

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers. Well, how do I start to explain how my October is going! I have not had a weekend free this month to work in the shop. I'm in Indy now for a weekend class with Kathy Wise at Marc Adams School on scroll sawing. We spent last weekend at Artistry in Wood in Wilmington, Ohio for the final show after 38 years. A few of our members attended this final event. Julie and I got to hang out with Scott Phillips on Sunday afternoon at our booth and we presented him with Norm Johnson's bandsaw box. We also got to sit with Jeff Vollmer at Saturday's banquet. Jeff is a great person to know and fantastic with his bandsaw puzzle boxes. He was demonstrating the Pegas bandsaw that uses a #5 scroll saw type blade. It is a shame this show is going to fade off into history.

Last Push for Raffle Tickets, I have signed up for a booth at the Schererville Parks and Recreation Holiday Craft Show on November 2nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the club to put the last push into our Educational Raffle. At the Schererville Community Center 500 East Joliet St. Setup starts at 6 to 8 AM. We will discuss what is needed for the tables at the regular meeting.

Message from Santa: Our Toy Program is nearing it's deadline (November 21st meeting). Time to start putting the finishing 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. 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 2020 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 19th, 2019 at 6:00 PM (a week before and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at **6 PM**. A sign-up 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 sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting for the Christmas gifts. November is Toy for the Needy Children. December Christmas Dinner.

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 21st at 7 PM** and **December 19th at 6 PM** general meeting date and time.

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

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

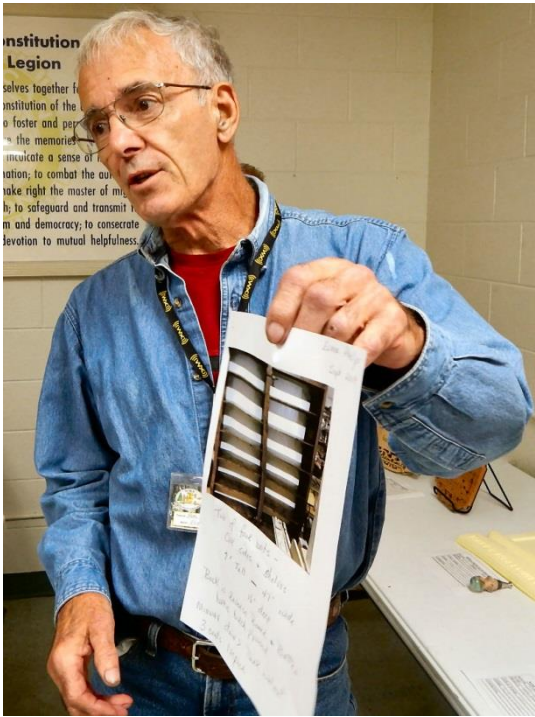
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Bill Schoech



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John Hunter



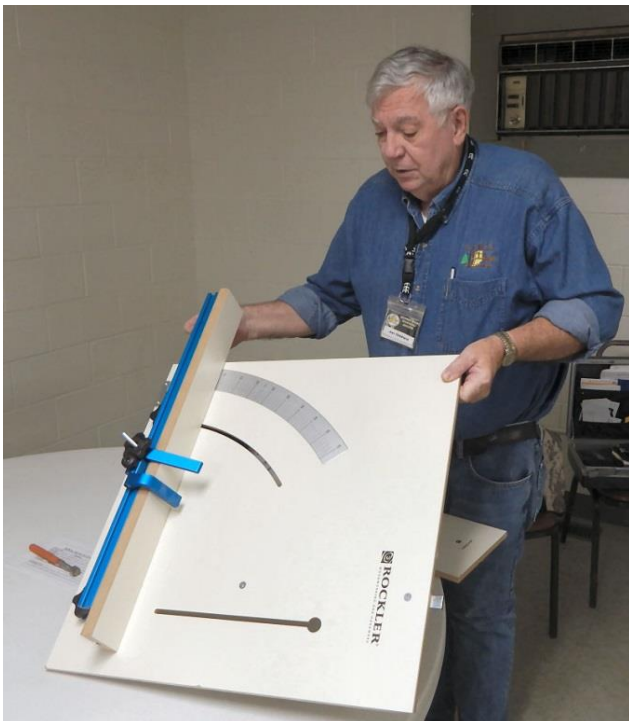
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Dick Sader

FAVORITE/LEAST FAVORITE TOOL



Jon Robbins



Bill Harbison



Fred Bogwill



Don Boswell



Bill Schoech



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AWARDS



Daniel MacDonald

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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October 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 11th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Toy Program

December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 19th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00

PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Removing Black Watermarks

There are two types of watermarks on furniture: white and black. White marks are in the finish and can usually be removed by rubbing with an abrasive. Black marks are stains in the wood and can usually be removed with oxalic acid, but only after the finish has been removed first.

Oxalic acid is a type of bleach. It's not the same as household bleach or two-part bleach (sodium hydroxide and hydrogen peroxide), which is sold in separate containers. Household bleach will remove dye stain but not black watermarks. Two-part bleach will remove black water marks but also all the natural color from the wood, which you rarely want to do.



The accompanying before-and-after photos were taken by Bob Stevenson. They show an extremely bad case, together with the power of oxalic acid.

Here's how to remove black watermarks

1. Strip the finish.
2. Dissolve oxalic-acid crystals to a saturated solution in hot water. (Saturated is when no more will dissolve.)
3. Brush the solution onto the entire surface of the wood, not just over the marks. (This ensures that the color will come out even.)
4. Let the solution dry back to crystal form.
5. Thoroughly wash off the crystals. (Don't brush them off because they are toxic to breathe.)
6. Let the wood dry.
7. If some marking still remains, repeat the process.
8. If only a light brown (tan) coloring remains, sand it out. It doesn't go deep.



There's no reason to neutralize the surface because oxalic acid is a relatively weak acid and the new finish you apply will keep water, which could activate any remaining acid, out of the wood. But if you decide to neutralize to be on the safe side, use baking soda or household ammonia reduced with a lot of water. Don't use vinegar because acids don't neutralize acids!