

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Well May is almost over and the weather is still not cooperating. I have not had too much time to clean out the garage and start working out there. This has been a very fun packed Woodworking month for us. Julie and I attended Scott Phillips open house on May 5th. He was celebrated his 25th season of the American Woodshop on PBS. What a great time we had visiting with Suzy and Scott. Then on Sunday we drove up to the Chicago Pen show. Ken Woolard hosted a shop visit on May 12th, there was a good turnout of club members. Thank You Ken for having us over, we had a good time. Jon Robins, Rodney Foster, Julie and I set up a booth at the 9th Annual Good Time Woodcarvers & Council Oak Woodcarvers in Plymouth Indiana on the 19th. We sold some of our educational raffle tickets. This was a very memorable show, we had a flat tire on the RV and didn't have a lug wrench. But it all worked out.

We have another event coming up! South Lake County Historical Society 34th Annual Show. This is held at the Lake County Fair Grounds in the Arts and Crafts building (same as the fair but along the north wall) this July 13th, 14th, and 15th the building will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. The goal for this event is to advance our club in the community, gain more members and sell more EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS. We will have to start ordering more supplies so we can build toys for the children at Christmas, and the raffle is how we fund this. We did great at The Duneland Caver show and I would like to repeat this at this event. So 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 Fair. They don't have to be anything special, whatever kind of scrap wood you have available will do. Also a sign-up sheet will be started for those that can attend and help man the booth.

May's program will be on casting ALUMILITE PEN BLANKS.

June's program is Chris Connor from FREUD.

July's program will be 4 corners. we need volunteers to put on demonstrations. We are not limited to only 4 demonstrations during that time. Please share your skills!

Do you have special skills in woodworking that you would like to share?

We are planning on bringing back the **4 CORNERS** in July! Here is a chance for you to demonstrate you skills to the membership. We will need four demonstrators (or more) for this event. Plan on 45 minutes to an hour for the demo with questions and answer time. If you are available please contact Jeff Snellgrove or myself.

2018 Dues are Due! May is Dues Deadline! Check your membership cards and renew now!

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.

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

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

SHOW AND TELL



Elmer Phelps



Bob Miller



Jesse Carrillo



Bill Schoech



Tim Compton



Gene Davis



Max Hernick



Ron Benson



Jon Robbins



Rodney Foster



Dick Sader

2 X 4 CHALLENGE



Ron Benson



Norm Johnson



Bill Schoech



Jesse Carrillo



Elmer Phelps



John Hunter



Kevin Sturgeon

KEN WOOLARD'S SHOP VISIT





PLYMOUTH CARVER'S SHOW



2018

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/>

Minimal Finish Odor

If you want as little finish smell as possible—for example, on cabinets in a house or office that is occupied, or on the inside of a box or chest—there are two finishes to choose between: water-based finish and shellac.

Other finishes, including oils, varnishes and lacquers will require days and maybe longer for all the residual odor to dissipate.

There are two major differences between water-based finish and shellac. Water-based finish is more scratch resistant and imparts no coloring to the wood. Shellac will scratch easier and add a warm yellow-orange tone to the wood.

Both dry rapidly, so you can apply multiple coats in a day. But you have to work fast if you are brushing, especially on complex surfaces such as the chair pictured.