

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Hi woodworkers, First of all, the NOVEMBER meeting is NOVEMBER 15 at 7pm. DON'T FORGET! You can come at 5pm and help with the toy distribution!!!

To say you are not on my mind would be wrong. I am presently in Ohio at a carving show. I woke up at 3:30 and thought "oh my goodness the meeting is this week and I am out of town and no computer". Lucky the hotel has a computer that's working so here I am. I am staying with 2 other club Presidents. We spent Saturday at the "Artistry in Wood". This is a huge wood show and worth the drive. All sorts of woodworking going on. So many ideas and great people willing to share information. FOX CHAPEL WAS HANDING OUT MAGAZINES. Nice people, I know many of you subscribe to their products. World known wood carvers and all sorts of venders. Life is good! Diner at Cracker Barrel and sharing ideas with the other club presidents. I will be attending day2 then home. I am full of ideas and smiles.

Lots of things going on with our Club this meeting. First we have elections. We will be taking nominations from the floor before voting. If you want to serve on the board. NOW is the time to speak up! It's fun and lots of work, however, worth every minute!

Toys All our hard work has come together. Don't forget any toys you have made and not turned in yet. We will gather at Hidden Lake at 5pm on Thursday and put the toys out on tables so they can be distributed to the organizations. There may be some of the representatives from these organizations present. If you want to help with this come to Hidden Lake early (5pm). The Kids NEED YOU!

The Christmas tree is up! BIG Thank You to members that came together and helped Nancy Distel set up the tree at the Welcome Center located at Kennedy Avenue and 94. Don't forget to go to the Visitor's Center and vote for the best tree. (OURS!)

Get Well to Charlie Morris. He is recovering and we are hoping to see him soon! **MISS YOU CHARLIE!!!**

There is still time to sign up for the Christmas Party. We will be serving a little early this year. I know this is short notice but many members have noted that diner at 7pm is a little later than they normally eat so well be serving at 6pm. This way we can get home early in case the weather is bad. Mark this change down!!!

The EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE DRAWING is at the November meeting. Bring in your ticket stubs. We still have tickets if you want to make any last minute ticket purchases.

I can't wait so see the beautiful toys. See you at the meeting.

Your President
Marcia Lichnerowicz

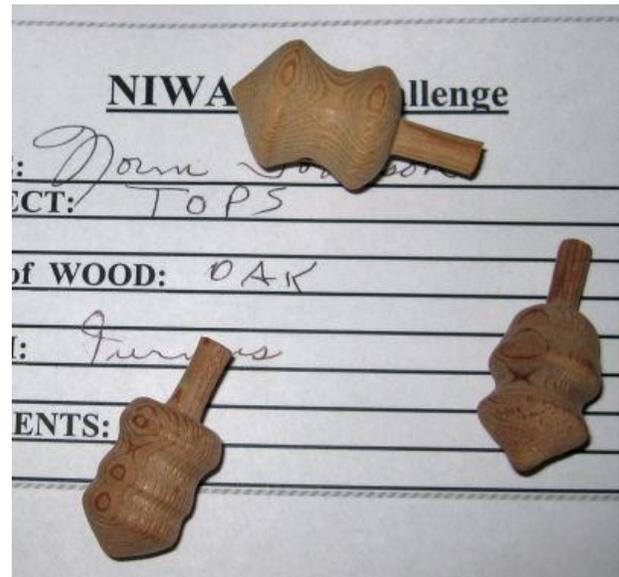
SHOP VISIT

A big thank you to Kevin Klebs for hosting a great Shop Visit. Those of us that were able to attend enjoyed the fellowship and we all wondered how he keeps his shop so clean.

