

Newsletter

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July 2004 Meeting In Review

President Ron Gilkerson welcomed guests, gave some notes on upcoming events and introduced longtime members **Howard Van Valzah** and **Rich DeSimone** to those present. Howard now hails from Roscoe, IL and Rich enjoys the year round warmth (and golfing!) of Hendersonville, NC. It was good to see you -- *Hope you visit again soon!!!*

Miller Dowel's Rep did not make the meeting as planned so, we did what any woodworker worth his sawdust would do, *we improvised!*

Ron lead a discussion on the various topics and projects members look forward to and some great suggestions were proposed. Tom Sharp, program chairman, will make good use of your ideas for the upcoming year.

Some of the things we talked about were:

- Road trips to places like Sierra Hardwood, Kirkland, Kettle Moraine Hardwoods or Deppler Sawmills or a factory or other woodworking related establishment.
- Topics suggested for meetings and/or workshops include: Resawing Techniques, Identifying Wood, Finishing/Refinishing, Tuning and Using Hand Planes and many more good ideas.

Our evening continued with a lively "Shop Talk" session of problems and their solutions. "Shop Talk", always a favorite feature, is a great way to learn some tips, hear about the latest "toys" or just share what we have experienced with others. All in all, another super evening spent with a lot of super folks!

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On the Agenda

■ **General Meeting:** We will begin with a brief word from our friend **Sherri Kahoot of Humanitarian Services**, one of the groups that distributes our Christmas Toys. We will follow with "**10 Minute Presentations**" on shop tips and processes, etc. by members **Len Swanson** has arranged to have speak to us at the August 2004 meeting:

- **Teresa Glisson: Faux Finishing**
- **Harry Davis: Work flow layout**
- **Stan Anderson: Tools and Tips**
- **Ken Runyon: Measuring**
- **Mike Brady: Finishing**
- **Len Swanson: Gluing miter joints**

■ Don't forget the **Breakfast Club** that meets at **The Red Apple Restaurant** (414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL) this coming August 21st, Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. - Everyone invited to stop by for an informal get together with friends and good food.

■ **General Meeting:** In September we welcome **Jeff Miller, Furniture maker** to make a presentation of his works.

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

■ **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co.** has asked to make it up for missing our July meeting by appearing in October. His Dad, founder of Miller Dowel, may join him so don't miss this chance for an in depth look at their joinery system!

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





EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently a member was asking about what wood to use for outdoor projects and a debate took place over the pros and cons of using White Oak. Happened to stumble across a reference to using White Oak in the latest issue of the WOOD Online Newsletter and had to check it out. It is most interesting -- Hope you agree.

--LGC/Editor



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WoodworkingForums

Share, learn and ask woodworking questions

Finishing and Refinishing

Welcome to the Finishing and Refinishing forum. This forum allows you to ask others questions on finishing or refinishing. For several feature articles on these topics, please visit the Finishes section of Woodworking Basics. For a large selection of finishes and supplies, visit the WOOD Mall. Meet your forum host, Steve Mickley.

Subject: what to use to finish outside potting bench

Posted by: rick4212

Date: Jun 28, 2004 9:59 PM

Message #6759274

Made my wife an outside potting bench out of white oak. It is on our covered porch and out of the sun and rain but since it is a potting bench it will get water and dirt on it. What would be the best finish to put on it? thanks for any help.

Rick

If you can't convince them, confuse them

I like that... Posted By: Steve

Date: Jun 29, 2004 5:01 AM

Message #6759918

Rick;

..."If you can't convince them, confuse them". I think I just may borrow that for future use.

White oak is an excellent exterior wood in its own right without any finish of any kind. It is very rot resistant and has historically seen use in wine and distilled spirits barrels as well as the planking and ribs on sailing ships; Old Ironsides is a prominent example. The wood will age to a wonderful silver gray, will resist checking and splitting, and will not cup or twist. Neither will the grain separate, giving the surface a "ragged" look as does the grain of pressure treated wood left untreated (or not treated regularly). Given these properties I would seriously consider applying no finish at all. Once you apply a finish you introduce a maintenance issue. Finish, ANY finish, is going to suffer the ravages of time in an exterior environment. This problem will be exaggerated by the work your wife is likely to do on the bench; sliding pots, etc over the surface. As the finish fails the bench will look worse and worse. The wood would have been just fine had you simply left it alone, but since you didn't, you now have to attend to the ugly finish. The task will never end.

