

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Corner

Hi Woodworkers, Happy New Year to all! It's wonderful to be your president for 2012. The Executive Board is an energetic group that I am privileged to serve with. I treasure your friendship. I look forward to a great year!

The trees are almost down and life is getting back to usual. Our minds are full of woodworking ideas just waiting for the warm days to appear. Were you lucky enough to take advantage of our warm days? I am sure many of you did. Hopefully, there are more to come soon. Stay safe and make sure you have good ventilation in the shop. Don't work in haste or when tired. Let someone know you are in the shop. Better yet, invite a fellow woodworker to hang out. We all have the time to hang out in the shop!

This is important: If you moved, changed your phone number or email address let us know so we can update the membership roster. If you need a roster, you can pick one up at the meeting. This is how we stay in touch with each other. You never know who will invite you to their shop or needs your opinion on something :)

Make fine sawdust. See you at the meeting!

Marcia Lichnerowicz  
President

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Our first quarter executive board meeting was an interesting one. Life is what happens when you are busy making plans is often said! Our treasurer, Charlie, was busy recovering from a brief hospital stay and our past president, Lou, was busy trying not to catch a bug. Therefore, they were not at the meeting. We missed you both. To make matters more interesting, our government declared Monday a holiday and the government businesses were closed. This included the library! After some quick phone calls, the meeting was held at Burger King. They were excited to have company since it was a very slow evening. Many topics were gone over and plans made for 2012.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was a great success. A BIG thank you to Claudia and Skip, Nancy and Merle for planning this wonderful feast. Another BIG Thank you goes to Chuck Norrman and Al Kalos for obtaining the special coffee from Santa and keeping the reindeer from nibbling on the tasty treat brought by the members and guests. Bet you didn't know they were part time snack security guards! Claudia has been in contact with Marcia, she has some great plans for 2012 Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for December 20, 2012.

Thank you to Kenneth and Lois Woolard, in the true nature of volunteerism, collected the gifts made by our members to be given to the ladies attending the Christmas Party. Also, thank you to all the members that so generously made and gave gifts.

Part of the Christmas Party is the distribution of the achievement award certificates. There was an echo across the room "Wow I didn't know I earned this!" Smiles were everywhere. There were so many certificates this year. In fact, John Hunter, chairman of this program, announced that a level four (Quad level) is being added to this program. Keep up the awesome work!



## SILENT AUCTION

January's meeting will host the silent auction. Check out your tools, wood, and useful stuff. If you no longer use it, maybe someone else would be happy to add it to their shop. Here's how the auction goes. First, all deals are between the owner and recipient. The owner obtains a bidding sheet from the secretary. Lists the item and its accessories (owner's manual, bits, stand...). Think of what the lowest bid you will take for the item brought in; Put this on the top line. Let the bidding begin! When bidding is closed all sheets are collected and the final name is read. After the auction, if you brought something, it is the owner's responsibility to take it with them if there is no bidder. The Club is not responsible for disposing of your stuff. Don't bring last year's dried out Christmas tree unless it is Bethlehem olive wood ;) Just kidding...

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Everyone likes a good program at the monthly meeting. In order to continue having speakers we need someone to head this committee. We also need ideas for speakers. There is always something we want to learn about or a new tool that we saw in a magazine. We may be able to contact a rep from that company. When you come to this January's meeting bring your wish list for programs.

## **2012 LAKE COUNTY FAIR**

It official the Executive Board acting on the club member's decision has contacted the Lake County Fair's representative. She wrote our name on the schedule. Details and dates are to come. They are having their meeting soon. How Exciting!

**Greetings** George Salatas says a HELLO to all his friends at the club. He is still recovering and is looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as his doctor lets him!

**February is coming soon!** While you are looking for those treasures for January's silent auction, keep a look out for that jig you used and loved how it worked. February has an extra show and tell event. Here are the details. **Bring a jig that you have not shown before.** This is important, because chances are that if you showed it, someone has either made one like it or borrowed it. You will be talking about how you made it and why it is so useful. There will be a prize awarded which makes the jig even more valuable!

