

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, First things first, Happy Veteran's Day, Thank You to all that served so we can enjoy our freedoms!

As we enter into this holiday season please keep Lois and Ken Woolard in your thoughts and Prayers.

Reminder our November meeting will be on the 16th, one week earlier than normal.

At the October meeting we held the nominations for the 2018 officers. The nominees are as follows:

PRESIDENT – KEVIN STURGEON

VICE PRESIDENT – JON ROBBINS

TREASURER – RON BENSON

SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

Additional nominations will be held prior to the election at the November meeting.

The club is also in need to some committee chairpersons:

Our **EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE DRAWING** is at the November meeting. Bring in your ticket stubs. We still have tickets if you want to make any last minute ticket purchases. This money will help our club provide for our Needy Kids Toy Program this year at Christmas as well as educational programs in the future. Thanks to all for helping make our raffle a success.

Message from Santa: This meeting we will be distributing the Toys For Kids. If you listed a charitable organization, it will be your responsibility to get the items delivered to your organization(s). Please invite a representative from the organization that you submitted, to the club meeting, we would like to hear from them how this program has helped. Have any spare boxes? Please bring some to help package these toys for delivery.

If you missed the October meeting, you missed a great demonstration by our member, Jon Robbins. With tips on how to make your own **Child Safe Finish**. Thank you Jon, for a great demonstration. We also had our version of Brat Fest. Thank you Dick Sader for grilling the brats and Ron Benson brining your grill, and everyone that helped out with the event. We could not have done this without all the support. Thank You to all that helped out

Christmas Party is coming up on December 21st, 2017 (a week before our normal meeting and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at 6 PM and we will have a signup sheet for our members and guest. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. We always have wonderful selection of foods. We are in need of some handmade gifts for or ladies. Please bring a raped gift or two for the ladies that suport us and participate in our craft. We will have a signup sheet so we will know how many gifts are coming.

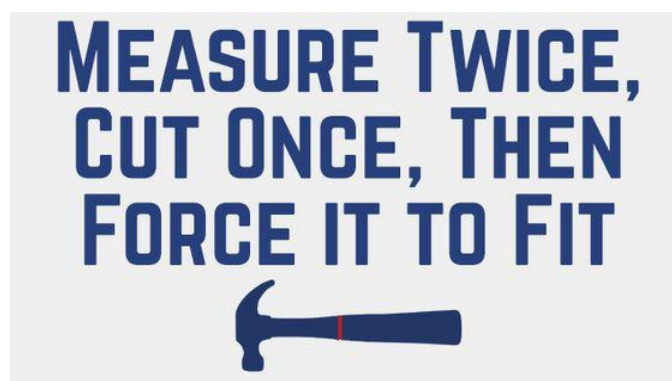
Upcoming events: The Woodworking Shows, Columbus, Ohio 1/19-1/21

Indianapolis, Indiana 2/2-2/4. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 3/9-3/11.

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

Your President

Kevin Sturgeon



SHOW AND TELL



Max Hernick



Leon Kozlowski



Leon Kozlowski



Kevin Sturgeon



Ron Benson



Marcia Bomba



Norm Johnson



Jon Robbins



Gene Davis



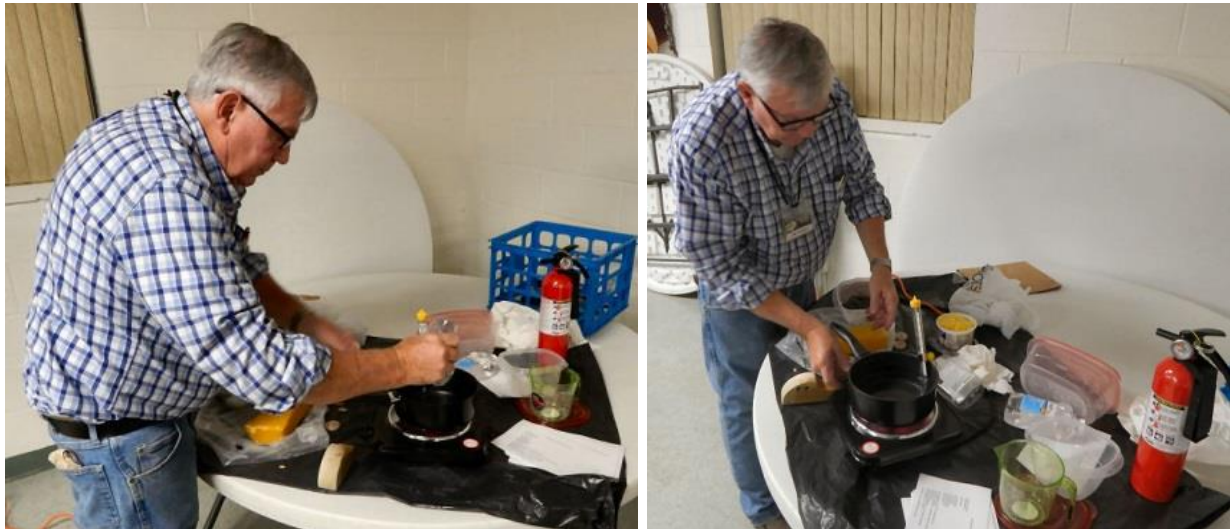
John Hunter

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BRAT COOKER

For anyone that missed last month's meeting Dick Sader was out on the grill cooking brats for everyone.



MAKING TOY FINISH WITH JON ROBBINS



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

November 16th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM Toy Program

December 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

January 8th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

January 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

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

Ebonized Finishes

Ebonize is a fancy word for “make it black”

To be honest, when I read all the concoctions that folks use to achieve a black color on wood, I get a chuckle, it's amazing.

I think the most popular one is using vinegar and 0000 steel wool. The process is to put the steel wool in a jar of vinegar and allow the acid in the vinegar to rust and eat away the steel wool forming a black liquid.

My experience with this is that it's inconsistent. The acid in the vinegar can also alter the color of the wood and a true black is not what is achieved and depending on the ratio of vinegar to steel wool will dictate the intensity, so you have to experiment.

Over 40 some years we have done a fair number of ‘black’ units. One of the favorites is “black ash” the reason is the bold grain of ash or red oak shows boldly and is defined when ebonized.

Those looking for a high-gloss black finish, that's a slightly different animal, but know this, hard close grain woods will just be black. No grain or figure is really apparent, but for a high sheen totally smooth look, they are best. I prefer a good maple.

To cut to the chase, the easiest and simplest method I know of and is my “go-to” method almost every time is a water base dye. Yep, it's that simple, and one other thing, there is only on shade of black, or is it, actually there is, however many of the dyes are actually a very dark blue or green, so when you apply them and the dye dries, it may have a purple cast to it, as soon as a finish hits, it goes away.

Now, for one of my favorite tricks, one of the blackest products I know of is India Ink. You can get it at most craft stores, it is a water base and it takes black pretty seriously, so wear gloves...trust me on this. The ink can be used as is or diluted a little, however, it's kind of pricy. So what I do is add about an ounce or so to a quart of black dye, now I have black and you can wipe it, spray it, brush it, doesn't matter, just get the project wet with the dye and your good.

Unlike other colors, the intensity of black leaves little room for error, meaning, lap marks, blotching and so forth are not an issue. Black is black, if you use the right material.

Top coat as you wish, water base products are compatible with any top coat. So ebonize something, just keep it simple.