

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers This new year has found us greiving with the loss of member Lois Woolard. She passed away Monday, January 8, 2018 at her residence. Lois married the love of her life, Kenneth Woolard and raised their three children. Lois was a member of the Northwest Indiana Workers Association.

Looking back on 2017, it has been a good year. Over the past year our club was well represented at three events, Duneland Carver Show, 33rd Annual South Lake County Antique Farm and Tractor Show, and Lake County Fair. Everyone that attended did a great job in supporting and representing our club. We had great feild trip and participation to Scott and Susan Phillips shop/studio in Ohio Scott is the Host of The American Woodshop on PBS. Norm Johnson did a great job makeing this trip possible. Norm is working on a follow up trip to Scott and Susan Phillips this spring and I hope we can make it a long weekend and visit Jeff Vollmer's shop. One thing we as a club missed out on was shop visits. It is always fun to see other shops. Let us change this in 2018 and schedule your shop visit now!

Christmas Banquet: Thank you Jon and Lisa Robbins for your outstanding work bringing the banquet together again this year. Thank you Norm Johnson for your work on the center pieces, just wonderful. If you missed the banquet, you missed out on a fantastic meal! We had so much that we had to add extra tables to bufett line. All that wonderful selections of the best treats in the region were laid out for all to enjoy in a great display. We have the best chefs and bakers attending this feast, sharing their specialties with us, Thank all of you so much! Thank you and all the members that donated their beautiful & unique handy works for our guests.

Congratulations to Max Hernick and Denny McCoolle for thier Life Time Achievment award. These gentlemen have been with the club since it was founded holding various offices, committees, and over seeing the club's advancement, Thank you gentlemen.

Dick Sader had announced that we will again have our place for the 2018 picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrivillie.

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 list the lowest bid you will accept on the item. Then towards the end of meeting, bidding will close If your item has no bids you must take it home with you. The club cannot dispose of the item. Also Marcus Meijer will show Dutch Ship Models.

February's Program is SHOP JIGS, and featuring Jason Sickinger on Grapfic 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 Woodworking Shows has posted some of the dates for 2018 already.

Columbus, Ohio is January 19th through the 21th.
Indianapolis, Indiana is February 2nd through the 4th.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin is March 9th4 through the 11th.

Happy New Year, Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!
Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

Raffle tickets are now in and ready for pick up and sales. Club dues can be paid early starting in February for achievement point. Pen kits available too pick up to make for upcoming events, see Ron.

SHOW AND TELL



Kevin Sturgeon



Don Boswell



Bill Schoech



Jeff Snellgrove



Jon Robbins

CHRISTMAS PARTY



AWARDS







LIFE MEMBER AWARDS



Max Hernick



Denny McCoolle

CUB SCOUT PINWOOD DERBY CREW



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

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
2 x 4 Challenge

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

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Solvents, Shelf Life and Spontaneous Combustion

Examples of finishing solvents include mineral spirits (paint thinner), naphtha, denatured alcohol, lacquer thinner and acetone. None of these products have a shelf life, unless they evaporate because you've left the can open, and none can spontaneously combust like linseed oil can.

Of course, all of these solvents, with the exception of those that contain water, will feed a fire that is already going. So you should still be careful where you toss rags that are wet with solvent. But no amount of these rags, piled into a trashcan, will start a fire by themselves.