

WOOD CHIPS



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Wooden You Like To Know

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

Well spring is about to bring us some nicer weather and it will be back to the shops and woodworking for us. I hope that you have plenty of projects planned. My biggest project this summer will be to add a paver fire pit area to our backyard and some new Adirondack chairs to go along with it.

When I get the first chair done, I will bring it in to show.

I want to thank everyone for volunteering to fill vacancies on most of our committees. We are now in a better position on that. Only have a couple more to fill. If you would like to assist, please let me know and we will find a place for you to help the club.

Last month we had an excellent turnout for our meeting and great participation in our programs. Thanks to all. I love seeing all your projects and jigs. Keep up the good work. Happy Easter.



REMINDERS:

This month George Denton will give us a presentation on cutting dovetails and Jon Robbins will do a short demo on using our microphone equipment.

Next month's program will feature our annual 2 x4 challenge. Time to make those projects.

Club dues are due in May. Pay now and get an achievement point,

The shop visit to Scott Phillips American wood shop will be on April 20th. Drive out to Piqua Ohio and meet Scott and see a great stand alone woodworking shop.

It looks as though we may have some additional opportunities to raise money at local shows this year so we will be needing donated crafts to sell and pens made to bolster our raffle ticket sales throughout to season. Please see Ron for pen kits to make and if you already have completed pens, please turn them in. If you have taken kits and not finished them, now is the time to get them done or return them so that someone else can make them.

Pen makers International Symposium is next month See details online.

April 19 and 20, 2024 Chicago Marriott Northwest

4800 Hoffman Blvd

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

<https://midwestpenturnergathering.com/GeneralWebSite/HomePage.aspx?Feature=1>

Thanks and be safe,

Jeff Snellgrove

President NIWA

SHOW AND TELL



Bill Schoech



Bryant Mitol



Jesse Carrillo



Don Miller



Tom Caddell



Kevin Sturgeon



Kevin Sturgeon





George Denton



Jeff Snellgrove



Norm Johnson

JIGS AND FIXTURES



Jon Robbins



Norm Johnson



George Denton



Jon Robbins



Jeff Snellgrove



Dennis Byron



Joe Mazrimas



Bill Schoech



Kevin Klebs



Kevin Sturgeon

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

2024

March 28th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

April 2nd Executive Board Meeting at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

April 17th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

April 20th Shop Visit at Scott Phillips Shop.

April 25th Membership Meeting at at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge

May 15th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

May 23rd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

June 19th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

June 27th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

July 11th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 12th to 14th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds
 July 8th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road
 July 17th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 July 25th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 August 14th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 August 22nd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
 August 25th Club Picnic at the Portage VFW at 2803 Monnier St. In Portage IN
 12:00 Noon
 September 18th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 September 26 Setup booth for Fall Harvest Festival And Antique Equipment Show
 September 26th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools & Silent Auction
 September 27th-29th Club Booth at Fall Harvest Festival And Antique Equipment Show
 9:00 – 5:00
 October 2nd Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road
 October 16th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 October 24th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 November 6th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 November 16th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM Toy Program
 December 4th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 7:00 PM
 December 12th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

NIWA 2x4 Challenge **The Rules and Regulations**

1. Each participant in the 2x4 Challenge must be a member of Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association.
2. An eligible entry is an item completed before the April meeting and has not been submitted whole or in part into any prior NIWA 2x4 challenge.
3. Each participant can submit one entry. The entry remains the property of the participant.
4. The entry must be made from a single, standard dimension 8-foot length of wood (2x4). Any species of wood is acceptable.

5. The entry may be fastened using any glue and finished using any wood finish.
6. In addition to glue, participants may use other standard fasteners. (screws, nails)
7. The entry can also include one other material for decorative purposes or for a usage that cannot be replicated with wood. The material should not be the primary focus of the entry nor should it be used to make the piece larger by replacing components that could normally be made of wood.
8. Each participant has up to 10 minutes to and assemble the entry, describing project details including the nature of the project and construction challenges.
9. Prize will be awarded in the same manner as our famous, monthly Show and Tell Program.

WOODWORKING TIPS

Perfect Bar Clamp Cover

Iron pipe clamps can easily mar softer woods or react with the glue to stain the wood. My solution is to cut a section of plastic [PVC pipe](#) to size and place it around the pipe. If you have several short lengths, you can space them strategically to accommodate different widths of stock wood. — Tim Johnson.

What's the Reason for Nominal Dimensions?

For many of us, the moment we learned that a 2x4 board is actually 1.5 inches x 3.5 inches was simply mind-blowing. The reason for this apparent contradiction is that the board has been planed down to eliminate irregularities. At one point, many years ago, 2x4s actually were 2 inches x 4 inches, but their rough surfaces made them difficult to stock and handle. The old terms, such as 2x4 or 4x4, are still used, and are known as the "[nominal](#)" size of the board. These nominal sizes are used because they are easier to say and they stick to tradition.