

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** February's last gasp of winter has sure left us with our share of snow this year. But on the up side of things, spring is just around the corner and it will be time to start working on my 2x4 project for April. This month's program is the **SHOP JIGS**, so dust them off, polish them up, and bring them into the meeting. It's always great to see what ideas you have been working with. Julie and I went to the Woodworking Show in Indianapolis last week and I was able to get the supplies to hold another PEN TURNING CLASS. We spent most of our time talking with Barry Gross and his wife, saw Alex Snoodgrass and said Hi from all of us to Al from Woodcraft. I was surprised at how low the turnout for this event was, maybe it had something to do with the Super Bowl being held that day.

**February's Program is SHOP JIGS, and featuring Jason Sickinger on Graphic Transfer.**

**Club Event: 42st 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 remaining Woodworking Shows for 2018 in our area is.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin is March 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Pen Turning Class:** I have been asked to teach another PEN TURNING CLASS! So I have been working on a location for us to meet and have met up with a former member that now teaches at the Career Development at Burns Harbor. John Malyj is going to let us use his facilities for three hours only. Class size is limited to 6 members and cost is \$20.00, that will cover one pen kit and blank and the use of the supplies. We will cover CA Glue Finishing and if there is a problem, How to Correct It.

The date will be **March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am**, Location **1275 ½ McCool Road, Burns Harbor**. I have two people signed up already. Sign up sheet will be available at the meeting.

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

Your President  
Kevin Sturgeon

### SHOW AND TELL



Kevin Sturgeon



Jon Robbins



Jon Robbins



Don Bunce



Denny McCool



Elmer Phelps



Rodney Foster



Norm Johnson

## DEMONSTRATION



Marc Meijer put on a great demonstration on model boat building.

## 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)**

## 2018

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

Shop Jigs

March 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

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April 13<sup>th</sup> Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show

April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show

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

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

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

2 x 4 Challenge

May 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

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

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

June 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

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

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

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 25<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 12<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Toy Program

December 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00

PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

**TIP: Sand Oil Finish Wet**

For the ultimate in smooth feel with an oil or oil/varnish-blend finish, sand the finish between coats while it is still wet—that is, before wiping off the excess.



You can use any grit sandpaper, but the finer grit you use, the smoother the result. I like to use 600-grit, but 400-grit also works well. Sand with the grain, of course. As long as you have sanded the wood to 180-grit or finer, you don't have to sand much to remove the coarser scratches.

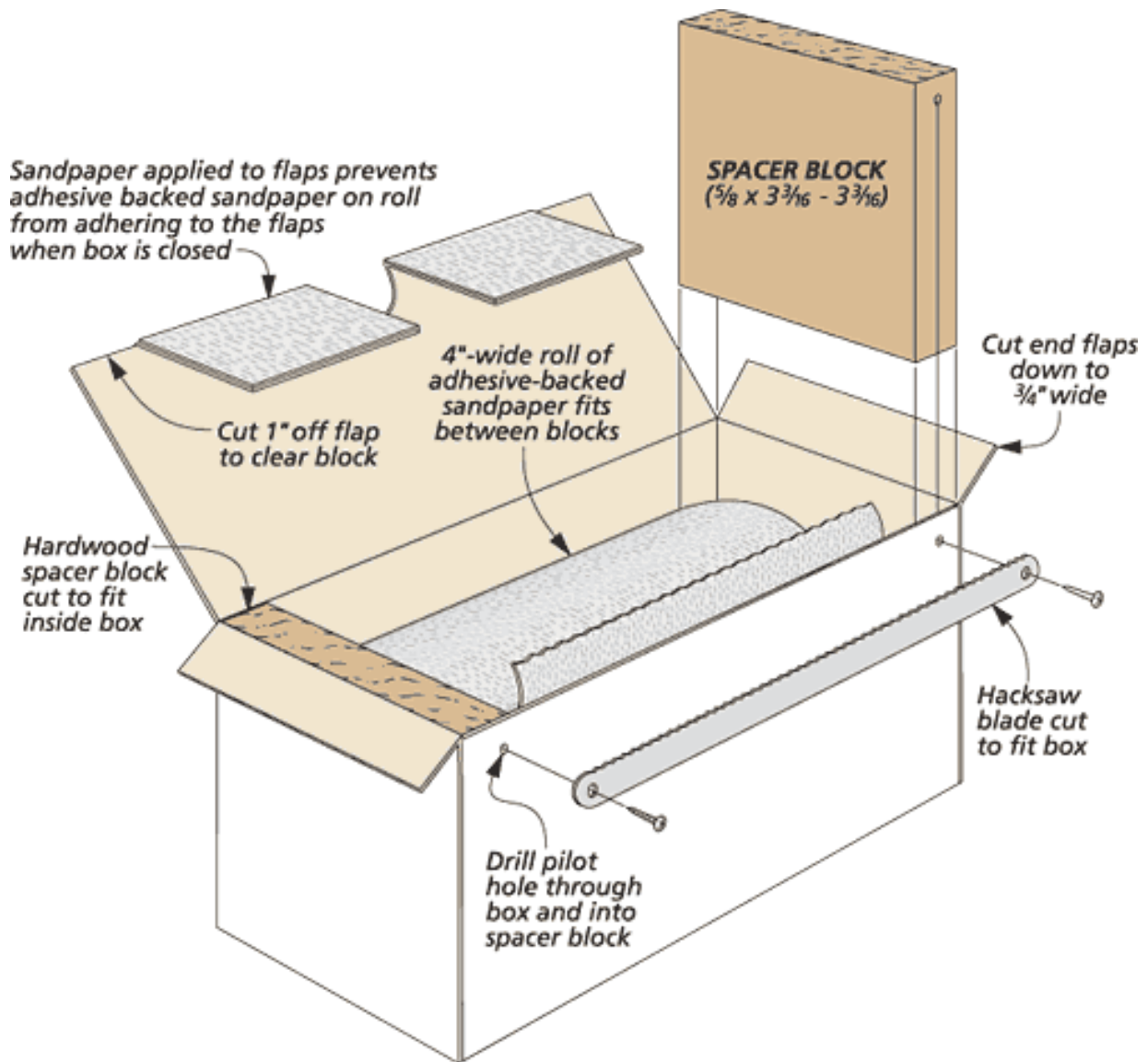
The reason this trick works so well is that the oil acts as a lubricant for the sandpaper. You could also sand the finish dry, just before applying the next coat, and still get excellent results. But you wouldn't benefit from the oil lubricant.