**Shop Visits** The Club awards a one year free membership to a member hosting a shop visit. Sign up with Dick Sader. He can provide details and dates available. It's a good reason to clean the shop. Hosting a shop visit is just as much fun as going to one!

**2012 Educational Raffle** The committee will be starting early to collect raffle items so they can print pictures of them on brochures. This proved successful in the past. See Norm Johnson, Ron Benson or Lou Takacs for details.

**Library Display** There will be a library display for 2012 details to come.

**Carving Special Interest Group (SIG)** is starting January 26 at 6pm before each membership meeting. The chairman of this group is Marcia Lichnerowicz. The focus is to bring carving to members and to share knowledge. The goal is to make an ornament a month, have fun and learn from each other. If you are interested please email or call Marcia.

**SIGs Turning & Scrolling** will be scheduled by committee chairmen, Denny McCoole & Dick Sader.

**Safety Tip** Make sure you have the proper fire extinguisher in the shop and check to make sure it has a full charge and inspect it at least once a month.

**SHOW AND TELL**



Max Hernick



Lou Takacs



Clyde Hewlett



Chuck Norman



Dick Sader



Don Boswell



Marcia Lichnerowicz



Lalo Gonzalez



Skip Brazil



Art Willing



John Hunter

## **LIFE MEMBER AWARDS**

It was hoped that 2 plaques would be awarded at the Christmas Party. Fate did not allow this. Marcia Lichnerowicz and John Hunter visited Frank Kylsa who is recovering from a broken hip. He was so excited. He spoke about how he and some guys got together and before they knew it, Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association was formed. He holds all his memories close to his heart. His favorite, of course, is making toys for those kids. He beamed a big grin. His niece was there smiling and taking pictures.



**Frank Kylsa**

The second stop was to Paul Jacob. He was reading in the library when the two Executive Board Members arrived. Paul smiled. He was very excited to receive the plaque. He is a founding member of Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association. He said they met in a few places before meeting at our present site, Hidden Lake. He agreed that this place offers the easiest access and was a very nice choice. He talked about the founding members how they shared ideas and reminisced. He is pleased that the toy program has continued. Did you know that Paul served in three wars? He shared this with us. He spent a great deal of time on ships traveling from one site to another. He showed his woodworking projects that so nicely decorated his home. There was a very detailed scroll sawn clock, many patriotic and armed forces pieces. He made many toys for kids. He was surprised at how the Club has grown. He offered some suggestions to improve the newsletter. The Board is excited about Paul's information and you will be seeing some changes in the newsletter.



**Paul Jacobs**

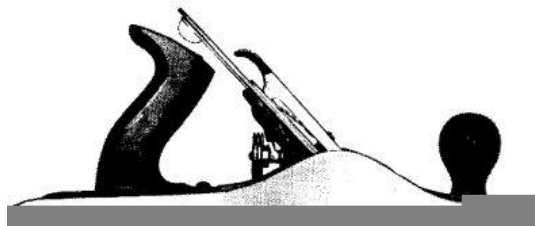
## **VISITORS CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE**

