

# Newsletter

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## January 2007: In Review

Our new **President, Tom Sharp**, got the new year off to a good start. We had a good crowd of at least 110 and quite a few quests as well.

**Paul Jablonski's** Sharpening Techniques presentation was very well received. He gave us information on a number of ways to sharpen and maintain a variety of tools.



Paul stressed the importance of keeping tools sharp and how a well maintained tool takes little time to keep it in the best working order...Not to mention making the job go faster!

In February our presenter will be **Michael Lopriore** of **ML Machine Maintenance** and he will be dealing with machine setup and maintenance routines.



## Takin' Care of Business

An **Audit Committee**, made up of FVWWC members **Stan Anderson, Jim Cummings and John Winton**, met with **Treasurer Doug Pfaff** recently to go over the club's financial records for 2006.

They will give us an overview and present a signed report on our status at the February general meeting.

Thanks to all four men for taking time to complete the official paperwork and get the old year wrapped up in such a timely and efficient manner! **Great job!!!**

## Membership 2007

**Renewals are in and we thank everyone for their cooperation!** Wait till you see what FVWWC has in store for 2007!

**Ken McFee, Membership**  
*themcfees@hotmail.com*



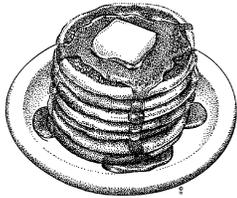
## FVWWC Events Calendar

Feb 6th..... Tue.... 7:30 p.m.... FVWWC Meeting: Michael Lopriore of ML Machine Maintenance will present **Machine Set-up and Maintenance**.

Feb 21st... 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!

## FVWWC's Breakfast Club

On the third Wednesday of each month members are welcome to join "regulars" Bob Burritt, Jim Hildreth, Bud Yackley, the Madden's and others for an informal morning get together. Brush off the sawdust and come share some good talk, get acquainted with fellow members at **The Red Apple Restaurant** at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL where both the friendship & the food is served warm, with a smile!



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Host..... Jim Anderson

Greeter ..... Jim Hildreth

## FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

**Way to go! We got 2007 off to a great start!** The year's first lucky members were:

**1st Choice: New Member - Tim O'Brien - Bosch 10.6 Colt Drill Driver**

**2nd Choice: Jim Cummings - Digital Calipers**

**3rd Choice: Calculated Industries T-Shirt to each of the following - Ken McFee, Ken Ebner & Bob Seegers.**



The Regular Raffle will again have a variety of items to choose from like a **Porter-Cable 1.5 HP, 6 Gallon UMC Pancake Air Compressor with Accessory Kit**, a \$50 Am/Ex Gift Cheque, Set of Six Blue Chip (formally Marples) Chisels and other goodies! **You must be there to win!**

We will continue selling tickets for a **Special Raffle** of the **30 Piece Bessey Assorted "Tradesman" Bar Clamp Set & Stand**. **Remember: This raffle will run until we meet our goal so the sooner you buy, the sooner you could win!!!** If we meet our goal at the February meeting, we will draw for a winner...*No need to be present to win the Special Raffles!*

As always, proceeds go towards future drawing items and the FVWWC general operating fund so, when you play, everybody comes out a winner!...

**...See you at the meeting!**



**Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman**



# Thank-You!

*Sincere appreciation to the FVWWC members who offered assistance during my recent move and to Matt Gauntt and Ron Gilkerson for giving of their time and muscle to haul my workshop from the old garage to the basement of the new house... That was no small effort. To all who offered storage space, use of their shop until mine is operational and everyone else for their good wishes and moral support, I thank you all...*

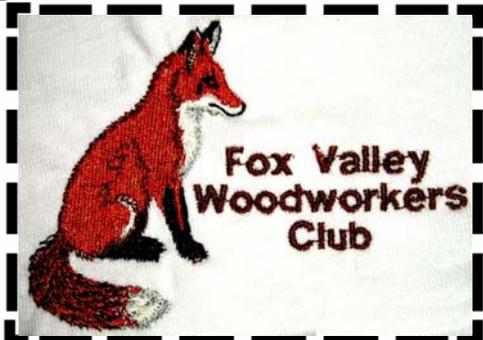
*... Teresa Braden*

## FVWWC Logo Items: FOR SALE

**Gail Madden** will be taking over the sale of Club Logo items, formally being handled by the Cheryl Miller.

Check out the **T-Shirts, Denim long or short sleeved Shirts, Ball Caps and Shop Aprons** available in a variety of sizes and by special order. All items feature FVWWC logo and name and are reasonably priced to make it easy to show off that club spirit!

