

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

I would like to personally thank all the club members and new guests who have taken the time to attend our monthly meetings lately. I appreciate your continued support. We have been enjoying increases in attendance and participation in our programs and committees. Please keep up the GREAT work.

In February we started the process of adding some well-deserving long time club members to “Lifetime Member” status on our roster. Congratulations to Ron Benson and Dick Sader. You have certainly earned this!

This month I will suggest to the group two additional members names for this honor and ask for their nominations and your votes.



REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on March 27th @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose

This month's program will be on scroll saw techniques hosted by Jon Robbins.

April's program will be our annual 2 x 4 challenge. Get those projects ready!

See you at the next meeting,
Jeff Snellgrove
President NIWA

FROM THE TREASURY

Money talks,

Welcome to spring. We continue to be financially strong and starting our fundraising with a bang. Our raffle prizes are now, 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$300 and 3rd \$100. Contact John Fluck for new tickets.

We are also growing our membership. We have signed up 4 new members so far this year putting us at 57. Welcome aboard to Brian "Tex" Teixeira. Tex has quite a bit of experience and was a member of a club in St. Louis

Did you know you can pay for your membership early. If you pay before May you will achieve point towards your awards total.

Let's make this another great year.

Dennis Byron

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

Two of our club members, Ron Benson and Dick Sader were awarded Life Memberships for their years of service to the club.



Ron Benson



Dick Sader

SHOW AND TELL



George Denton



Kevin Sturgeon



Gene Davis



Gene Davis



Susan Bunce



Don Miller



Earl Lakia



Jeff Snellgrove



Bill Schoech



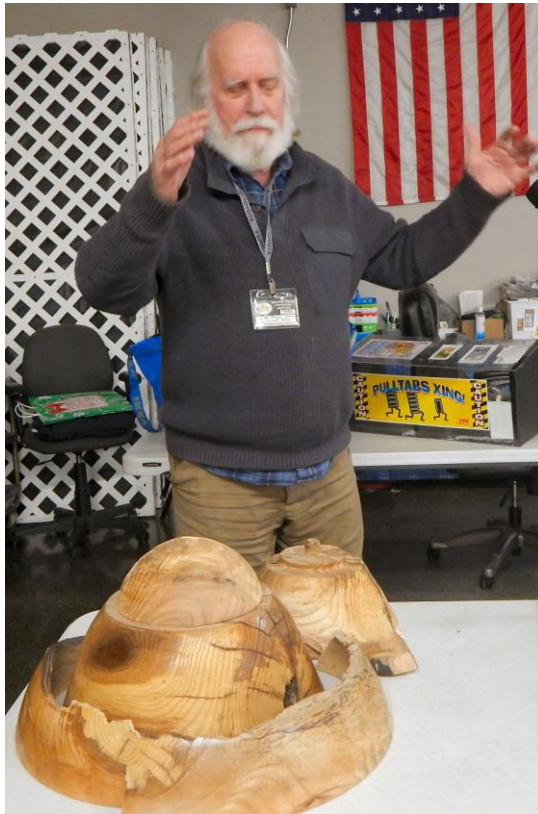
Jon Robbins



Kevin Klebs



Mat Seibert



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PROGRAM

This months program was shop Jigs.



Joe Mazrimas



Don Miller



Bill Schoech



George Denton



Kevin Klebs



John Hunter



Jeff Snellgrove

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

2025

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

6:00 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

6:00 PM

May 23nd 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

6:00 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

6:00 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

6:00 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

6:00 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

6:00 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

6:00 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

6:00 PM
 December 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
 6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

WOODWORKING TIPS

Refinishing Wood With Coconut Oil

[2littlesuperheroes](http://2littlesuperheroes.com)



One of the best, most versatile finishes, coconut oil can be used for a warm, not too shiny and easy to take care of wood finish. Whether you are new to woodworking or a seasoned DIY pro, if you have not tried finishing wood with coconut oil, you should definitely try this idea out. Much easier to deal with than traditional wood oil, the coconut oil finish will leave your wood glowing. Hides imperfections and scratches, too! My favorite DIY trick I've discovered recently!