Also, with no finish, if you do get any "rough" areas on the bench from use you can just sand them and be on your way; nothing to "renew".

Steve

THE OODSHOP
OF JOHN JACOB MICKLEY

Re: what to use to finish outside potting bench

Posted By: rick4212

Date: Jun 29, 2004 9:48 PM Message #6765286

Thanks Steve. I have learned a lot from reading your posts and from your web site. I think I will leave it unfinished. I used white oak for this project because I understood it held up better outside than other woods because of its cell structure. Thanks again.

Rick

If you can't convince them, confuse them.

Re: what to use to finish outside potting bench

Posted By: **NONAME**

Date: Jul 2, 2004 6:10 AM Message #6778775

Any finish that sits on the surface will have to be renewed on a regular basis. If you prefer the finished look, consider a penetrating oil finish. My father has always used oak for the floor of his farm wagons. He applies boiled linseed oil to the boards and then applies an oil based paint when the linseed oil is dry. One wagon was made from an old A Model (?) bus frame and pulled by mules and the rest are about forty years old. While the paint has worn away, the surface of the boards has withstood log, silage, hay, etc. hauling and still looks great. Such an oil finish can be sanded and renewed again and again.

Check out WOOD Magazine's WoodworkingForums at: www.woodmagazine.com

Show & Tell

The first order of the evening was the handing over of the Show & Tell duties to Matt Gauntt by our longtime host **Bob Burritt**. After many years of service as MC, Bob passed the job on to Matt.

Although we will all miss Bob's style and wit, Matt proved that he is a terrific choice to take over the position. Matt was cool, calm and collected as he handled July's MC duties like a pro -- **Thanks Matt for taking over!**

Turn out in July was lighter than usual but the items on display were great and included:

- **Howard Van Valzah:** Starlight Theater Model Music Box -- Beautiful!
- **Jon Wolfe:** Trout Landing Net of Cherry and Walnut with Polyurethane finish.
- **Richard Lentz:** French Bracket Four Glass Clock circa 1830. Repaired cracked case & door moulding and replaced leg. Finished in Tung Oil.
- **John Winton:** 3 Black/Choke Cherry and 1 Reg. Cherry Pens with friction polish.

- **Paul Dehnert:** Sanding Blocks made of plywood and finished with poly.
- **Darrel Anderson:** #7 Shaker Oval Box with Tung Oil & Shellac finish and Shaker Trays #'s 8, 9 & 10 finished in Tung Oil & Poly.
- **Charlie Christensen:** 24"x30" "Floor Table" for Montessori School made of Baltic Birch ply and trimmed in Oak with a Minwax Clear Gloss Poly finish.

Winners for the July drawing were:

1. **Paul Dehnert: Re-chargeable Flashlight**
2. **Darrel Anderson: All-in-One Pliers**
3. **John Winton: Set of Screwdrivers**

Thanks from all of us to Bob Burritt for service above and beyond the call of duty -- You are the epitome of what this club is all about Bob --

We couldn't have done it without you!



FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

Drawing winners in July 2004 were:



1. Wayne Rudder: \$100 Am/Ex Gift Cheque
2. Wally Quanstrom: \$25 Am/Ex Gift Cheque
3. Bob Nealon: DeWalt Travel Mug & Asst. Driver Set
4. Marlan Tevis: DeWalt Travel Mug & Asst. Driver Set

In August we will, again, have a choice of three 1st Prize items! We will add a Jet Dust Collector to the choices currently available! Of course there will be some secondary items also so be sure to stop by and get your tickets. See you there....

