

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Corner

**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 1200 toys for needy children. That is so incredible. Thank You everyone that participated, every gift counts at this time of year.

Christmas Party / Awards Dinner is coming up this meeting on December 15th, 2022 (a week before our normal meeting and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at 6 PM in the BINGO hall at the Moose Lodge , please use the parking area in the rear (Bingo) area. 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 a 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 2022 will be held at this meeting followed after a great dinner.

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

**Reminder** we will be helping out Boy Scouts Pack 1517 on February 6th at 5:30 PM to prepare for their Pinewood Derby. We will be cutting out cars again for them. If you have a small Band saw or just want to hang out and help the children please come out to Trinity Lutheran school gym. **Trinity Lutheran School** 891 S Linda St, Hobart, IN 46342

**January's Program, Silent Auction:** Here is your chance to make some room in the workshop. Bring in your gently used tools and or supplies that you haven't used in years and make a few bucks. This just maybe the thing someone else needs. Pickup a form and Page 2 list the lowest bid you will accept on the item.

**The Woodworking Shows are back!** I don't know what kind of seminars or what vendors are going to attend. But they have posted online the venues.

<https://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/events/>

Columbus, Ohio show January 20 @ 12:00 pm – January 22 @ 3:00 pm Friday 12 pm-6 pm • Saturday 10 am-6 pm • Sunday 10 am-3 pm

Indianapolis, Indiana show January 27 12:00 pm to Jan 29 3:00 pm Friday 12 pm-6 pm • Saturday 10 am-6 pm • Sunday 10 am-3 pm.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin show February 17 @ 12:00 pm – February 19 @ 3:00 pm Friday 12 pm-6 pm • Saturday 10 am-6 pm • Sunday 10 am-3 pm

Admission tickets at the door of our events are \$16. Buy tickets online and save \$2! Your Ticket is good for all three days of the show. Children under age 15 are admitted free with a paying adult. Active duty Military/Fire/Police with valid ID are admitted free.

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**Our EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE DRAWING** was at the November meeting. The Winners have been notified and prizes distributed. An order for more parts is already in the works. Thanks to all for helping make our raffle a success.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

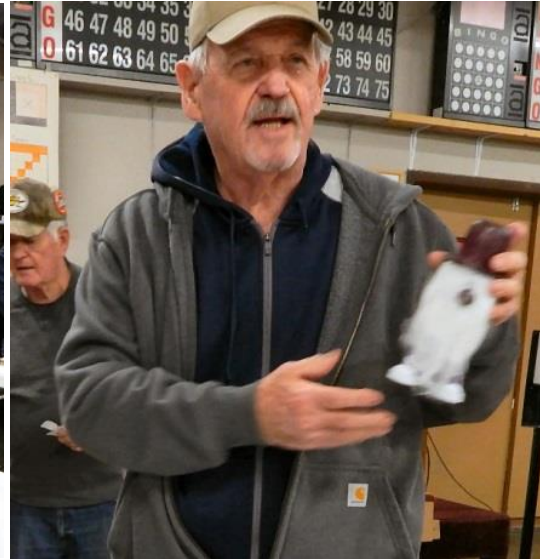
### **From the Treasurer**

Our Treasurer is looking for someone to help in case he can't always be at a meeting. All that is needed is for a standby. He will explain what he does. An e-mail address will be required. Talk to Ron at a meeting if interested.

