

Newsletter

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March 2004 In Review

■ **John Kellogg**, from **The Home Shop Woodworking School** in Charlotte, MI gave us another fascinating shaker box demo.

Shaker style woodworking means useful, everyday items without any unnecessary glitz, gee-gaws or other ornamentation.

The Shakers developed many techniques and tools later adopted by the woodworking industry. Since Shakers did not believe in "bragging rights", they never attempted to acquire patents for their innovative ideas and implements. Sadly, others saw fit to not only use the tools and techniques but to assume credit for the advancements.

Many of their practices have been lost due to their lack of documentation. Shakers did not take notes. They worked on an idea until it worked and then passed it along to others by teaching and sharing. Today we can only marvel at some of the buildings and furniture that stand as monument to their skills and dedication to their craft.



REMEMBER: FVWWC Needs YOUR Help at the Odeum!

The Spring 2004 Woodworking Show will be on April 16th, 17th & 18th at the Odeum in Villa Park and we need **YOU** to help at the club booth and your projects to display.

Help is needed all 3 days, from setup to tear down. No prerequisites apply and the rewards are many!

Sign up now to give us an hour or two of your time promoting the club. Bring a smile and wear your name tag and you will be a success! You may also qualify for free admission to the show! We are allowed a limited number of free passes so sign-up now to quality.

Volunteer at the April meeting or contact me at (815) 824-8038 or valarry@earthlink.net -- **And thanks for your support!**

Larry McHone,
Show Chairman

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

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On the Agenda

■ Our April speaker **Berthold Schwaiger** of the **Bauhaus Apprenticeship Institute**.

Visit them at: <http://www.lf.org/bhai2000/>

■ The **Basic Shaker Box Workshop** has been filled but we are still accepting names of Members interested in a possible second Basic class later this year or early next.

Sign-up now for the **Intermediate Workshop** coming in June! Spaces are filling fast and it is first come, first served.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

- **Fisch Bench Top Mortiser:** Powerful 3/4 hp motor @ 1724 RPM 5" head stroke with 1/2" chisel capacity. Oversized gears for smooth operation and longer life. Twin columns for improved stability and accuracy. Includes deluxe 4 chisel set, some never used: \$150.00
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 - **Woodmaster 18" Planer/Molder** (Made in America): Plane a full 18" wide Molding head - includes 1 cutter - Variable speed feed: \$650.00
- All three in excellent condition --
Call Nick Rentas (630) 845-0250
- **Irwin Auger Bits** in wood case. #4 through #16 - 1/4" through 1" in 1/16" increments. With 2-jaw brace. Ratchet / reversible. \$95.00
 - **Craftsman Electric Nail Gun.** Model 68429: \$15.00
 - **Craftsman Electric Stapler/Nail Gun.** Model 68496: \$15.00

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- **Free to Members:** Submit 3 weeks prior to meeting: fwoodworkers@fvwwc.org, (630) 897-4877 or send Fax: (630) 844-3385

-- Editor, **Linda G. Christensen**

Membership Update

Six new members signed up in March:



Bill Johnson - Winfield
Tod Fairbanks - Aurora
David Masters - Warrenville
Nick Rentas - Geneva
Roy Randall - Geneva
Fred Martin - Naperville

James Nellis, Membership

Shaker Box Workshops

Basic Class: May 14th & 15th



1.5 days of Basic instructions on Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You will build a set of 5 nested cherry wood oval Shaker boxes that are included in the workshop fee of \$125 per person which includes a buffet lunch on

Saturday.

18 applicants have already signed up for the Basic Class -- NO SPACE REMAINS!

NOTE: If you are not one of the lucky 18 but want a chance to take a Basic Shaker Box workshop PLEASE let us know! If enough folks are interested, we will do our best to arrange another Basic class later this year or early next so get your name on the "Waiting" list today!!!

Intermediate Class: Jun 11th, 12th & 13th (Prerequisite: Basic Class)

2.5 days of Intermediate instruction on Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Each registrant will be given a detailed list of project choices with completion time, wood choices and cost to send back to Kellogg (Project costs will be collected at the workshop and he will bring extra ones to buy at the workshop too.) Workshop fee is \$165 per person and includes 2 buffet lunches on weekend and a free #2 fixed-handle carrier to build.

Intermediate Class limited to the first 14 applicants paid by the end of the June 1st meeting -- Space is still available but do not dawdle -- Get your registration in!