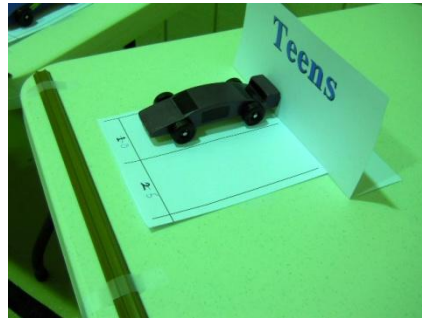
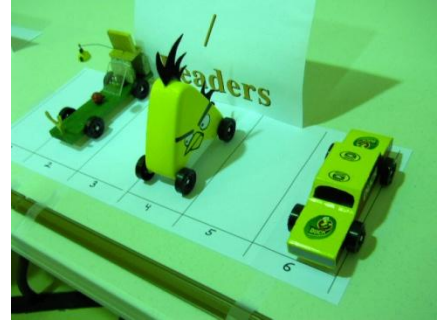
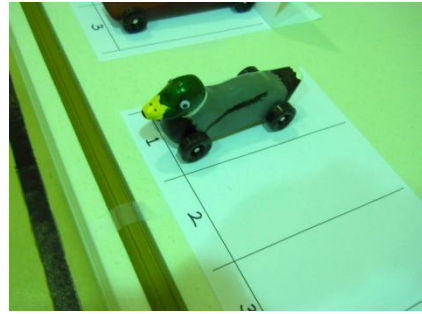
Thank you to Nancy and Merle, Claudia and Skip along with all the members that contributed to the beautiful Christmas Tree Display at the Visitors Center on the 94 Kennedy Avenue Exit. Our tree came in second this year. This is a great honor. There were so many beautiful trees. We will be participating in the 2012 program so it's time to get started. Nancy will be announcing some plans for this program stay tuned!

## **FUTURE WOODWORKERS**

Over the last month I had the pleasure of working with some young children and their fathers. I supplied the tools and helped them make pinewood derby cars. I was amazed at the design talent. The derby took place recently and I was there to help do any last minute or on the spot repairs between races. All the kids had a great time and I did too!

John Hunter





## ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact Lalo Gonzalez [LaLogon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or 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.

### FOR SALE

Festool plunge saw and two rails. I bought the 75EQ 8-1/4" saw but substituted the 55-inch rail instead of the 75-inch rail (SRP \$175.00). I then bought a 32-inch rail as well. Everything else is as supplied. Excellent condition, barely used.

SRPs

Saw \$655.00

- Universal Saw Blade
- 75" (1900 mm) Guide Rail NOT INCLUDED with my package -cfm
- Chip Deflector
- Limit Stop
- in Systainer 5 T-Loc

<http://festools-online.com/index.php/festool-tools-1/festool-ts75-eq-plunge-cut-saw-t-loc.html>

Festool FS 1400/2, 55 inch Guide Rail \$98.00

Festool FS 800/2, 32 inch Guide Rail \$65.00

655-175+98+65=643)

Asking \$550 OBO.

Thanks,

Carol

eMail: [carol@cfmdesigns.net](mailto:carol@cfmdesigns.net)

Phone: 847-609-0027





## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

During 2011 many of our members earned Achievement Awards.

### **Bronze Level Award Recipients**

Jesse M. Day                      Joe Jurisa                      Michael King                      Ken Wollard

### **Silver Level Award Recipient**

Norm Johnson

### **Platinum Level Award Recipient**

Bob Rinearson

### **Bronze Double Level Award Recipients**

Nancy Distel                      Bob Rinearson

### **Silver Double Level Award Recipients**

Ronald E. Benson                      Merle Distel                      Max Hernick                      Phil Malavolta  
Denny McCool                      Charles A. Norrman                      Lou Takacs

