AND TELL



Max Hernick



Bill Schoech



Kevin Sturgeon



Bob Miller



Norm Johnson



John Hunter

TOYS FOR KIDS







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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

December 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

2018

January 8th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
January 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
January 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Silent Auction
February 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
February 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Shop Jigs
March 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
April 13th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show

April 14th & 15th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
 April 2nd Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
 April 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
 April 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
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 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 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 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 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

TIP: Fixing a Worn Finish



After a good deal of wear or abuse some areas of a finish may wear through exposing the lighter-colored wood. As long as no stain, glaze or toner is involved, you can usually fix these problems simply by applying more finish on top.

The easy test to see if this will work is to apply a little liquid to the wear-throughs with your finger. You could use mineral spirits (paint thinner) on any finish without causing damage, but the most convenient liquid is from your mouth.

Wet your finger and wipe the liquid over a small part of the surface, as I'm doing in the accompanying picture. If the color comes back, as it does here, all you need to fix the problem is more finish.

The surface should be completely clean before you start. All finishes will work, but be careful of lacquer because the lacquer-thinner solvent is strong enough to blister and lift many finishes, including an original lacquer finish. If you are using lacquer, apply very thin, quick-drying coats, or apply a washcoat of shellac first.