

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Greetings Woodworkers, Can you believe the 2013 is here? The Executive board has met so we can plan for the year. We are in need of some committee chairmen. This is a scary statement. However, the Club doesn't run on its own. First we need a Program Chairman. This is someone that can contact potential speakers for monthly meetings. Let's think about this. What kind of programs do you want to have this year? Let us know. The Toy Program needs a Chairman. My suggestion is that we can have a committee drive. All of us have something unique to offer. Let's make this happen.

Rosters: If you have changed your email address or any other personal information please let us know. You cannot be kept updated unless we can contact you. If you need a new roster there will be some at the meetings. If we are out of them, give us your name and we will bring one for you to the next meeting.

Have you seen the new style badges at the meetings? Ken Garbe is our very own badge maker. If you want a badge, the cost is \$5.00. There is a form you need to fill out. Print clearly so he can read your writing e's can sometimes look like I's or a's. He makes a fine badge but we have to provide him with accurate information.

Wow what a time we had! The 2012 Christmas party was a GREAT success. Since most people normally eat before 7pm, we started earlier this year and it seemed to work out for the most part. **Please, let us know if 6pm would be a good time to start the party this year. We are already making plans.** The food was great. I am glad all of you turned your shop into a gourmet kitchen and cooked up so many tasty treats. No, you say, your wife, or the friendly grocery store cooked things up. Well, thank you to everyone that cooked and worked so hard to make this event so wonderful! Thank you to **Skip & Claudia** for working their magic once again! Special than you to **Chuck Norrman** and **Al Kalos** for driving all the way to the North Pole in order to "borrow" Mrs. Santa Claus socks for the Christmas party coffee. I bet that was a crazy time! Well worth the risk the coffee was Great! Part of the Christmas event is the traditional giving of gifts to the

ladies attending. **Ken and Lois Woodlard** collected these gifts that our woodworkers so carefully made. Thank you Ken, Lois and all the members that made and distributed the gifts this year! Part of the Christmas celebration is the presentation of the Achievement Award Certificates. So many members were surprised that they earned awards this year. Guess what there are even more to be presented at January's meeting. Hmm. Life happens while we are busy making plans.

The Christmas tree display at the Welcome Center was beautiful. Nancy Distel and Christmas tree committee did a fine job carefully setting up the tree. This year someone else won first place. That's ok. I spoke to many people about our club when we were there. Someone even called inquiring about the club. This is good exposure for us. So, you may see some visitors at the meetings. I know you will make them feel welcome. I will have the ornaments at the January meeting if you want your ornaments back. If not, the Club will store them for this year's tree display.

Special Project: We have many items historically saved. However, time is taking its toll. We are looking for someone that can scan and put these items on discs. Please contact one of the Executive Board Members.

Stamps are going up one cent on January 27. In case you haven't bought forever stamps.

Take a good look at the Club website online John Hunter is updating . He adds information and links besides our newsletter.

We are having **a booth at the Duneland Woodcarvers Show on April 13 from 10am to 5pm and April 14 from 10am to 4pm. Set up will be on April 12 time to be announced.** Take down is after the show closes on April 14. We need volunteers to help plan this program, items to display and members to be at the booth. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.

REMINDER! Don't forget... This month is the annual silent auction. Bring your tools and woodworking items in that you no longer use. They may be just the thing someone else needs. Pick up a form and list the lowest bid you will take on the item. Toward the end of the meeting, bidding will close. If your item has no bids you must take it home with you. The club cannot dispose of the item.

February's program is Shop Jigs. Is there a jig that really made your project go smoother? If you haven't shown it to the membership at a previous shop jig program, bring it in. It's time to tell the members how it helped you and how the jig is made. See you at the meeting!

Your president,
Marcia Lichnerowicz

SHOW AND TELL



Clyde D. Hewlett



Max Hernick



Marcia Lichnerowicz



John Hunter



Dick Sader



Bob Miller

CHRISTMAS PARTY





SILENT AUCTION

Don't forget to bring any woodworking related items you have and no longer use or need to sell at the silent auction at this month's club meeting.

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



Delta Contractor's 10" Table Saw Cat. # 34444 and Penn State 1 HP Dust Collector in excellent condition with extra blades \$150.00 for both.



Shopsmith 4" Jointer and Shopsmith 10" Bandsaw, both have owners and instruction manuals. On Shop Smith Base ready to plug in, Bandsaw has retro upgrade added. Both have belt/pulley guards to be installed (new in boxes) \$75 each.



Shopsmith Mark Five Model #510 Table System Retrofit Kit has been installed, many extras – sanding drums, lathe tools, drill bits. All Shop Smith items. Dado blade and others.



Shopsmith 12" Planner and table extensions \$300.00



Little Giant Ladder System Type 1A Model 22 with work platform.
New still in box. \$200.00

Contact Al Kalos 962-4812 for all of the items
Al also has some #2 stranded electrical wire for sale.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013

- January 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Silent Auction
- February 19th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- February 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
- March 19th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- March 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- April 1st Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
- April 16th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- April 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
- May 21st Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- May 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- June 18th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- June 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- July 1st Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
- July 16th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
- July 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 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 20th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
August 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 25th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
September 17th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
September 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 7th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
October 15th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
October 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 19th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
November 14th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 17th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
December 19th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Water-Based Finish Should Powder

As with all finishes, you should always sand the first coat of water-based finish smooth because it always dries rough to the touch. It's also the best policy to sand additional coats smooth after they dry to remove dust nibs and other flaws, until the last coat, which you can leave as is.

Water-based finishes dry rapidly, almost as fast as the water evaporates from the finish. So the drying occurs quicker on hot or dry days and slower on cold or humid days.



Water-Based Powders

How do you know when the finish is dry? It powders on the sandpaper and on the surface. If the finish isn't dry, it will gum up the sandpaper, and it won't powder.