

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, June is upon us and the weather has been terribly wet this past week. I hope all of you have been high and dry. With all this rain we've had I was looking for Noah!

I attended two classes at Marc Adams School of Woodworking this week. The first class was Parent/Child making a Skateboard/Longboard with Chris Gochnour. Chris started making skateboards when he was a teenager and now teaches woodworking at the University of Utah, Salt Lake. My Grandson and I attended this class, he never showed interest in woodworking before and now wants to attend this class again to make the skateboard. This was a two day class.

I can't say enough about Chris and his style of teaching, the interaction with the children was fantastic. That Monday I started class number two, Fine Writing Instruments: Pen Making with Berry Gross. I attended this class to polish my pen making skills. What an eye opener. We made many fine writing instruments. Learned a better way to do the fit and finish on the pens, and it's ALL ABOUT THE FIT AND FINISH. We worked on casting our own pen blanks, I made two of these pens. Learned how to stabilize punkey wood into pen blanks, then dye or double dye them. Berry made the process very easy. One of his signature pens is the segmented pen. We learned how to make the jig and assembly of the parts to make a fantastic looking pen. Berry is a great teacher; if you can make his seminars at the Wood Show he covers the fit and finish. The advantage of the class was he was right there to guide and assist. It was a very intense week at MASW, long hours, generally 12 to 14 hours a day, and HOT. The Lathe room had an AC unit installed in it Wednesday and was in operation Friday, just my luck.

Now back to club business. August is fast approaching; we have the booth at the Lake County Fair and the club Picnic at Hidden Lake. Please consider volunteering and or demonstrating at the fair booth. We can always use the extra hands and your smiling faces to help promote the club. I know for some it is difficult to make the evening portion

of the show, but consider some evening time at the booth. Sign-up sheets will be out for the Fair and Picnic. Lake County Fair is August 7<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will be setting up on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> and tear down and cleanup will be Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM.

Saturday August, 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Annual club picnic, please sign up.

Programs: A Big THANK YOU to Fred Bogwill, for a great demonstration on sanding, I've already started using his techniques in my own shop.

June's program is the ever popular subject of Tool Sharpening, Presented by Don Good.

He will show the proper way to hone an edge on different tools, so bring something with you that he can help you with as time allows.

July's program is one not to miss, Jeff Postma will demonstrate Chain Saw Carving. Bring a lawn chair, the Demo will be outside so we can let the chips fly.

August's program will be an interesting one. *Favorite/ Least Favorite Tool*. This is an all membership program. Bring in your favorite and/or least favorite tool that you can share with the membership.

Denny McCool hosted a fine demonstration by Ray of the Illiana Wood Turners on May the 30<sup>th</sup>. On the subject of cutting the segments for a segmented bowl.

In closing, If you haven't, please renew your membership ASAP, Raffle tickets are available for the Educational Fund. Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL



Marcia Bomba



Jean Woolard



Jon Robbins



John Novak



Kevin Sturgeon



Rodney Foster



Bob Miller



Mike Clark



Kevin Klebs



Jesse Day



Bill Schoech



Mike Clark

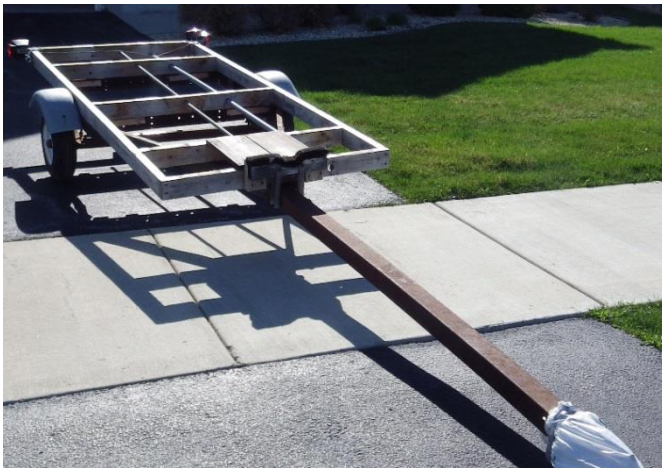
## SANDING WITH FRED BOGWILL



## ITEMS FOR SALE

Boat trailer **FOR SALE CAP. 1000#** has **2x4 WOOD BASE FRAME** can be removed. All new wiring rear stop & turning + side lights. **ASKING \$100.00 or Best offer.**

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Cell 219-669-2961



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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)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2015**

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

Program – Tool Sharpening with Don Good

July 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

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

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

Program - Jeff Postma Chainsaw Carving

August 6<sup>th</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

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

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon

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

Program - Favorite/Least Favorite Tool Program

September 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
September 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
October 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM  
November 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM Toy  
Program  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## **Avoiding Blotching in Cherry**

Cherry is a beautiful wood that is easy to work. But it is a problematic wood to finish because it has a tendency to blotch, even with just a finish applied—no stain.



Non-Blotchy & Blotchy Cherry

Everyone working with cherry wants to know the “secret” for avoiding blotching in cherry, as if there is one that they just don’t know. The real secret about cherry blotching seems to be that there isn’t any way to avoid the blotching. If the cherry boards or veneer you are using include blotchy parts, you are going to get blotching.

The only way to avoid blotching is to use boards or veneer that don’t blotch, or cut out the blotchy areas from boards or veneer that do blotch. You can see the difference in the

accompanying photograph of two veneered cabinet doors next to each other. There is virtually no blotching in the door on the left while the blotching on the right door is very pronounced.

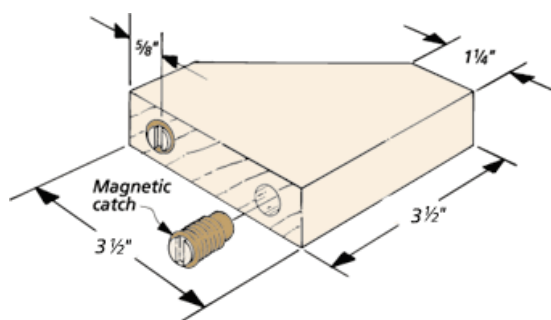
Blotching is not necessarily bad. It can be very beautiful. The curls in curly maple, for example, are blotching.

You can test if the wood is going to blotch by wetting it. Be aware that using water will raise the grain, and using mineral spirits could cause leveling problems if you intend to use a water-based finish. Denatured alcohol won't cause any problems and is fairly safe to work with.

### Magnetic Stop Block



When cross-cutting short pieces to the same length, I like to clamp a stop block to the rip fence of my table saw. This block provides clearance between the rip fence and the saw blade so the cut-off pieces don't get trapped (and kick back).



But recently, I came up with an idea that avoids the hassle of fiddling around with clamps. Instead I use a magnetic stop block. It's just a hardwood block with a pair of small magnetic catches inserted into one edge, see drawing. Note: If the face of your rip fence is wood or aluminum, simply put the magnetic catches in the bottom face of the stop block.

The magnets hold the stop block securely against the fence. And when I'm done, I simply store the block out of the way on the side of the saw cabinet.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*