# SHOW AND TELL



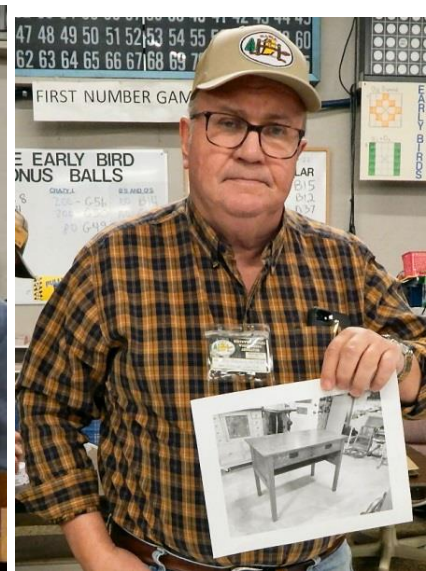
**Kevin Sturgeon**



**Gene Davis**



**Norm Johnson**



**George Denton**



**Jon Robbins**



**Bryant Mitol**



**Bill Schoech**



**Susan Bunce**

## **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)

## **TOYS FOR KIDS**







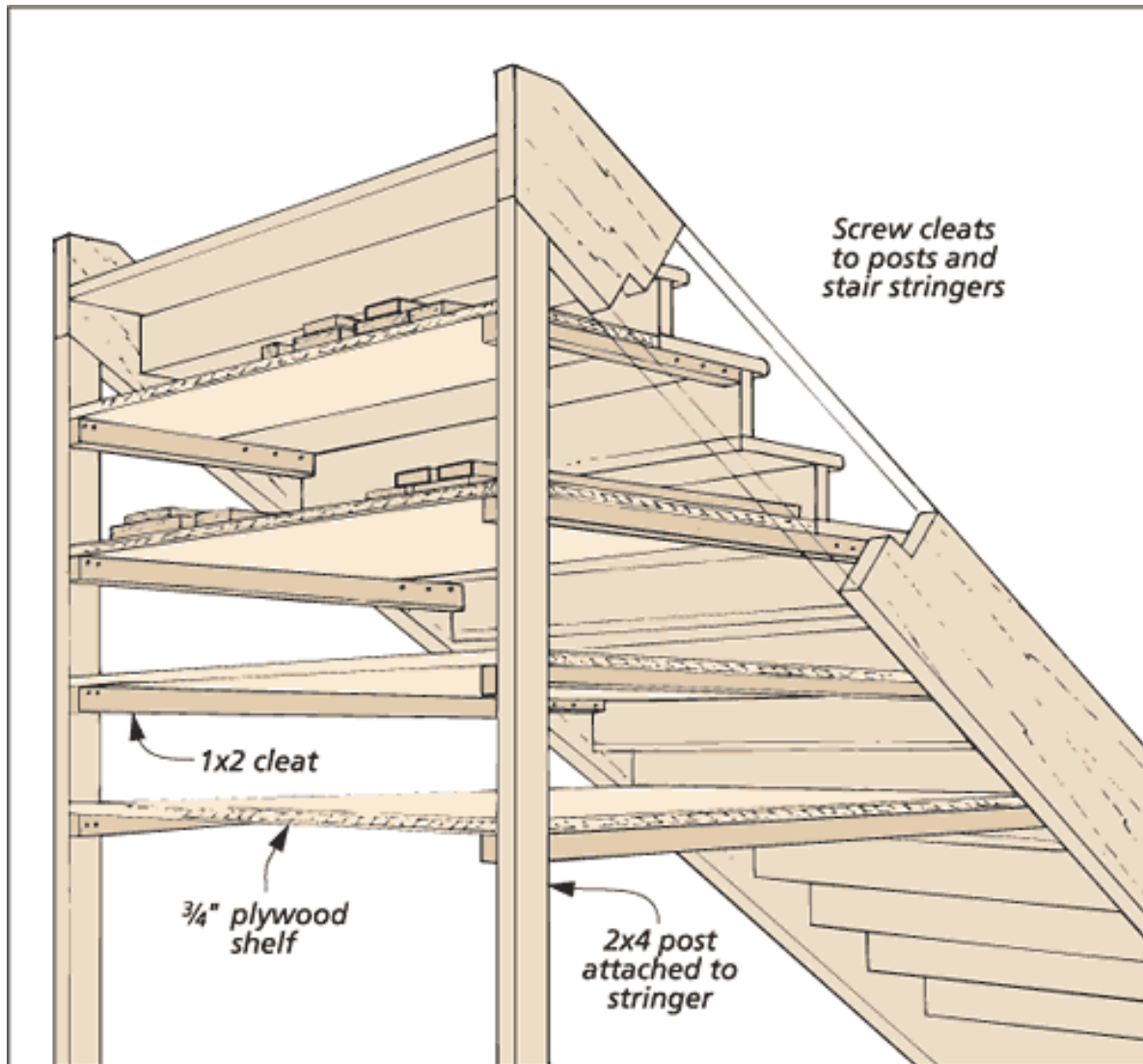
## 2022

December 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

## Woodworking Tips

### Under Stair Storage

In a basement workshop, storage space is always at a premium. So it pays to take advantage of any available nook and cranny. To this end, I put the “dead” space under the stairs to good use by installing a handy lumber rack.



The drawing above shows the basic concept. First, I erected a pair of 2x4 uprights running from the floor to the underside of the stair stringers. Then I attached horizontal 1x2 support cleats between the uprights and the stringers. The cleats are fit beneath every other stair tread and are screwed in place. Finally, I cut some 3/4" plywood shelves to rest across the cleats. You'll find that the varying depth of the shelves provides you with versatile lumber storage and makes great use of otherwise wasted space.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