...Charlie Christensen

 <p>JET Model 650 - 1 hp Dust Collector</p> <p>http://www.jettools.com/</p>	<p>Dremel #8000-01 Lithium-Ion Cordless & Super Accessory Kit Combo</p>  <p>http://www.dremel.com</p>	<p>Senco FP-10 23 Ga. Micro-Pinner</p>  <p>http://www.senco.com</p>
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Membership Update



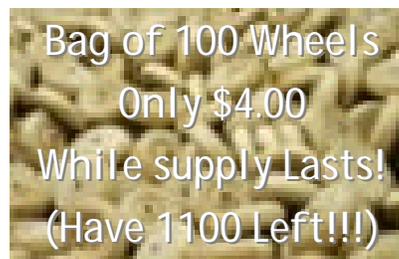
NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:
Don't forget -- Our **2005**
Membership renewal drive
starts in September! Look for
your renewal card in next
months newsletter.

**James Nellis,
Membership**

DEALS ON WHEELS

Still have a few bags left of the 1 1/2" x 1/4"
wood wheels! These are perfect for those
toys you are thinking of making for our
Christmas Toy Drive!!!

See me at the next meeting or...



Library News

Stop by and browse...We
have loads of books, DVDs,
videos, magazines and more
to inspire that next project!

Cheryl Miller, Librarian



...Contact me now to reserve yours!

Remember, all proceeds go to FVWWC!

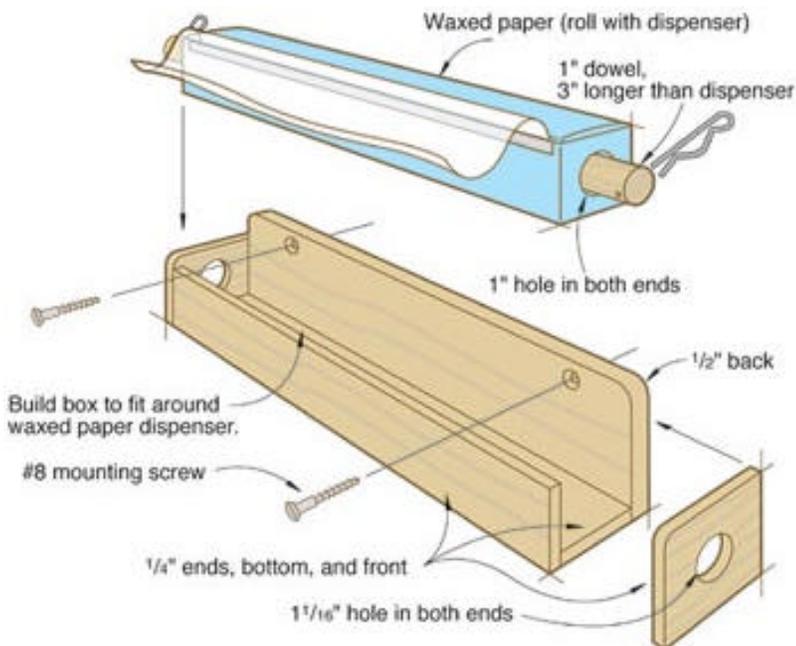
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Dispenser keeps waxed paper at your fingertips

It seemed like whenever I needed waxed paper to protect my bench from glue squeeze-out, the waxed paper was buried in a drawer. I either had to dig it out with messy hands or stop and clean up before I went for it.

To put waxed paper within easy reach, I built a wooden box, just big enough to hold the waxed paper in its original box. To keep the roll from jumping out, I drilled a 1-1/16" hole in each end, cut matching holes in both ends of the waxed paper box, and slid a 1" dowel through the whole works. Then, in each end of the dowel, I drilled a hole and slipped a hairpin hinge pin through the hole to keep the dowel in place. With the box screwed to the wall, I never hunt for waxed paper.

--Martin Cecil, Owensboro, KY



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Rough Sawn Walnut -

I have approximately 275 – 300 bd. ft. of 8/4 rough sawn walnut. Most boards are 8' length, 4-51/2" width and 2" thick. These are approximate sizes. I will consider any reasonable offer. I can send a photo to anyone that is serious in purchasing this wood.

Contact me via e-mail address:

noynaert@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

Brandon

P.S. Photo available upon request.

HELP WANTED

Lady in Batavia has asked if any of our members would be interested in making a toy box from plans she had available. It is basically a large, traditional toy chest w/hinged lid but also has a couple of drawers beneath and the lid is done in a type of laminate that serves as an erasable drawing surface. She is interested in hearing from anyone who might want to quote her a price and will make copies of the plans as necessary.