SHOW AND TELL



Fred Bogwell



Norm Johnson



Marcia Lichnerowicz



Joe Jurisa



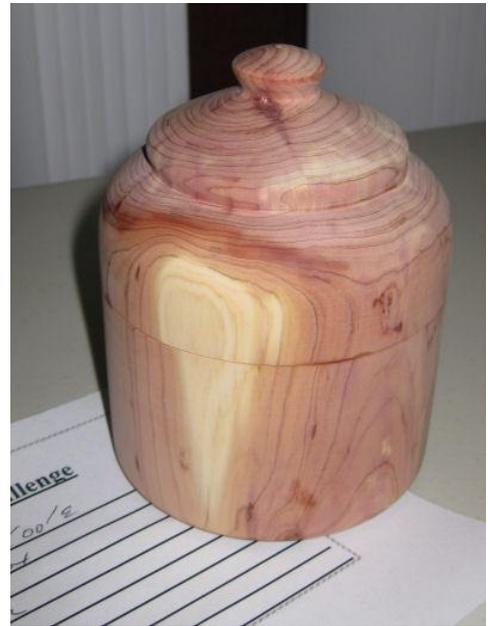
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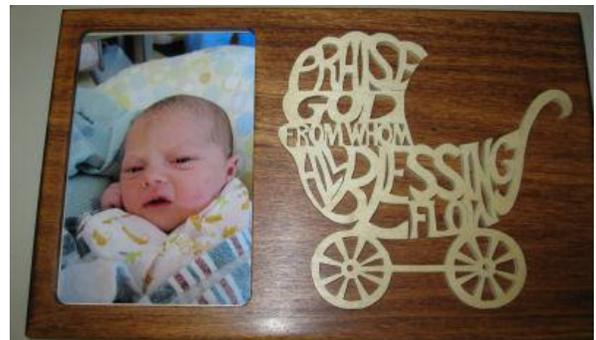
John Hunter



Denny McCoolle



Rodney Foster



Joe Jurisa

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 or 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2012

November 20th Committees Meeting at Hidden Marcie's home 7:00 PM
November 15th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 18th Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
December 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Dry Off NMP Residue

Paint and varnish removers sold in plastic containers contain the solvent n-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP) as the active ingredient. This solvent is relatively expensive, so manufacturers often mix in other solvents to reduce the cost. But it's the NMP that does the majority of the work.

NMP has less solvent strength than the methylene chloride and the other solvents used in strippers sold in cans. Just the packaging, plastic vs. metal, tells you this. The reason NMP is still effective is that it evaporates extremely slowly, so it can remain wet on the paint or finish for days if necessary.

I find this paint stripper very easy to use when I'm not in a hurry. I just brush a thick layer of the stripper onto the surface and walk away for an afternoon, overnight, or longer if necessary, until I can take off all layers of the paint or finish at once.

The problem with this stripper is that some of the solvent remains in the wood for many days, and the solvent can affect the drying of the finish you apply. So, if you want to begin finishing within several days of the stripping, you need to dry out the NMP.

You could do this with heat, of course, but it is usually easier to simply wipe with denatured alcohol or lacquer thinner. Alcohol is less expensive and less toxic. Wipe several times with a damp cloth to dry off the surface. You can feel if you have succeeded; the wood will feel dry. You can also tell you haven't succeeded if your sandpaper clogs up.

Auxiliary Vise

One of the things I like best about woodworkers is that we're always thinking. For example, if we don't have a tool or a jig that we need to do something, we make it ourselves, or come up with a work around. Here's an example:

Have you ever wished you had an extra bench vise, but couldn't really justify buying another one? Well, the next time the need arises, make yourself one of these quick vises. It costs next to nothing. All it takes is a couple of small pieces of plywood and a pair of bar clamps. The bar clamps provide all the pressure that's needed. And the pieces of plywood serve as "jaws" of the vise (*see photo*).



Each jaw in the photo is 8" × 18" and 3/4" thick. The neat thing is there nothing complicated about making the vise. The bars on the clamps fit into narrow (1/4" wide × 2" long) slots cut in the ends of the jaws. This way, when you loosen the clamps, the slots keep the clamps from falling to the floor.

One thing to keep in mind is the location of the slots. They need to be far enough down from the top edge of the jaws that they clear the bottom of the benchtop.

Mounting the jaws to the bench is a snap. The back jaw is screwed to the front edge of the benchtop. To do this, position the back jaw so its top edge is flush or just below the top of the bench. Then screw it to the edge of the benchtop with two or three woodscrews. Countersink the screws so you won't damage the workpiece when the jaws are tightened.

Finally, all that's left to do is slip the clamps in place as you add the front jaw.

Good woodworking,

Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*