## Organizing Drawers

Drawers are a good way to organize tools and other supplies. The problem is, it's all too easy for stuff to get lost in deep drawers. To solve this problem, I like to divide each deep drawer into two layers, as shown in the photo below.

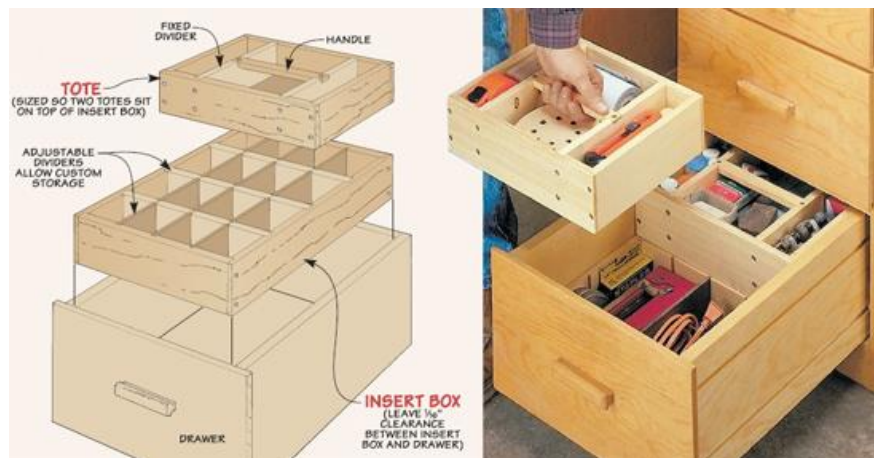
**Dividers.** For the bottom layer, I made a divided box. When you measure for the box, you'll want to leave a 1/16" gap between the box and the drawer. This way you can take the box out if you ever need to.

The dividers are dadoed into the sides of the insert box. They also accept subdividers, so you can customize the box for whatever you need to store (drawing below).

**The Totes.** To take advantage of the space above the box, I made some totes to rest on top. Each tote has a pair of fixed dividers and a handle. Besides making it easy to organize small items, you can remove a tote from the drawer and take it right where it's needed.

Making the totes is similar to making the divided box. But there are some things to keep in mind while building them.

It's a good idea to allow a 1/16" gap between the totes. This makes it easy to slip one tote in place while the other is in the drawer.



You'll also notice that the rabbets and dados for the tote dividers are cut in the front and back pieces, not the sides like in the divided box. And don't forget to cut notches for the wood handle and the groove for the 1/4" hardboard bottom.

Have a nice weekend,

Phil Huber  
Editor, *ShopNotes*