

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, March is finally here! My wife and I made the road trip to Milwaukee, for the Wood Show. We could only stay for Saturday Due to work. I liked the new facilities; parking was tight but had plenty of room in the hall. We saw a few of the members there, If you attended this show see or contact John Hunter for achievement award credit.

Thank you to all that participated in the Jig program last month. I always enjoy seeing the different ideas that each of you come up with to solve a problem in the shop.

March program: Homemade scrollsaw, Postage Stamp puzzles and Wooden locks by Lynn Warner.

April's program is the 2x4 Challenge.

Do you have special skills in woodworking that you would like to share? We are in need of able and willing bodies to put on demonstrations at our upcoming monthly meetings. If you are available please contact Jeff Snellgrove or myself. Also we are planning on bringing back the **4 CORNERS**. Here is a chance for you to demonstrate your skills to the membership. We will need four demonstrators for this event. Plan on 45 minutes to an hour for the demo with questions and answer time.

Club Event: 42th Annual Duneland Carver Show Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. And Sunday, April 15th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A signup sheet has been started for members that plan on attending this event. We have obtained extra room for displaying your projects this year. Doors will open at 2:30 pm **Friday the 13th** for set up. We will need help setting up and break down on Sunday the 3rd at the end. This year we will be located in the same location as last year. South east corner near the big garage door. There is a man door that we will be using right there also. This should make it easier to set up and break down. Always needed is your best items to show off, and what better way for you to talk about your craftsmanship by attending both days. I have a request to all of our turners, can you please turn a couple of pens to give away with 5

raffle tickets. We will have the Slim line kits available for anyone who wants to participate. If we each turn 2 kits we should have enough for the event and maybe extras for the Steam Show and the Fair. They don't have to be anything special, what ever kind of scrap wood you have available will do. **Hope to see all of you at the show!**

For those of you that attended the FINE WRITING INSTRUMENT CLASS on March 3rd, we did not get a group photo, so please bring your pen with you for photo and Show and Tell. If there is enough interest, we can have another class this fall. See me if you are interested.

Ron Benson has the 2018 Educational Raffle tickets available now! Get yours soon!

Please donate some special handmade item that you created to help make this **RAFFLE** a success. When you donate a prize to the raffle you will receive credit to the Achievement Award program.

2018 Dues are Due! Be an Early Bird and receive a credit to the Achievement Award program.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

Shop Visit

I will have a shop visit on April 7, 10am-2pm. I can do hot dogs etc. My address is 7526 Independence Street in Merrillville which is one block west of Taft Street and a half mile south of US 30. Norm Johnson

SHOW AND TELL



Don Boswell



Denney McCoole



Gene Davis



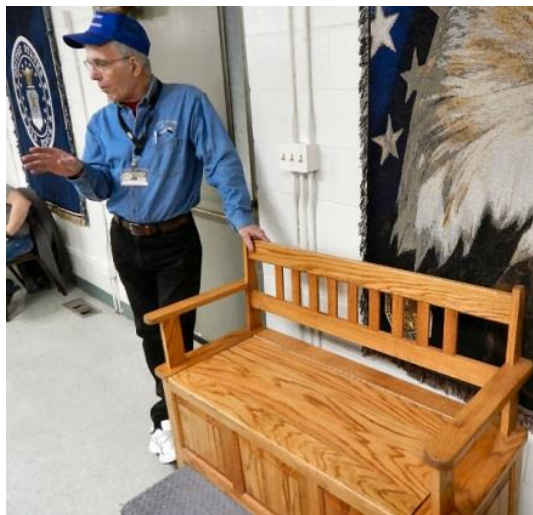
John Arvidson



Marcia Bomba



Kevin Sturgeon



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John Hunter

KEVIN'S PEN TURNING CLASS

Participants :

- 1 Marcia Bomba
- 2 Duane Bomba
- 3 Fred Rucker
- 4 Dave Lopez
- 5 Mike Schienle

Helpers

- 1 Jeff Snellgrove
- 2 Julie Sturgeon (photos)
- 3 John Malyj

Instructor

Kevin Sturgeon.

John Malyj informed me that if anyone is interested we can use their shop again in the fall for another class!







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

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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/>

Filters for an Air Compressor

You should be aware that moisture and oil can get into the air line and spray gun from your air compressor and mess up your work. This is one of the disadvantages of using an

air compressor instead of a turbine to supply air. There's no possibility of moisture or oil being transferred from a turbine.

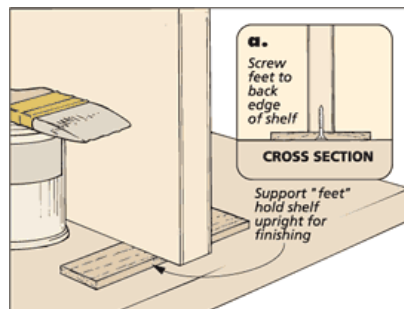


To reduce the possibility of moisture getting into the air line, drain the compressor's tank on a regular basis. Oil usually enters the system through deteriorated gasket seals, so you shouldn't have an oil problem unless the compressor is old.

To deal with both problems, you can install filters like those shown in the accompanying picture. There are many varieties of filters, including filters that can be hooked directly to the hose, just before it attaches to the spray gun.

If your finish supplier doesn't carry filters, try an auto-body supply store.

Finishing Shelves



Finishing shelves can be a time-consuming chore. After applying finish to one side, you often have a long wait before the finish is dry and the shelf can be turned to work on the other side. When each side needs several coats of finish, the whole process can really drag on.

Impatience finally spurred me to figure out a way to streamline the job. If I could safely stand the shelves on edge, both sides could be finished at the same time. Support feet attached to the back edge of the shelf to keep it upright were the answer.

As you can see in the drawing, the feet are simply thin strips of wood that are screwed to the back edge of the shelf - one at each end. When the job is done, I simply remove the feet and no one is the wiser. Except maybe me, I've cut the finishing time in half.

Good Woodworking, Ted Raife
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*