

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers**, October is here! I have not had a weekend free this month to work in the shop. I attended a weekend class at Marc Adams School on Advanced Band saw Puzzle Boxes taught by Jeff and Lynn Vollmer. Jeff went over the fine art of hiding cut lines in the work pieces and the importance of using Danish oil to finish the project. The following weekend my wife and I traveled to Wilmington, Ohio for Artistry in Wood. This was our first time at this event and we have never attended a wood / carving show this large before, well worth the trip! We sat in on three seminars on Saturday. Butch Clark demonstrated how to paint bark on your carved project, Judy Gale Roberts went over the interdiction to Intarsia, and Scott Phillips went over some new tools. Talk about information overload, too much to see in just two days. We also visited with many of our friends from the Woodcarvers Summer Camp. I would recommend you to attend this show next year.

**Message from Santa:** The Toy Program is nearing its deadline (November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting). Time to start putting the finishig touches on the toys for the needy children. Also we need the names of the Charitable organizations with contacts and address of the organization you would like to see get these items. **It will be your responsibility to get the items delivered to your organization(s)**. You can submit the names of organizations at our next meeting or email them to John Hunter at [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com). November's meeting is when these toys are passed out and time is running short. We will need some extra boxes and or bags to package up the toys to go to their destinations. Please help where you can and thanks to all members who have and are helping make a merrier Christmas for some needy children.

It is also time to consider running for an office! At the October meeting we will be having the nominations for the 2018 officers. The election will take place at the November meeting. We will need the Nominating Committee to submit names for the each position.

**Christmas Party** is coming up on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM (a week before and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at **6 PM**. A signup sheet for our members and their guest will be at the October meeting. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish and some handmade presents to share with the ladies. We always have wonderful selection of foods. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting for the Christmas gifts. Thank you Ken and Lois Woolard for taking charge of the Gift committee again this year! Jon and Lisa Robins have done a great job arranging the Christmas Dinner, but this will be Jon's last year to chair this committee. We need a new chairperson for this job, and Jon will help get you started !

Program for **October**; Jon Robins.

**October meeting**: We are bringing Brat Fest back! Dick Sader will cook and Ron Benson will bring his grill. Thank You gentlemen and everyone that are doing all the leg work for this!

**Educational Raffle** Tickets are still available. Drawing is held at the November meeting.

NOTE TIME AND DATE changes for the last two months of the year!

November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM general meeting date and time.

December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM general meeting date and time.

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

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

### **From the Treasurer**

Fellow wood workers; There is still time to buy or sell raffle tickets. If you have any sold raffle tickets bring money and stubs to October meeting. Remember that the drawing is at our November meeting. Thanks to all who have sold tickets especially those that went above and beyond by selling many tickets. I am not mentioning names, but you know who you are. Whom ever sold the 1st prize winners ticket will get a free membership for 2018 and a \$15.00 gift certificate.

Ron Benson

## SHOW AND TELL



Bill Harbison



Max Hernick



Fred Bogwill



Don Boswell



Ron Benson



John Juscik





Jason Sickinger



Bob Miller



Kevin Sturgeon



Jon Robbins



John Hunter



Frank Schmidt



Elmer Phelps



Bill Schoech

**FAVORITE/LEAST FAVORITE TOOL**



Kevin Sturgeon



Max Hernick

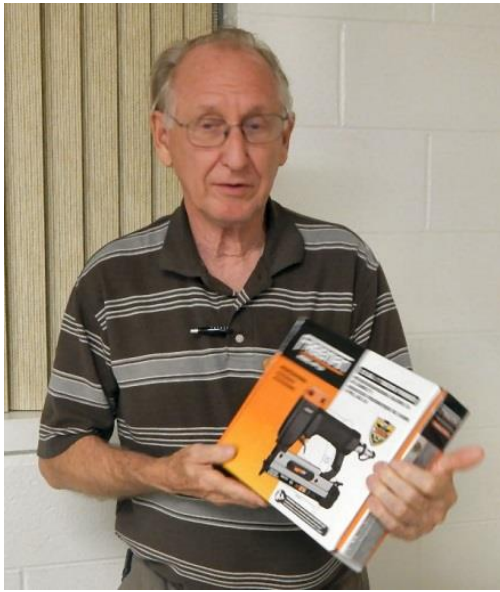




Denny McCool



Jeff Snellgrove



Bill Schoech



Fred Bogwill



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](mailto: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](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2017

October 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 13<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

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

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

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

### Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

#### TIP: Shellac for Holdout

Shellac is often recommended as a sealer, with one of the justifications being that it provides “holdout” so fewer coats of finish then need to be applied to get the same overall thickness.

This is correct only if you are applying lacquer over the shellac, as shown in the first accompanying picture. I applied a coat of shellac to the right side of this panel and a coat of nitrocellulose lacquer to the left side. Then I applied a coat of lacquer to the entire panel.



There is a little better build on the right side with the shellac sealer coat.

But using shellac as a sealer coat doesn't have the same effect with either water-based finish or varnish (including polyurethane varnish). In fact, the opposite is the case. For example, in the second picture, the right side with shellac applied under a coat of water-based finish shows less build than the left side with two coats of water-based finish.

The same is the case with varnish.

The explanation for the different results is that each coat of lacquer dissolves into previous coats of lacquer, which leaves the pores more open and the build appearing thinner. This doesn't happen with water-based finish or with varnish. They don't dissolve into themselves.

So applying any finish, including shellac, under lacquer, creates the appearance of greater build.

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