Mail your reservation to the club at:

FVWWC
PO Box 1041
Batavia, IL 60510

- **Refunds for full amount available till 10 days prior to the workshop -- ONLY. Last minute cancellations will be eligible for a refund of \$75 for May or \$60 for June.**

FVWWC DRAWING

Drawing winners in March were:

1. **Al Nelson: Ryobi Oscillating Spindle Sander**
2. **Frank Behm: \$25 Lowe's Gift Card**
3. **Darrel Anderson: Sheffield Multi- Kit**
4. **Ken Runyan: Metric, Ball End, Allen Wrench Set**

For April we will again have a choice of 1st Prize items, along with a variety of secondary items:

Porter-Cable Air Compressor

- Model CPFAC2600P 2 Peak HP, .8 HP Running
- Built-in automatic thermal overload protection
- Larger Easy to read regulated air pressure gauge
- Universal, High-FloSM, push-to-connect coupler in air outlet
- One year warranty

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



Dremel #8000-01 Lithium-Ion Cordless & Super Accessory Kit Combo

- Higher speeds 5,000 – 35,000 rpm, same as Dremel corded models.
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- Accepts 150+ Genuine Dremel® accessory bits.
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SPECIFICATIONS

Tool Weight.....14 oz.
Speeds..... Variable (5,000-35,000 rpm)
Motor.....10.8V DC
Collet Capacity.....1/32" – 1/8" (1/8" included)
Warranty.....2 years



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

...See you at the meeting!



Charlie Christensen,
Raffle Chairman

NOTE: Have a suggestion for a prize? Let us know, we aim to please!!!

Mighty Oaks from little acorns grow...

...Or so the saying goes. Like the mighty Oak, our club has grown from a small handful of like minded folks into a large room full of enthusiasts in the 20 years since the seed was sown.

I have been looking through the old records lately and found the minutes from that very first night, before we had a proper name much less a newsletter and website. Here's an excerpt from that meeting that puts it all, to coin yet another phrase, in a nutshell:

"On Tuesday, February 19, 1985, at 8:00 p.m., Mr. Chuck Lickinger of "The Hardwood Shop", West Chicago, Illinois, opened a session before 27 males all having a common interest of working wood into useful, decorative, and nonsense articles; hereafter addressed as "woodworkers"..."

Happy Birthday to Us!



Show & Tell

March 2004 brought us another marvelous display of member's projects large and small.

Floyd Johnson: Table Lamp & covered box/canister of a variety of woods.

Bill Turk: Scrap wood Table of mixed wood with a wipe on Poly finish.

Darrel Anderson: Unique Student Chef Kit of Baltic Birch and Mahogany with a finish of Danish Oil and Butcher Block Oil.

Frank Behm: Cute animated Pull Toys of miscellaneous woods.



Dave Van Norman: Trivet of Oak/Walnut with a Poly finish.

Jim Gill: Jigs from unfinished scrap wood.

Ron Gilkerson: Cradle of Cherry with a lovely General Finish.

Len Swanson: Bathroom Shelf of painted Pine and Maple.

Charlie Christensen: Custom Drawer Fronts for kitchen cabinets of White Oak, as yet unfinished.

George Salatas: Scrolled Basket of Poplar finished in semi-gloss Deft.

Paul Dehnert: Puzzle made of Poplar.

Stan Anderson: Tool Holder of unfinished scrap wood.

Bob Hackbarth: Mug of Walnut, 34 years old, with unknown finish.

Mike Brady: Arts & Craft Clock & Marking Knife of White Oak with Lacquer finish.

Doug Pfaff: Australian Banksia Tree Pod Clock with a Lacquer finish.

As always, great work and interesting stories. Keep up the good work -- Looking forward to next month!



With a Little Help From Your Friends...

Members are busy with a number of projects and for a variety of organizations. Our club has become very popular of late and our cumulative skills sought after to help with jobs large and small.

Since early **January Bob Dahlstrom and Ron Gilkerson** have spent long days working on the **Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners** exhibit



at the **Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier.**

The display won the coveted **Mayor's Award** and was, by all reports, the show's #1 attraction again this year... ..Kudos Men, kudos!!!

Last month I ran a letter from the folks at the **Fox Valley Hospice** seeking donation of a couple of custom made armoires for American Girl dolls to be auctioned off at their upcoming fund raising event.

Mike Biro, one of our newest members, was quick to answer their request and the results were adorable. These are sure to be treasured by the young ladies who



take ownership of them and may even end up as family heirlooms...they are stunning, inside and out! Great job Mike, you did FVWWC proud!

☞ *Reprint from the January 1992 issue of the Fox Valley Woodworkers Newsletter:*

HELPFUL HINTS:

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will publish several helpful hints each month. For this to be successful, we need your help... If you have a way to make life easier for you in your shop, why not share it with the other members of the club by letting one of the club officers know about it at the next meeting or by writing it down and sending it to the newsletter editor. If you have any question about woodworking, you could also send them in one of your members will most likely have a solution for you. Don't forget, there are over 130 members of the *Fox Valley Woodworkers*, and that's a lot of experience that can be shared.

Now for this month's Helpful Hints:

Ever make a miter cut on you table saw and have the stock shift on the miter gauge while you're making the cut? Try gluing a piece of sandpaper to the face of the miter gauge. Rubber cement works fine, or you can use the same glue you use to glue sandpaper onto your sanding disks. Thanks to *Louie Coulombe* for this hint.

Occasionally, most of us have to apply finish to all surfaces of a project and then have a problem finding a place to put it without damaging the finish. This is where those strips of wood with the carpet tacks sticking through them come in handy. You can find them in almost any hardware store or flooring store. Just place the finished piece on top of the tack points until it is dry. This hint comes from *Dick Manlove*. Thanks, Dick.