### **Gold Double Level Award Recipient**

Dick Sader

### **Platinum Double Level Award Recipient**

Marcie Lichnerowicz

### **Bronze Triple Level Award Recipient**

Marcie Lichnerowicz

### **Silver Triple Level Award Recipient**

Emery (Skip) Brazil

### **Gold Triple Level Award Recipients**

Claudia Brazil                      John Hunter

### **Platinum Triple Level Award Recipient**

John Hunter

## **List of Achievement Items**

Below are listed the levels of Achievement and the requirements for earning them

### **Levels of Recognition**

<b>Bronze</b>	Requires 4 A's
<b>Silver</b>	Requires 2 A's and 3 B's
<b>Gold</b>	Requires 2 A's, 3 B's and 1 C
<b>Platinum</b>	Requires 2 A's, 3 B's and 2 C's
<b>Bronze Double</b>	Requires 8 A's
<b>Silver Double</b>	Requires 4 A's and 6 B's
<b>Gold Double</b>	Requires 4 A's, 6 B's and 2 C's
<b>Platinum Double</b>	Requires 4 A's, 6 B's and 4 C's
<b>Bronze Triple</b>	Requires 12 A's
<b>Silver Triple</b>	Requires 6 A's and 9 B's
<b>Gold Triple</b>	Requires 6 A's, 9 B's and 3 C
<b>Platinum Triple</b>	Requires 6 A's, 9 B's and 6 C's
<b>Bronze 4<sup>th</sup> Level</b>	Requires 16 A's
<b>Silver 4<sup>th</sup> Level</b>	Requires 8 A's and 12 B's
<b>Gold 4<sup>th</sup> Level</b>	Requires 8 A's, 12 B's and 4 C
<b>Platinum 4<sup>th</sup> Level</b>	Requires 8 A's, 12 B's and 8 C's

Levels of achievement are earned in order and lower levels must be earned before a higher level can be earned. All levels earned are retained for life.

Achievement items for each level are counted only for the level being earned. When a level is earned they are not counted for the requirements of the next level but can be repeated to meet the requirements.

- A1 Attend a Shop Visit
- A2 Participate in a Show & Tell at club meeting
- A3 Place something you built in a club exhibit
- A4 Write a Book review or Video review
- A5 Write a Tool Review
- A6 Attend at least 9 membership meetings in a year
- A7 Submit an article to the club newsletter
- A8 Donate materials for club projects
- A9 Serve on the meeting Hospitality (coffee & cookies) for a meeting
- A10 Attend the club picnic
- A11 Attend the club Christmas party
- A12 Donate materials to the club library
- A13 Generate Publicity for the club
- A14 Suggest links for the club website
- A15 Participate in club meeting (tips, give away, suggestions, problems)
- A16 Send in a Bargain Alert
- A17 Participate in a club Challenge
- A18 Suggest book for club library
- A19 Submit information to share with club members
- A20 Write a review of a woodworking event or topic
- A21 Annual club dues paid by the May club meeting
- A22 Make 5 toys for the Toys for Kids Program
- A23 Attend a toy building workshop.
- A24 Attend a Club breakfast.
- A25 Painting 5 toys made by someone else for the Toys for Kids Program.
- A26 Provide refreshments for a Committees Meeting.
- A27 Attend a Special Interest Group Meeting.
- A28 Submit a toy plan for posting on the clubs web page.
- A29 Convert a toy plan to PDF format for posting on the clubs web page.
- A30 Donate used printer ink cartridges to the Recycling program.
- B1 Serve on a club Committee
- B2 Go on a club field trip
- B3 Make 20 toys for the Toys for Kids Program
- B4 Attend at least 9 club Committees meetings in a year
- B5 Put on a demonstration at a club meeting or Shop Visit.
- B6 Help on the club picnic
- B7 Help on the club Christmas party
- B8 Recruit a new club member

- B9 Make a Video for the club library
- B10 Donate a gift or gifts for the guests at the club Christmas Party
- B11 Recommending and delivering toys to an organization for distribution.
- B12 Demonstrate or teach a skill in a club video.
- B13 Host a club committee meeting in your home.
- B14 Painting 20 toys made by someone else for the Toys for Kids Program.
- B15 Make items for give away at the clubs County Fair booth.
- B16 Setup/Take Down the clubs County Fair booth
- B17 Supply items/materials for the clubs County Fair booth.
- B18 Donate a gift or gifts for the bingo at the club picnic.
- B19 Help on a club project.
- B20 Host a club training class at your home or shop.
- C1 Teach a woodworking skill to a youth or youth groups (hands on)
- C2 Teach a woodworking skill to adults (hands on)
- C3 Chair or Co Chair a club Committee
- C4 Hold a club office for 1 year
- C5 Help at the clubs County Fair booth
- C6 Put on a demo at the clubs County Fair booth
- C7 Represent the club on a community service project
- C8 Make 50 toys for the Toys for Kids Program
- C9 Host a toy building workshop.
- C10 Painting 50 toys made by someone else for the Toys for Kids Program.
- C11 Donate handmade item/items for a club raffle.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2012**

- January 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Silent Auction
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs & Jesse Day  
Chair Weaving
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Garry Graves Kreg Jigs
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM

July 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM  
August 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 26<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon  
September 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program  
December 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Christmas Party,  
Installation and Awards

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

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

## **TIP: Shellac and Water Rings**



Shellac has a bad reputation for water marking, but it's actually impossible to water mark a shellac finish, except with very hot water, unless the shellac used for the finish is old when the shellac is applied, or the shellac on the wood has aged considerably.

