

Newsletter

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December 2006

November 2006: In Review

President Ron Gilkerson lead things off with a Welcome to Member's and Guests.

Following our yearly election of Officers for the new year, **Steve Johnsen** was introduced as our presenter for the evening.

Steve is a local artist who works in wood and creates unique designs in furniture for both decorative and utilitarian purposes. For 22 years he has been designing and building custom furniture for a wide range of clients.

He says that everyone has artistic ability but one has to allow it to surface and reveal itself. Learn to look at a piece of wood and see the possibilities it holds and find ways to interpret and release the creation within.

His works meet all the requirements of use & functionality while maintaining their appeal as delightful examples of eye candy.

Don't know how many of us went back to the workshop and discovered our inner artist but I know the presentation was enjoyed by all and I look forward to seeing the results in future Show & Tell displays.

Thanks Steve for a new way to look at working in wood and an interesting concept for developing one's creative talents.



December 2006: Christmas Party & Toy Drive

Members and their guests are invited to enjoy another great time celebrating a wonderful year.

This year our **Christmas Party & Toy Drive** is on Dec. 5th and we hope you will be there to share in the festivities.

Representatives from **Batavia Access**, Batavia. **Operation Christmas**, Bolingbrook & Romeoville and from West Chicago's **Humanitarian Service Project** will be there to accept our donations for area families.

FVWWC will provide meat, cheese & veggies trays, coffee, punch or cider, plates, plastic-ware and napkins to compliment what is always a fabulous "**Pot Luck**" provided by our members.

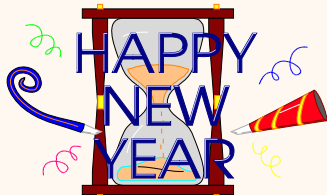
This year's entertainment is promised to be most rewarding and the friendship and good time will plentiful and warm.

So, take a moment from stringing popcorn and hanging the mistletoe to come help us put a fitting end to another excellent year in FVWWC history.

Hope to see you there!

FVWWC Events Calendar

Dec 5th Tues....7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Christmas Party & Annual Toy Drive !
Dec 20th ...Wed....8:00 a.m. ... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: At a new, earlier time of 8:00 a.m. - The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL -- everyone is invited to stop by!



Jan 2nd Tue 7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Meeting: Paul Jablonski, formerly of Woodcraft, will do a presentation on Sharpening Techniques.

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Membership Drive 2007



Renewals for 2007 started 09/05 and must be submitted no later than 01/30/2007 to insure you don't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

There will be **no raffle tickets sold at the December meeting**, due to the Christmas celebration, but last month was another rousing show of support by the membership and some nice prizes were again awarded.

November's winners were:

FIRST PRIZE: **Boxed Set Turning Tools - Chris Vavrinek**
2nd Prize: **"Delta" T-Shirt - Dick MacFeely**
3rd Prize: **"Delta" T-Shirt - John Winton**

We will resume selling tickets for the **30 Piece Bessey Assorted "Tradesman" Bar Clamp Set & Stand** at the **January 2007** meeting.
Remember: This raffle will run until we meet our goal so the sooner you buy, the sooner you could win!!!

Thank-you to everyone for helping make 2006 a very rewarding year and helping the club "kitty" grow nice and plump! We will have some very nice year end drawings thanks to your participation!!!

...See you at the meeting!

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

Show & Tell - November 2006

MC Matt Gauntt

November was a smaller but impressive display from the following members:..

- **Ron Gilkerson: Wood Sculpture** of Birdseye Maple & Flame Birch with General finish.
- **Howard Van Valzah: Candlesticks** in a "Forgotten" Wood with Matco finish.
- **Stan Anderson: Maple & Walnut Ornaments** with Zar Wipe-on Poly finish.
- **Don Carkhuff: Scratch Beaders** of unfinished Rosewood, Paduk & Maple.
- **Jim Cummings: Dresser w/Optional Diaper Changing Station** in Cherry with Oil Stain, Shellac and Wipe-on Poly finishes.
- **Dan Winslow: Pepper Mill & Salt Shaker** in Minwax Antique Oil finished Walnut.
- **Jim Simnick: Cherry Jewelry Box w/Drawer**, Poly & Minwax Cherry Gel finish.
- **John Winton: Drill for Lamp Pulls** in Zebra wood with friction polish finish.
- **Shawn Guinn: Turned Bowl** of Koa with Hot Wax finish.
- **Rick Lambert: Toy Log Truck** in unfinished Oak.
- **Doug Pfaff: Birdhouse** from Cedar with CWF finish.

Great end to a fabulous year and one can only imagine what the New Year will have to offer! Thanks to everyone who shared their projects, stories and ideas with us, keep up the good work and we'll look forward to 2007 and all it will hold.

-- See you next Year!!!



Official as of November 2006

Attention FVWWCers,

Our friends in Morris changed the name of their store but the management remains the same and they have invited all of us to stop in and check out their new products, extended line of tools & wood products and special year-end sales on wood!!!

FOR MEMBERS ONLY: Show your current FVWWC ID card and get 10% off on all purchases of lumber!

Remember: The Name has changed but value & service remains the Same!

Prairie Millworks

3385 N Rte 47

Morris, Illinois 60450

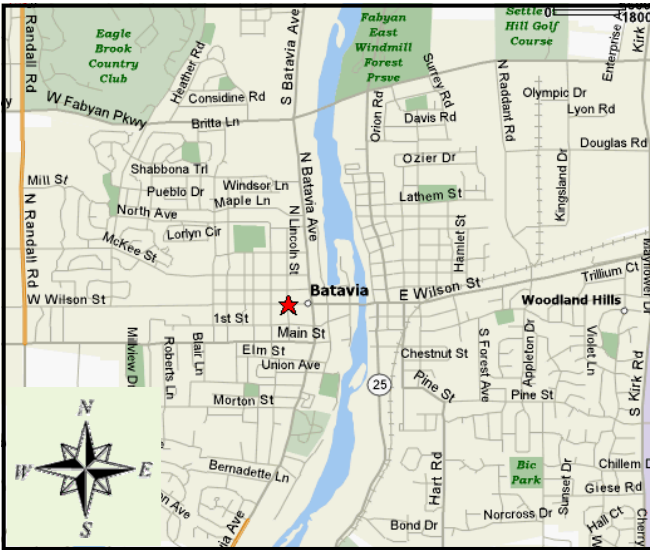
Phone 815-942-5865

Stop by today and check out their extensive selection of matching Oak lumber, curly Cherry, fancy Walnut and other fine domestic and exotic woods for those last minute holiday projects and next year's treasures!



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Fox Valley Woodworkers Club
General Meetings held at:
Bethany Lutheran Church
8 S Lincoln St. - Batavia, IL
1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Visitors Always Welcome!

**The Fox Valley
Woodworkers Club's
Annual Christmas Party
& Toy Drive**
Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 2006

- ★ **Pot Luck Dinner**
- ★ **Collect/Distribute Toys**
- ★ **Entertainment**

**Come for a Good Time &
Good Food shared with all
our Good Friends!**