Call 406-1235 and ask for Lynn.

VACATION GETAWAY

FLORIDA CONDO FOR RENT --

Need some vacation time or want to play "snowbird" after the Christmastime toy/ holiday meeting, then our one bedroom, one bath, efficiency condo on a very private area of Fort Myers Beach has it all: a view of the gulf, heated pool, lagoon with a bird feeding area, shops & restaurants across the street, tennis courts on premises and an 18 hole golf course just down the street.

December 15th - April 30th: \$675 per week
(or save at \$2,600 per month)

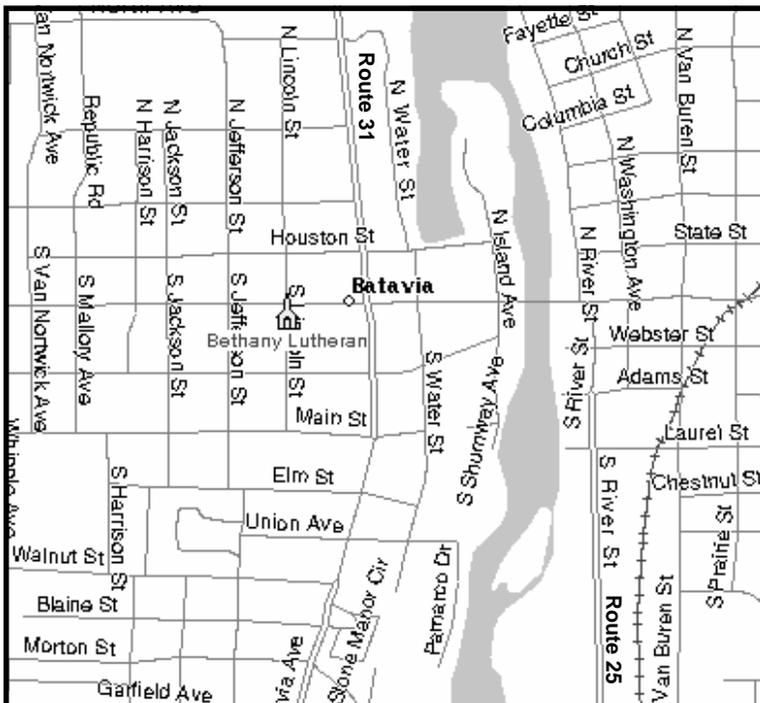
May 1st - December 14th: \$375 per week

Joe Popp: 630-620-0819

Attention FVWWC Members

Have something to Sell and can't wait for the next Newsletter to be published? Looking for a special tool to buy/borrow and don't know who to ask? Hear some woodworking news too good to keep to yourself? Call or send us an email with details and we will broadcast it to all online Members!

Contact FVWWC Editor/Webmaster
(630)897-4877 or woodworkers@fvwwc.org



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:
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FVWWC Events Calendar

- Jul 31st.... Sat TBA Galootapalooza IX - Hampshire, IL: www.galootapalooza.org/
- Aug 1st....Sun..... TBA Galootapalooza IX - Garfield Farms: www.galootapalooza.org/
- Aug 3rd.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Len Swanson & fellow members bring us "10 Minute Mini-Presentations"
- Aug 21st.. Sat ... 9:00 a.m. . **Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd in Carol Stream, IL**
- Sep 7th.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Jeff Miller – Furniture maker
- Sep 15th. Wed .. 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple
- Sep 21st-25th..... TBA "Gathering of Woodcarvers" hosted by Joe Dillett/Somonauk <http://www.thecarvingshop.com>
- Oct 5th.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co. - Winnetka, IL**
- General Meeting: Basic Box Building by Charlie Christensen
- Oct 16th... Sat ... 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple
- Oct 23rd/24th 10-4 No. Suburban Carvers "Artistry in Wood" by J.R. Cadawas
- Nov 2nd... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Al Seivers and Mike Brady – Woodworking w/ stained glass
- Nov 17th. Wed .. 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple
- Dec 7th.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Christmas Party and Annual Toy Drive