

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, well December is here! How time has flown by this year. We had a great time at the Duneland Carver Show then the Plymouth carver show and at the Lake County fair. Julie and I met up with some of you at the Wood Working Show in Indianapolis and Milwaukee. We had some great Shop Visits this year. It will be great to continue this trend into the New Year. Thank you to everyone that has helped to make this year as great as it's been!

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 close to 900 toys for needy children. That is so incredible. Julie and I attended the Chasing Dreams Christmas party at the Hobart Moose Lodge a few weekends ago and had the privilege to see these children receive our handmade toys. Thank You everyone that participated, every gift counts at this time of year.

Christmas Party is coming up on December 20th, 2018 (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 or two to share. We always have wonderful selection of foods. We are in need of some handmade gifts for or ladies. Please bring a wrapped gift or two for the ladies that support us and participate in our craft.

The Installation of officers for 2019 will be held at this meeting followed by a great dinner.

PRESIDENT – KEVIN STURGEON
VICE PRESIDENT – JON ROBBINS
TREASURER – RON BENSON
SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

Pen Turning Class I have been contacted by some friends to teach another basic Pen Turning Class. Would any of the members be interested? Let me know if you are interested and I will start getting supplies and a workshop location secure.

Upcoming events: The Woodworking Shows 2019, Indianapolis, Indiana 2/1-2/3. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2/22 to 2/24 and Columbus, Ohio 3/8 to 3/10.

More information can be found at www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Scott Phillips is having an Open Shop on May 11th, 2019.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year!

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place winner – A&A Mendez

2nd Place – Genewa Thompson

3rd Place – Jane Saims

TOYS FOR KIDS

This year our club members made over 800 toys for needy children.







SHOW AND TELL



Dick Sader



Mike Schienle



Gene Davis



Norm Johnson



Seth Bennett



Jesse Carrillo



Kevin Sturgeon



Don Boswell

SHOP VISIT AT GENE DAVIS'S





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

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

2019

January 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
January 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
January 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Silent Auction
February 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
February 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
Shop Jigs
March 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
April 1st Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
April 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
2 x 4 Challenge
May 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

May 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
June 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
July 1st Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
July 13th – 14th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds
July 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
August 1st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 2nd – 5th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
August 24th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville
September 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
October 7th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
November 11th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
November 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00
PM Toy Program
December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 19th 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/>

Minimal Finish Odor

If you want as little finish smell as possible—for example, on cabinets in a house or office that is occupied, or on the inside of a box or chest—there are two finishes to choose between: water-based finish and shellac.

Other finishes, including oils, varnishes and lacquers will require days and maybe longer for all the residual odor to dissipate.

There are two major differences between water-based finish and shellac. Water-based finish is more scratch resistant and imparts no coloring to the wood. Shellac will scratch easier and add a warm yellow-orange tone to the wood.

Both dry rapidly, so you can apply multiple coats in a day. But you have to work fast if you are brushing, especially on complex surfaces such as the chair pictured.