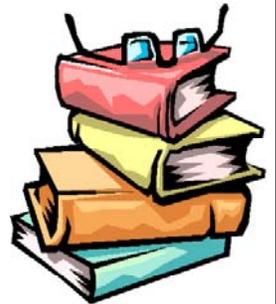
**See Gail at the next meeting to order!**



## Library News

Our new Library Committee, consisting of **Rich Moss, Dave Dockstader & Tom Zillman**, will take over the duties officially at the February meeting.

Take a moment to stop by and say "Hello" and let them know we all appreciate their volunteering for this ever growing position.



They will welcome your suggestions as to possible additions you would like to see and be doing an undated inventory of our stores over the next few months.

**Remember to return any books, videos or magazines you may have lurking around in the sawdust too!**

The club's **Jet** mini lathe and **Drill Doctor** bit sharpener are available for check out too by contacting the Library Committee prior to a meeting to pre-arrange pick-up!

# Members Q&A

Reprints of recent email conversations.

## Non-Member's Questions

**Q:** I am looking for design ideas/plans for a contemporary dining room table that will open from ~72" to ~110". Any suggestions on where I can get help? Thanks, Tom

**Tom Weil**  
[weilta@comcast.net](mailto:weilta@comcast.net)

**A:** Tom,  
I got your message from Linda Christiansen about needing dining room table plans. Here is one that I saw. Hope it helps.  
I have not built this one, so I can't tell you how good the plans are.

**Matt**  
[trafficmatt@msn.com](mailto:trafficmatt@msn.com)

<http://plansnow.com/dntable.html>

**A:** Reply to Tom Well's request for a dining table design.:  
Milly and I own a dining table designed by George Nakashima which has a oriental/contemporary design with a slight uplift at each end and tapered octagonal legs. It starts at 70" and extends to 124". There are matching chairs which we have reupholstered and also a companion china cabinet. If Tom would like to travel to Roscoe, he is welcome to come and see it, and measure it up if he likes it. In case one does not know of George Nakashima he was a world class furniture designer and a beautiful book has been published telling about his work and his life. It might be in the club library. But if not the public library can surely get it for you if they do not have it.

**Howard**  
[howard@vanvalzah.com](mailto:howard@vanvalzah.com)

**A:** Tom,  
Here's some websites I use for ideas (not plans).....

<http://www.nwfinewoodworking.com/>  
<http://www.homeportfolio.com/>  
<http://www.furniturefind.com/>  
<http://www.taunton.com/finewoodworking/>

Good Luck,  
Jim Cummings  
[jcumings456@comcast.net](mailto:jcumings456@comcast.net)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Above URL's shortened to show home pages...  
..Navigate to Plans on each site to find what they have to offer.



## Member's Questions

**Q:** Linda, would you please ask the club members, the following question.  
I have a 238 year old Baskerville, Holy Bible, that I am making a Walnut case to keep the light from fading the book. Does anyone in the club know of a way I could get a verse of scripture carved in the top, by use of a cad router, or laser cutter?

The top will be about 12" by 18" Thanks

**Wally Quanstrom**  
[wquanstro@earthlink.net](mailto:wquanstro@earthlink.net)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** I suggested Johno's in Aurora for the engraving and a place in Elburn for routing.. ..Any other ideas?



**A:** Hi Wally,  
Trophy places can do laser burning on wood. I've had plaques done at Johno's in Aurora, but probably others can do the same.

**Dan Winslow**  
[Drwhlw@aol.com](mailto:Drwhlw@aol.com)

**A:** Jeff Smith does that type of work using a carving machine or his CNC router. 630-365-9488 - He lives in Elburn.

**Dan Miller**  
[dmiller155@aol.com](mailto:dmiller155@aol.com)

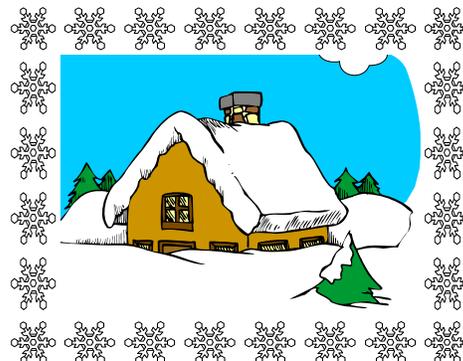
**A:** Wally,  
You might check with Jeff Smith's Fine Wood Works (630) 365-9488.

**Rick Moss**  
[peatmoss3@juno.com](mailto:peatmoss3@juno.com)

P.S. He does Ten Commandment plaques up to three feet tall.