As shellac in liquid form ages, it degrades and becomes more susceptible to water marking when applied to a surface. The deterioration is slow. You should probably

think of doing some tests on scrap wood if you want to use shellac that is more than a year old on a critical surface such as a tabletop. Or better, just use freshly dissolved shellac.

As with all finishes, shellac dried on wood becomes more porous as it ages, so watermarks become more likely if sweaty glasses are left in contact with the surface. Because shellac was almost the only finish used before the 1930s, it is the finish that has been water marked the most. This is the reason shellac has been saddled unfairly with a reputation for easy water marking.

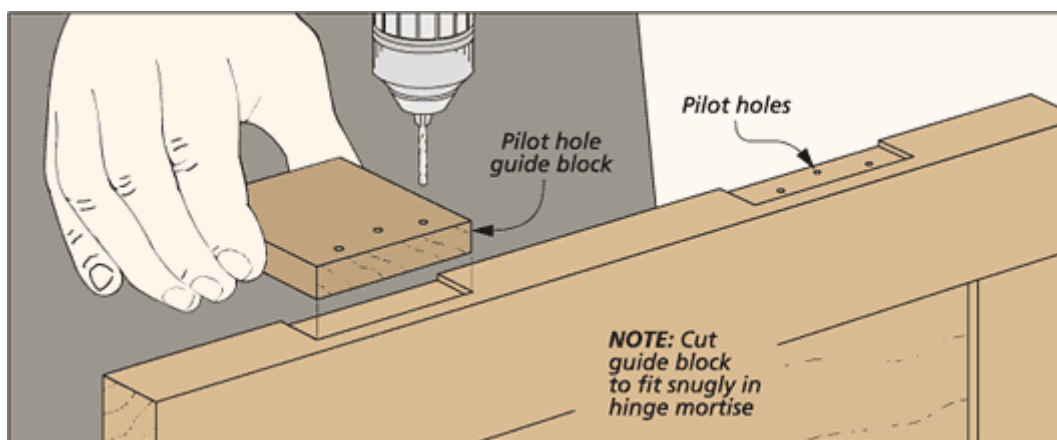
The picture is of watermarks on a half-century-old lacquer finish. All old finishes are susceptible to water marking.

## Pilot Hole Guide

After cutting a snug-fitting mortise for a butt hinge, you have one more challenge to face. You still have to drill the pilot holes for the screws. It sounds easy, but I often have trouble centering the pilot holes so that the hinge is held squarely in the mortise.

I decided that the best solution to the problem was to not try to drill the pilot holes “freehand.” Instead, I made a simple guide block that accurately positions the holes for me.

The drawing below shows how this works. The ½”-thick guide block is sized to match the width of the hinge mortise. Then I drill “pilot” holes in the guide block that precisely match the screw holes in the hinge. The guide block simply slips into the mortise and assumes the responsibility for positioning the drill bit.



Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

## **HUMOR**

### **Murphy's Law of Woodworking**

Most of you are probably familiar with Murphy's Law which states that "Whatever can go wrong, probably will".

I thought it would be fun to apply Murphy's Law to woodworking and came up with the following examples which I'm sure many readers can readily (and ruefully) relate to:

1. When you drop a mitered work piece on the floor, it always lands on a corner.
2. It always rains when you've got to transport a newly finished piece of furniture.
3. When you need a 36 inch long piece of stock, the piece with the "perfect" grain is only 35 inches long.
4. A dropped chisel always lands on its cutting edge.
5. The telephone always rings just after you've begun a critical glue-up .... and you're home alone.
6. You're always one clamp short.