

# WOOD CHIPS



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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers**, here it is mid September and what a great time I had this past month. At our last meeting we had Kimmer Olesak give a great lecture on Cigar Box Guitar making. Thank you Jeff for arranging this fantastic program. Our Annual Club Picnic was great, couldn't ask for better weather. The Hamburgers and brats were cooked to perfection by our Master Griller, Fred Baginski, Thank You Fred! We had a great turn out of members and plenty of gifts for the all that attended. Thank You to everyone that participated to make this event a great success.

October is knocking on the door, we need the nominating committee to start the process of gathering nominee's for this year's elections.

**Message from Santa:** The Toy Program is nearing its deadline (November 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](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com). November's meeting is when these toys are passed out and time is running short. Please help where you can and thanks to all members who have and are helping make a merrier Christmas for some needy children.

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

**Johnson's Workbench**, WOOD EXPO in Charlotte, MI. was September 8th & 9th. My wife and I took a wood carving class with Fred Erbisich on Friday and sat in on many seminars. Saturday, Julie and I met with Scott Phillips. He is welcoming us back to his shop in the spring. Norm Johnson will setup the details at a later date, and I will pass on that information when it becomes available.

**Artistry in Wood Hosted** by Dayton Carvers Guild is October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, at Artis Roberts Center Wilmington, Ohio. Artistry in Wood features some of the top woodcarvers and woodworkers in the nation. There are tools and supplies available plus a special exhibit. There are also free demos and workshops hosted by Fox Chapel Publishing.

**September Program;** September's Program is Your Favorite and or Least Favorite tool.

**October Program:** Jon Robbins.

**Reminder to all Elves,** Santa is in need of some good old fashioned handmade wooden toy's to give out to needy children! November is just around the corner and we need to make a list of what you can commit to make and a list of charitable, needy organizations we can donate to.

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

**Your President,**

**Kevin Sturgeon**

## **SHOW AND TELL**



**John Arvidson**



**Rodney Fostyer**



Don Boswell



Bill Schoech



Bill Harbison



Paul Jarrell





Jon Robbins



Ron Benson



Dick Sader



Marcia Bomba



Matt Castro & 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](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)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2017**

September 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
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 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 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

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

#### **TIP: Getting a Do-over - Removing an Application Problem**

During application of a finish, whether by rag, brush or spray, there are sometimes problems so severe that you would like to remove what you have just applied and start over. You can do this fairly easily with oil and varnish finishes, with somewhat more difficulty using water-based finishes, and not at all with shellac and lacquer finishes without removing all previous coats down to the wood.

With oil finishes, you may have as long as an hour to remove the finish without damaging the coats below. Use mineral spirits (paint thinner).

With varnish (including polyurethane varnish), you may have 15-to-30 minutes before the finish sets up too much. Use mineral spirits.

With water-based finish, you have to be very quick; you have only a few minutes. But you won't damage dried coats below as long as you use water.

With each of these cases, wet the rag well—that is, soaking wet—and turn the cloth often.

With shellac and lacquer, you can't remove the last coat applied without damaging and removing all the coats below. The solution, if you have a problem you want to remove, is to let the finish dry, then sand out the problem.

You could also strip all the finish and start over, of course, just as with any finish.