



WOOD CHIPS

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Happy Halloween!

Club Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7pm

Clifford Pierce Middle School

199 E. 70th Place, Merrillville, In.

Until further notice, when attending the meeting, please park on the West side of the building & use the main entrance.

This is due to construction.

November Elections

Stan Slazyk, our Parliamentarian, is taking names and talking to candidates. If you want to run for office or know of someone, please talk to Stan so he can list the name on the ballot.

Badges Badges!

Elizabeth Carlsson is our Badges Chairperson. Please see Elizabeth if you need a badge.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

2008

I _____ WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2008 NIWA CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 18, 2008. I WILL BE BRINGING _____ GUESTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM PAYING A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00 PER PERSON THAT WILL BE REFUNDED AT THE PARTY BY THE TREASURER. TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE PAID \$_____.

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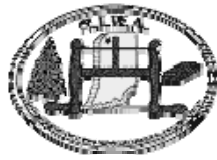
TOTAL OF \$_____ REFUND ON DECEMBER 18, 2008.

Trick or Treat





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2007 Council Members

President	David T White
Vice President	Marcie White
Treasurer	Claudia Brazil
Secretary	John Hunter
Membership/sign-in	George Salatas
Program	John Novak & John Hunter
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Exhibits	Marcie White
Hospitality	Charles Norman
Club Discounts	Dave Taylor
Historian	John Malyj
Shop Visits	Alex Gavaller
Picnic/Party	George Pluard, Dave Taylor, Lou Takacs, Fred Baginski
Field Trips	Leon Kozlowski
Photographer	Fred Baginski
Toys for Kids	Claudia & Emery Brazil, & MANY MORE
Show & Tell	Denny McCool & Max Herrnick
Drawing	Mike Novosel & Ken Copeland
Shirts & Hats	Fred Baginski
Mini-Seminars	John Sturk & Bob Miller
Community Liaison	Frank Kylsa

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hello Woody,

In a few weeks the people of this great Nation will elect a new President!

There is a system in place that will only allow a president two terms.

I believe in this system! This is the reason why I will not run for president of our Club in 2009. I think in order for our Club to evolve, we need new ideas and new motivations. I have enjoyed what I have seen the last two years. What I mean is you the fine members of this Club have done a great job! I can not thank the Executive Board enough. Their hard work has the Club in the right direction. All the credit belongs to Marcie, Claudia, John and Lou. I thank all of the Committee Chairpersons; you are the glue that holds us together! So I will be president until the end of my term. When the time comes to turn over the gavel, I will do my best to help the next president.

David T. White

Shop Visit

Skip and Claudia Brazil will host a shop visit on Sunday, November 9.

Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. Skip will demonstrate his set up for mass-producing toys plus much more. He has a great shop that is worth the trip. He lives in a beautiful country location. Don't miss seeing the bridge that he built a few years ago. He only fell off of it two times during construction. The Brazil's live at [168 W. 850 N. Valparaiso](#)

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Claudia Brazil is now in charge of our ink jet cartridge recycling program. This is a fundraiser for our club as well as a way to keep these plastic products out of the landfill. For this program to work, it will require all of you to help by placing your empty cartridges in plastic Baggies or small paper envelopes to protect the cartridges from damage and bring them to Claudia at our meetings.

Not all cartridges are recyclable. You may go to the *eCycle Group* website <http://www.ecyclegroup.com/> and check their cartridge list. This can be really good for our club as it has earned my genealogy society \$209.00 so far this year. Ask your family and friends to donate their cartridges.

Toys for Kids

Our *Toys for Kids* program is doing very well. My records show that we have 633 toys made, 361 more promised for a total of 984. The toys will be turned in at our November 20 Membership meeting. Please keep on keeping on and get the promised toys made in time for the meeting. The club is providing wheels, axle pegs and washers if you need them.

Tools

I recently made a Sanding Table, which turned out to be one of the best shop-made projects I have made. The point is to capture sanding dust at the source. You can download the plan at <http://www.woodworkingtips.com/etips/2008/07/17/sn/>. This website by Woodsmith Magazine has searchable links to a variety of plans. Also, go to the Tool Review page http://niwoodworkers.org/tool_review.htm on our website for more details and a photo.

I would also like to recommend the bar clamps sold by the Harbor Freight store in Schererville. Not all tools sold by Harbor Freight are worth having, but these clamps are great. I like them because they are lighter and more compact than the more expensive heavy-duty clamps. This is good when you have a multiple clamp set-up. I have used them for years and never had one fail. They provide all the clamping power needed for glue-ups and can be reversed for stretching. The throat depth is a little less than the more expensive clamps, but they can't be beat for the money. I believe they are on sale for the month of October. Bob Roach

Christmas Party/Awards Diner, Dec 18 at 6pm There is still time to make reservations. This is a fun event. If you have never attended, this is the year to come join in the fun. You can make reservations at the meeting or mail the reservation slip to Claudia. There is a \$5.00 reservation fee per person attending. If you attend, the check is refunded. If you do not attend the Club uses the check to offset the cost of the food you would have eaten if you attended the event. Bring a side dish or desert. Something you like and we will like it too! It has been the Club tradition to make gifts for the ladies coming to the Christmas Party/ Awards Diner. There will be a sign up sheet at the next 2 meetings so we can get an idea of how many gifts are being made.

Shop Visit Review Denny and wife, Carol, welcomed members. They were smiling and making sure members felt at home. As I entered the shop, I saw a wide variety of tools. The shop was arranged for comfort and easy access. I asked Denny what was his favorite tool. He replied without hesitation, his lathe. I could tell he had been working on a project. He quickly added that he likes to do all types of woodworking. I agree you're only limited by your imagination. Ideas and shop tips were shared over refreshments. The grill was going and the coffee was great. This was an enjoyable Shop Visit. Hope you were able to attend. Thanks Denny!

Marcie White

Last Month's Speaker I am so impressed by our member, Frank Schmidt and his students from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. What wonderful things go on in that shop! I couldn't stop talking to my friends and family about this special program and school. As we all know this is a small world. A friend of mine is very familiar with the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. His grandmother attended this school. There is a pew in the chapel with her name, Natalie Culpepper, on it. As a child his family would come and visit at the school. He said it is a great place. Thanks Frank for the program!

Marcie White

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

3. chamfer

5. brad

6. arbor

12. jig

13. heartwood

14. kickback

15. spindle

16. ogee

17. tearout

18. sapwood

19. countersink

Down

1. bark

2. grain

3. collet

4. fiddleback

7. bead

8. stile

9. particleboard

10. tenon

11. featherboard