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===== TIPS & TRICKS =====

Shop-Vac Tip

Do you HATE the high pitched whining sound of shop vacs? I solved this problem by building a small covered area in back of my shop to protect the vac from the weather, then cut a hole in the wall and fed the hose and the power cord into the shop. The cord is plugged into a "switched plug" and I purchased 25 feet of generic vacuum hose from a local dealer. Now the shop vac and it's noise are all outside and I can vacuum in peace and quite.

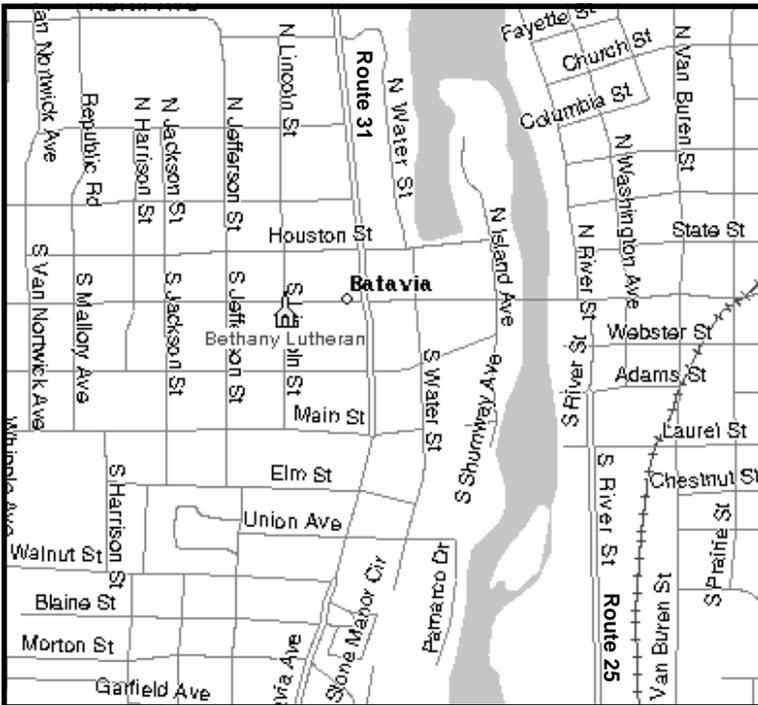
Stirring Paint With Drill

If you have purchased on of those handy little paint stirring adapters that looks like little propeller on the end of a shaft, for stirring your paint ... stand back. If the paint can is full, the will always spill paint over the side. The other problem is they are often off center so the becomes a great whipping motion (also messy). The solution might be to make your own stirring paddle. This can be made quite easily with a heavy coat hanger. Make it as straight as you can, the out a small (2 - 3") loop at the bottom to mix the paint. This device works fine for paint cans full or only partially filled.

Stabilize Your Rip Fence

Ripping smaller boards is easy, but when you get the larger full of half sheets of heavy plywoods, ripping these on most table saws is a challenge. One of the often occurring problems is that the pressure on the rip fence near the out feed side, often moves slightly away from the blade. This causes rip cuts to be off, sometimes by as much as half an inch. To solve this problem, clamp a board on the outside of the fence to prevent it from moving. This will give you a straight cut from end to end.

-www.woodworkweb.com - woodworking community Staff



FVWWC Meets at:
Bethany Lutheran Church
Of Batavia, IL - 8 S Lincoln St.
1st Tuesday of Month
7:30 P.M.
Visitors Welcome!



Keep up with all the Club news and
 lots of interesting information:
<http://www.fvwwc.org>

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FVWWC Events Calendar

- Apr 3rd ... Sat ..10:00 a.m. **Shop Tour: Jim Cummings**
 Winfield, IL - *Map on website.*
- Apr 6th.... Tue...7:30 p.m. **General Meeting: Chicago's**
Bauhaus Apprenticeship
Institute - Berthold Schwaiger
- Apr 16 - 17 - 18.....TBA..... **"The Wood Show" at the**
Odeum in Villa Park
- Apr 17th.. Sat ...9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Club: The Red Apple**
Restaurant at 414 S Schmale
Rd-Carol Stream.
- May 4th... Tue...7:30 p.m. **General Meeting: "How to**
Make a Cheval Mirror" by
FVWWC's Mike Madden
- May 14th .. Fri.... 6:00 p.m. **Workshop: Beginning Shaker**
Boxes I by John Kellogg
- May 15th . Sat ...8:30 a.m. **Workshop: Beginning Shaker**
Boxes II by John Kellogg
- Jun 1st..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. **General Meeting: TBA**
- June 11th . Fri.... 6:00 p.m. **Workshop: Intermediate Shaker**
Boxes I by John Kellogg
- June 12th Sat ...8:30 a.m. **Workshop: Intermediate Shaker**
Boxes II by John Kellogg
- June 13th Sun...8:30 a.m. **Workshop: Intermediate Shaker**
Boxes III by John Kellogg
- Sep 21st-25th.....TBA **Gathering of Woodcarvers**
 hosted by **Joe Dillett/Somonauk**
<http://www.thecarvingshop.com>