

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

Well, we made it through 2024 and look forward to this new year. Let us celebrate with our old friends, add some new friends and start some new projects.

Last month we had our annual Christmas Party, and we had a great turnout. Our Christmas party committee really outdid themselves and we all had fun. The food was great. There was wonderful participation for show and tell and the gifts given out were special. Awards certificates for the year were also given out. A very special Thank You to all who participated.

I look forward to seeing all the great projects that our club members can create and share with us this year. I spent a lot of time in my shop leading up to the holidays, making gifts for family and friends. I really enjoy this each year. Making handmade items certainly adds a special something to a gift for someone. I have been woodworking most of my life and this year I spent some time reflecting on some of the projects that I have made over the years and where they have ended up. Where might the gifts that I made in 1974 have ended up in 2024 some fifty years later. I know that things that I created have gone to Florida, New York, California and Kentucky, etc. I wonder if they still exist. I hope so. Please keep in mind that handmade items do not have to be perfect to be loved and remember.....



On a very sad note. Long time club member Bill Harbison passed away December 30th, 2024.

Bill was a great friend to us all and a highly respected woodworker. He will be dearly missed.

REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on January 23rd @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose. (*An hour earlier this year.)

This month's program will be our silent auction. Dig out that tool or other related item that you have been hanging on to and now it can find a new home. If you want to bid on an item, write it down, then the next person writes in his increased bid below (do not cross out a lower bid, start a new line and write in a new bid that is larger!) Items not sold must be taken back by the owner and not left on the premises. Club member Bryant Mitol will deliver a short monologue titled "I've got an angle Charlie" See you at the next meeting,
Jeff Snellgrove
President NIWA

CHRISTMAS PARTY



AWARDS



Don Miller



Dennis Byron



Susan Bunce



Kevin Klebs



Al Kalos



John Fluck



Jeff Snellgrove



Ron Benson

Not pictured – Marc Meijer and George Denton

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



SHOW AND TELL



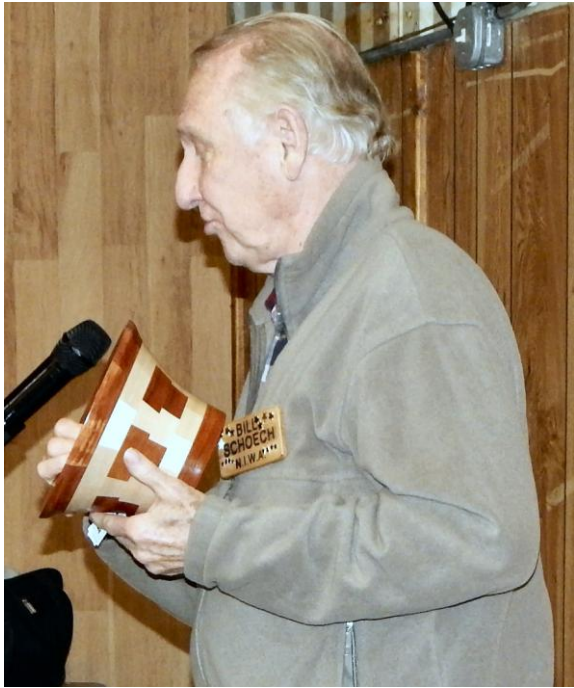
Jon Robbins



Don Miller



Jeff Snellgrove



Bill Schoech



Gene Davis



Kevin Sturgeon



Julie Sturgeon



Norm Jophnson



Kevin Klebs

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter hunterjohn4841@gmail.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 hunterjohn4841@gmail.com

2025

January 23th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
Silent Auction

February 19th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

February 27th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Shop Jigs

March 19th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

March 27th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

April 7th Executive Board Meeting 5:00 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

April 16th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

April 24th Membership Meeting at at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge

May 14th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 May 22nd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM
 June 18th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 June 26th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM
 July 7th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road
 July 10th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM at Lake County Fair Grounds
 July 11th – 13th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds
 July 16th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 July 24th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM
 July 31st Set up booth for Lake County Fair **Time to be announced**

August 1st – 4th Work booth at Lake County Fair

August 20th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 August 28th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM
 August 31st Club Picnic at the Portage VFW at 2803 Monnier St. In Portage IN

12:00 Noon
 September 17th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 September 25th Setup booth for Fall Harvest Festival And Antique Equipment Show
 September 26th – 28th Work both at Harvest Festival and Equipment Show 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 September 25th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools & Silent Auction

October 6th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road
 October 15th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 October 23rd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM
 November 12th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 November 20th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Toy Program

December 10th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM
 December 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

CHASING DREAMS

One of the organizations our club donates toys for kids to is Chasing Dreams. Here are some pictures of them distributing the toys.



Santa in the second photo is Kevin Sturgeon our past president.