

### **Annual Dues Now Payable**

Your annual membership dues are now payable. Please make your payment by check. Collection of dues has begun and will continue through out the May meeting. If you are unable to attend the April or May meeting, please contact the treasurer for arrangements. Your check should be made out to Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association or NIWA.

**Show Review** David and I attended the Woodcarving Show hosted by the Duneland Woodcarvers, held at Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN, 46368. This was the 32nd show held, and what a show it was! There were programs to attend and a full room of Carvers displaying there wide variety of carved items, tools, books, patterns. Some were for purchase others were for display only. The Carvers were friendly, answered questions, and shared tips to help extend their skills to others. They had door prizes. Oh, by the way, I was lucky that day! There were refreshments available for purchase. Admission was affordable at \$4.00. The park and building were easily accessible and the parking was close. This event is near home. (easy on the gas tank!) We would recommend that you attend the 33rd Woodcarving Show in 2009. Some of our members are also members of the Duneland Woodcarvers. We are sure that they will keep us informed.

I give this event a four star rating. \*\*\*\*

Reviewers: David T. White & Marcie White

**Gorilla Wood Glue** If you attended the March Meeting you received a 1oz sample of Gorilla Wood Glue. Here is what Gorilla Wood Glue has to offer. "This PVA glue is strong and was engineered to meet demands of professional contractors and woodworkers. It bonds stronger, faster and requires just 20 minutes clamp time on most material. Passes ANSI/HPVA Type II water resistance, so it can be used indoors or outdoors. Formulated for use on hardwoods, softwoods, and wood composites. Dries natural color. No dyes, only real fibers for natural-looking bond-line. Non-toxic, solvents and mildew resistant, FDA approved for indirect food contact. Also cleans up easily with water." Now you heard what Gorilla Glue has to say about their product. What do you think? Here is how to contact them. Call 800-966-3458 or visit their web site at [www.gorillatough.com](http://www.gorillatough.com) and click on "Contact Us" to send a message. There is no commitment required on our part, except to use it and enjoy.

**Pen turning for our Military** Woodcraft in Merrillville, has opened their shop on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9am until 6pm in order to turn pens for our Military Personal. Mark your calender and come out and support our troops.

**April Meeting 2x4 Challenge** There is still time to make that item for the 2x4 Challenge. This is in addition to the regular Show and Tell. Use your imagination. Make toys for the Toys for Kids Program. Most of all, Have Fun with this project. Don't leave it at home!

**Library Display** We still need items for the May 2008 Library Display. Jasper County Public Library-DeMotte, 901 Birch SW, DeMotte, IN 46310. Phone 219-987-2221 will be the host library this year. The locked cabinet can accommodate small and medium size items. Please bring them to April's meeting, secured in a box labeled with your name, project, type of wood and finish. If you do not want your name listed in the display case, state this also. We will be setting up for May 1 and take down will be the end of May unless they ask us to stay another month. (This has happened before.) If you have any questions contact Marcie White or Phil Malavolta.

**Parking** There is construction going on at Pierce Middle School. We will be parking in front of the school. (Same lot as the Christmas Party parking) We will enter on the west side of the building at the doors just north this is the main entrance. We will enter the building this way until further notice.

**Book Review:** Bob Philpot has submitted a Book Review of **The Workshop Companion - Sanding and Planing Techniques for Better Woodworking By Nick Engler (B-27.1)**

You may read it at [http://niwoodworkers.org/book\\_video%20reviews.htm](http://niwoodworkers.org/book_video%20reviews.htm) on our website.

## **NIWA 2x4 Challenge 2008**

### **The Rules and Regulations**

1. Each participant in the 2x4 Challenge must be a member of Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association.
2. An eligible entry is an item completed before the April 24, 08 meeting and has not been submitted whole or in part into any prior NIWA 2x4 challenge.
3. Each participant can submit one entry. The entry remains the property of the participant.
4. The entry must be made from a single, standard dimension 8-foot length of wood (2x4). Any species of wood is acceptable.
5. The entry may be fastened using any glue and finished using any wood finish.
6. In addition to glue, participants may use other standard fasteners. (screws, nails)
7. The entry can also include one other material for decorative purposes or for a usage that cannot be replicated with wood. The material should not be the primary focus of the entry nor should it be used to make the piece larger by replacing components that could normally be made of wood.
8. Each participant has up to 10 minutes to present and assemble the entry, describing project details including the nature of the project and construction challenges.
9. There will be 3 prizes awarded in the same manner as our famous, monthly Show and Tell Program.