*Dan, thanks so much for this, I have contacted Jeff, and it is already done, Thank you so much. Wally*





## How To Achieve A Crackle Effect On Milk Paint

Faux or decorative finishing techniques such as crackling, distressing, graining and sponging should be viewed as an art rather than a science. Remember that the fun of this type of finishing is that there is no right way or wrong way only a variety of methods to obtain different results! We strongly recommend however, testing each step of your project on a scrap piece or inconspicuous area to ensure satisfactory results.

Follow mixing instructions (or use equal amounts of powder and water as a starting point) and apply base coat of Milk Paint. to a clean dry surface. Keep in mind the base color you are applying will appear through the crackle windows in the final coat of paint. Let the base coat dry thoroughly (usually several hours is adequate) before starting the crackling process.

Apply Antique Crackle in a generous even coating using a stiff bristled brush. Many decorators prefer an inexpensive disposable brush with the bristles cut short. If crackling agent is difficult to spread try warming the container in a bowl of warm water. Let crackle dry at least 2 hours or until thoroughly dry to the touch. Utilizing full brush strokes, flow the final coat of paint over the Antique Crackle. Be sure to load your brush with enough paint to avoid going over the same area twice. The crackling effect should appear almost immediately. If crackles on your test strip are too large, add water to the paint or apply a thinner coat. If crackles are too small use a more viscous paint or heavier coat. Experiment until you get the crackle effect you desire.

### Finishing The Finish

If your finished surface feels rough to the touch after it has dried, it may require light sanding. Start with a piece of 320 grit paper and lightly scuff the area until it is smooth to the touch. Using progressively finer grits of sandpaper will give an even smoother effect.

While Milk Paint provides a very durable finish, it is often best to seal the surface since it is susceptible to soiling and water spotting. Nearly any sealer will work over Milk Paint, but it is important to test it over a painted scrap to ensure you like the end result. Following are some different sealer options and descriptions:

#### CLEAR COAT

Clear Coat is a non-toxic, water borne, clear satin acrylic that may be sprayed, brushed or rolled. It provides a hard non-yellowing finish that is fast drying and alters the Milk Paint's finish the least of the sealers listed here.

#### WAX

Although it doesn't offer quite the finish protection of Clear Coat, wax does have the advantage of being available in a variety of colors. These can be used to subtly age or alter your projects appearance. Once again its highly recommended to practice on a test piece.

#### PENETRATING OILS & GEL FINISHES

Penetrating oils like Linseed and Tung Oil will deepen the Milk Paint's color considerably but are especially beautiful on furniture pieces. Simply follow the manufacturers instructions. Clear gel finishes are easy to work and will also darken the Milk Paint's color.

*Watch our website for more "How To" articles: [www.vandykes.com](http://www.vandykes.com)*

#### Contact Information:

### Van Dykes Supply Company

PO Box 278

39771 S.D. Hwy. 34

Woonsocket, SD 57385

Order Line: 1-800-558-1234

**E-mail Van Dykes Restorers: [restoration@cabelas.com](mailto:restoration@cabelas.com)**

Please call toll free 1-800-787-3355 if you require further assistance.

# CLASSIFIED

## WANTED: MACHINISTS

Our friends at **Calculated Industries** are seeking a few machinist types to give them input on a proposed project. Contact Linda: at **(630) 897-4877** or **woodworkers@fvwwc.org** for more info or to participate.

## WANTED: BANDSAW

➤ Friend and potential member getting started in woodworking and looking for a Bandsaw. If you have one please let me know and I will pass the information along. Thanks!

**Linda Christensen**

(630) 897-4877

woodworkers@fvwwc.org

## WANTED: WOOD

➤ Will buy from 1 pc. to bulk lot of hardwood lumber, shorts, blanks & cut-offs in cherry, walnut, mahogany, redwood, etc.

**Ron Gilkerson**

Phone: (630) 879-8756 (Voice Mail)

E-mail: rongilker@hotmail.com

## LOCAL RESOURCES

- **CARVING TOOLS, BOOKS, KITS, ETC.:** **Light Jewelers in Aurora** at 1040 N, Lake St. -- (630) 892-3830 or ask for Roger Light at the next meeting!
- **WOOD TURNING TOOLS, BOOKS & MORE:** **L & R Collectibles and Glass** online at [disorder@aol.com](mailto:disorder@aol.com) or call (815) 838-7686 -- Or see Rich Rossio at the next meeting!
- **6V UV BLACK LIGHT PEN LIGHTS:** **The Incurable Collector** contact Sheri Kohout at [sheriko@concentric.net](mailto:sheriko@concentric.net) or see her at a meeting!

## Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

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

## HELP WANTED: CARVER

➤ Looking for someone who can replicate the pictured carved trim for a customer's dresser I am restoring. Customer willing to pay reasonable fee. If you are interested please contact me:

**Doug Olson**

**dolson123@aol.com**

**(815) 541-8228**



## FOR SALE

- **3HP BOSCH 1611EVS PLUNGE ROUTER - \$200**
- **MAKITA ELECTRIC SHARPENER - \$200**
- **RYOBI OSCILLATING SPINDLE SANDER - \$120**
- **3X9" DRUM SANDER WITH AIR TOOL - \$350**
- **DYNABRADE 6" RANDOM ORBITAL SANDER - \$150**
- **SEARS 1 1/4HP ROUTER - \$50**
- **JIG-FENCE PRECISION FENCE GAUGE SYSTEM - \$180**
- **24x48" WOOD PLATFORM TRUCK - \$150**
- **BESSEY 3 1/2" DEEP K BODY CLAMPS:**
  - 2 with 98" opening - \$120/pr.
  - 2 with 50" opening - \$60/pr.
  - 2 with 41" opening - \$55/pr.
  - 2 with 33" opening - \$50/pr.
  - 2 with 25" opening - \$45/pr

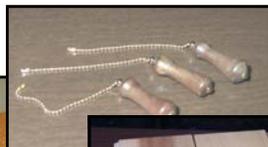
See more items, with photos, on FVWWC website or call Frits Maas at (608) 219-8680 for more information and availability..

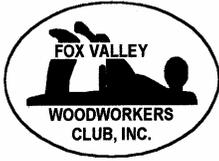
# Show & Tell - January 2007

MC Matt Gauntt

We had one fantastic turn out of items to begin the year and here is what we saw:

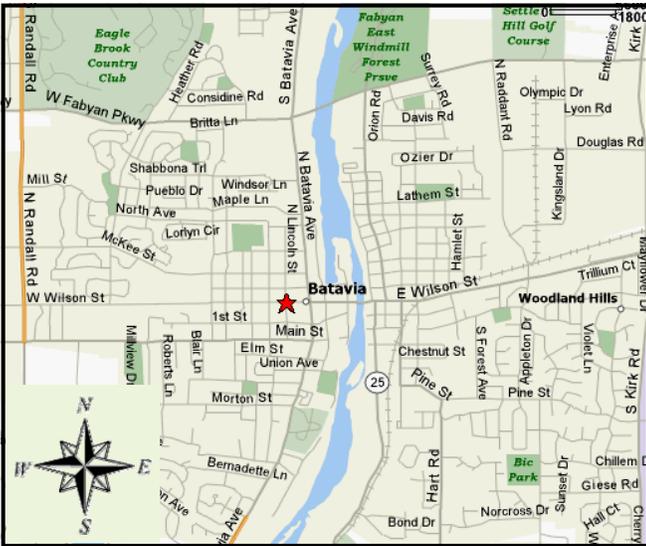
- **Don Carkhuff: Adjustable Height Workmate, Adjustable Height Carving Stand, Vacuum "Thingy" & Vacuum Fence** - no details listed for these items.
- **Paul Dehnert: Nativity Scene** - Made from floor board with cheap Poly finish.
- **Tom Sharp: Potting Station *with thanks to Teresa Braden for the decorative motif*** - 3/4" Oak & Birch Plywood with Latex & Varnish finish.
- **Robin Blair: Cross Cut Sled** - Unfinished Oak & Plywood. & **Fan Pulls** - Black Walnut with shellac & wax finish.
- **Alan DeRoss: Antique Baseball Bat Lamp Table** - Pine & Ash with Minwas Poly Stain on the table and Mylands Sealer & Friction Polish on Bat.
- **Len Swanson: 3 Potpourri Bowls** - Turned in Walnut, one finished with Shellwax friction polish and two with Wipe-on Gel varnish.
- **Jim Cummings: Scrapbook** in Maple & Walnut with a Watco Danish Oil finish.
- **Howard Van Valzah: Misc. Small Projects** of Walnut, Beech & Elm w/lacquer finishes.
- **Darrel Anderson: Bench** made of Oak (local) with 1 coat of Linseed oil for finish.
- **Ron Gilkerson: Wall Cabinet** in Cherry & **Hall Table** in Walnut both with General finish.
- **Matt Gauntt: Mission Style Dining Table & Chairs** in Quartersawn White Oak with General finish clear stain and wipe-on poly finish.





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**1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.**  
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.  
*Visitors Always Welcome!*

**FVWWC**  
**General Meeting**  
**Feb. 6th, 2007**  
**Michael Lopriore,**  
**ML Machine Maintenance**  
**Machine Set-up and**  
**Maintenance Routines.**