When you're finished sanding, wipe off all the excess finish. If you have ground off any wood dust, you'll remove this with the wiping.

You could also get a similar result by sanding the wood through the grits up to 600-grit before beginning to apply the finish. But this is a lot of work and is unnecessary if you sand between coats.

## Sandpaper Roll Dispenser

A couple of years ago I decided to start buying my sandpaper in self-adhesive rolls. I figured that the added convenience would easily make up for the small, extra cost. But there was one minor glitch to my plan - removing a piece of sandpaper from the roll is not always an easy job. But I was determined to “stick” with my decision and find a remedy for this problem.



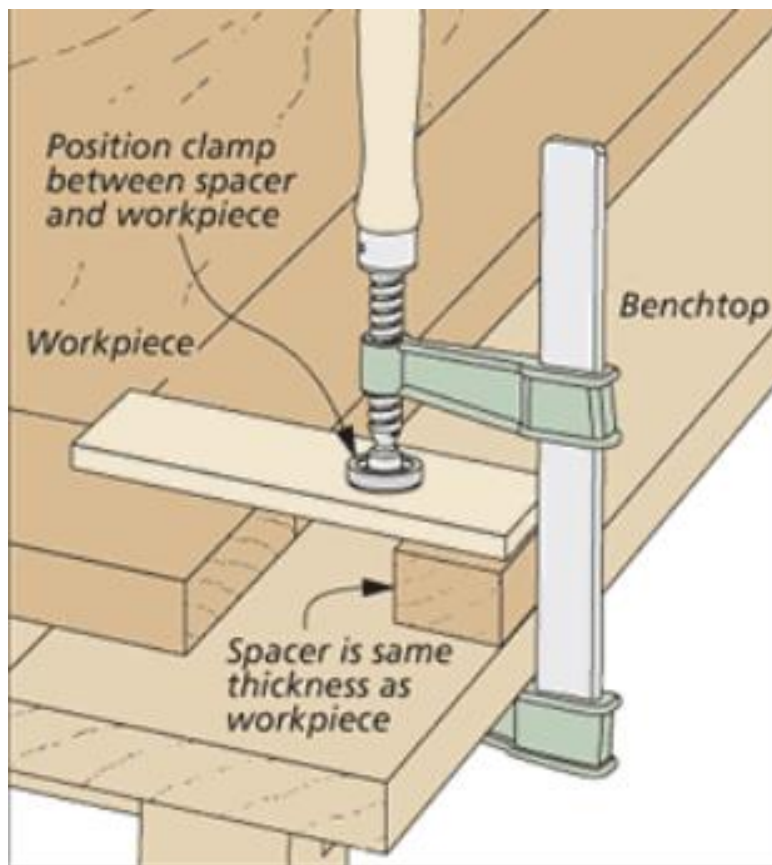
The solution I came up with involves some simple modifications to the sandpaper roll box. The drawing above gives you the idea. First, I added a wood spacer to either end of the box. This allowed me to attach a cutter made from an old hacksaw blade. Then, I trimmed the box in a few strategic places and added some sandpaper to the front flap.

To ready the box for dispensing sandpaper, just close the lid, leaving the end of the sandpaper roll protruding at the front. And when you need a sheet, pull it out, bend it over the cutter, and tear. Pretty convenient after all.

## Clamping Extension

Every once in awhile when trying to clamp a workpiece to my bench, the reach of the clamp's jaws comes up a little short. So I call on a simple clamping extension to solve the problem.

The extension consists of a spacer and a short strip of wood. It works kind of like a hold-down. One end of the strip rests on the workpiece, the other end on the spacer. When you apply a clamp between the spacer and the workpiece, the strip presses down on the workpiece to hold it firmly in place. It's easy to make, easy to use, and best of all works great.



Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*