

Newsletter

Volume 24 - Issue 2

February 2008

Meeting Review: January 2008

President Tom Sharp greeted members and guests to our first meeting for 2008. In spite of having moved the date back a week, due to the holiday, we had a very nice crowd of over 100 folks.

Our speaker for the night was Michael Lopriore, owner of ML Machine Maintenance in Prospect Heights, IL. Mike shared a wealth of information on Workshop Machine Maintenance & Setup.

From the amount of audience participation I would say he was a hit with the crowd. I, for one, went looking for some of the products Mike suggested. The LPS#1 (www.lpslabs.com/) to lubricate those table saw trunions and the new safe saws at www.sawstop.com are both sites worth seeing.



Coming This Month:

Jeff Smith, of Jeff Smith Fine Woodworks in Elburn, IL, will present Carving techniques.

Check out the club library for a treasure trove of articles on carving or go to www.fvwwc.org to download a .pdf copy of the list.

Hope you can attend!

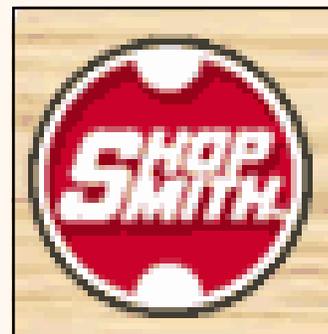
See you soon...

....LGC

FVWWC Announces Shopsmith Special Interest Group

All FVWWC members who are owners of Shopsmith (or jealous thereof) - We are forming a Shopsmith Special Interest Group (SIG). We will have a brief organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on February 5th, just prior to the normal monthly meeting. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please contact Dave Dockstader at 630-851-8118 or sourceror@sbcglobal.net to be included in future Shopsmith communications. I would also appreciate hearing from those who do plan on attending to help us get an idea of how many folks are interested in sharing the Shopsmith experience.

Dave Dockstader
630-851-8118
sourceror@sbcglobal.net



FVWWC Events Calendar

Feb 5th Tue6:30 p.m. ... **Shopsmith Special Interest Group** will hold an Organizational Meeting to establish FVWWC's first SIG. For details contact **Dave Dockstader**: 851-8118 or sourceror@sbcglobal.net

Feb 5th Tue7:30 p.m. ... **FVWWC General Meeting**: **Jeff Smith**, of Jeff Smithe Fine Woodworks in Elburn, IL, introduces us to "Carving"

Feb 20th ...Wed....8:00 a.m. ... **FVWWC's Breakfast Club**: The Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL -- *Everyone is invited to stop by!*

Mar 4th..... Tue7:30 p.m. ... **FVWWC General Meeting!**

JANUARY SILENT AUCTION

Thank-you to everyone who generously donated items for Silent Auction in January, items for which all money raised goes directly to the club.

Our appreciation goes to the widow of a local woodworker for a complete set of Handyman of America Encyclopedias, Tom Sharp for the Router Bit Display Case, Jack Krisha for bundles of Brazilian Cherry and Tigerwood flooring cut-offs and to Mike Lapriore for the bundles of beautiful reclaimed wood.

Thanks to all of you FVWWC raised \$187 and many of our members took home fantastic bargains!

FVWWC Officers & Staff

woodworkers@fvwwc.org

President	Tom Sharp thomas.sharp@sbcglobal.net
Past President.....	Ron Gilkerson (630) 879-8756 rongilker@hotmail.com
Vice President	Matt Gauntt
Treasurer	Doug Pfaff
Secretary	Jeff Sandkam
Program Committee	Robin Blair blairr@saic.com
.....	Ron Gilkerson
.....	Doug Olson
Membership.....	Larry Maher maherla@ameritech.net
Editor/Webmaster	Linda Christensen woodworkers@fvwwc.org
Library Committee	Dave Dockstader Rick Moss Tom Zillman
Raffles/Photographer	Charlie Christensen
Club Logo Items.....	Gail Madden
Show & Tell MC.....	Matt Gauntt
Show Chairman.....	Mike Madden
Toy Drive Coordinator	Gail Madden
Member-at-Large.....	James Nellis
Audio/Visual Tech.....	Robin Blair
Host.....	Ron Gilkerson
Greeter	Jim Hildreth

FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

The first drawings for 2008 were fantastic! Not only did we reach our goal for the Special Raffle but we were able to offer a huge selection for the Regular Raffle choices, too!

We will have a great selection to pick from in the February drawings of the Regular Raffle also so don't forget to get those tickets! It pays to play!!!

Special Raffle:

Bosch 10" Dual-Bevel Slide Miter Saw	Doug Pfaff
\$25.00 Am/Ex Gift Cheque Winners	Bernie Kotera
Robin Blair	
Bill Turk	
James Nellis	
Ken McFee	

Regular Monthly Drawing:

Grand Prize: Bosch 12v Drill Driver	Bob Dahlstrom
2nd Prize: \$25.00 Am/Ex Gift Cheque	Dave Kline

...See you at the meeting!

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

Open Letter From Area Organization...



Dear Fox Valley Woodworkers,

Just imagine what it means to a wheelchair bound individual to have a helping hand and a loving companion. To experience a freedom we too often take for granted. Dogs for Disabilities, Inc. is extremely excited to be planning our first annual 5K Walk-A-Thon "Walking for Those Who Can't" May 18th 2008 on the scenic Fox River Trails in Batavia. We are hoping for over 1,000 attendees all in support of our cause of providing service dogs to those in need.

We would be so grateful if your group would participate by walking to support our cause. All money raised through pledges will go towards boarding, training and placing service dogs with people who are physically disabled. These costs can be in excess of \$20,000.00 per dog! Your participation will help us raise the funds needed to continue our mission of providing highly trained service dogs to individuals with physical disabilities giving them the chance to lead a more functional and independent life.

For registration packets or more information please contact me at 630-879-9561.

We look forward to this being a very successful event!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Dan Wasilas

President

Dogs for Disabilities, Inc.

(847)987-9994

www.dogsfordisabilities.com



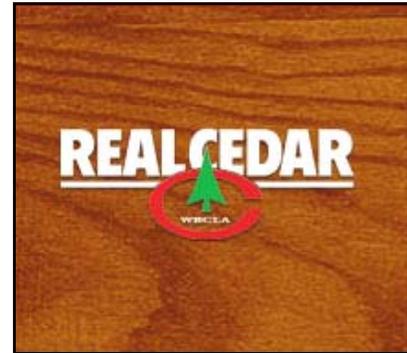


Propagating Bench

- A Fun "Do It Yourself" Cure for Spring Fever!

OUTDOOR PROJECTS | PROPAGATING BENCH

Dimensions: 48" wide by 24" deep and 30" high
(1.2m x 0.6m x 0.8m)
Design: John Terins



This versatile unit does triple duty in the garden - it serves as a cold frame, a propagating shed and as a raised planter. Created specially for the WRCEA's designer series of garden projects, it is made from durable Western Red Cedar, a naturally long lasting wood that is easy to work and finish. The clear acrylic lid can be set in different positions to adjust ventilation or removed completely so the unit can be used as a potting bench or planter. Garden pots and tools can be stored within easy reach on the lower section. Legs are optional so the unit can be set on the ground and used as a conventional cold frame for propagating seeds and cuttings, hardening off seedlings and over wintering tender plants. Designer's Tip: Stain the entire unit a soft gray green for a slightly weathered patina that blends naturally with the green garden environment.

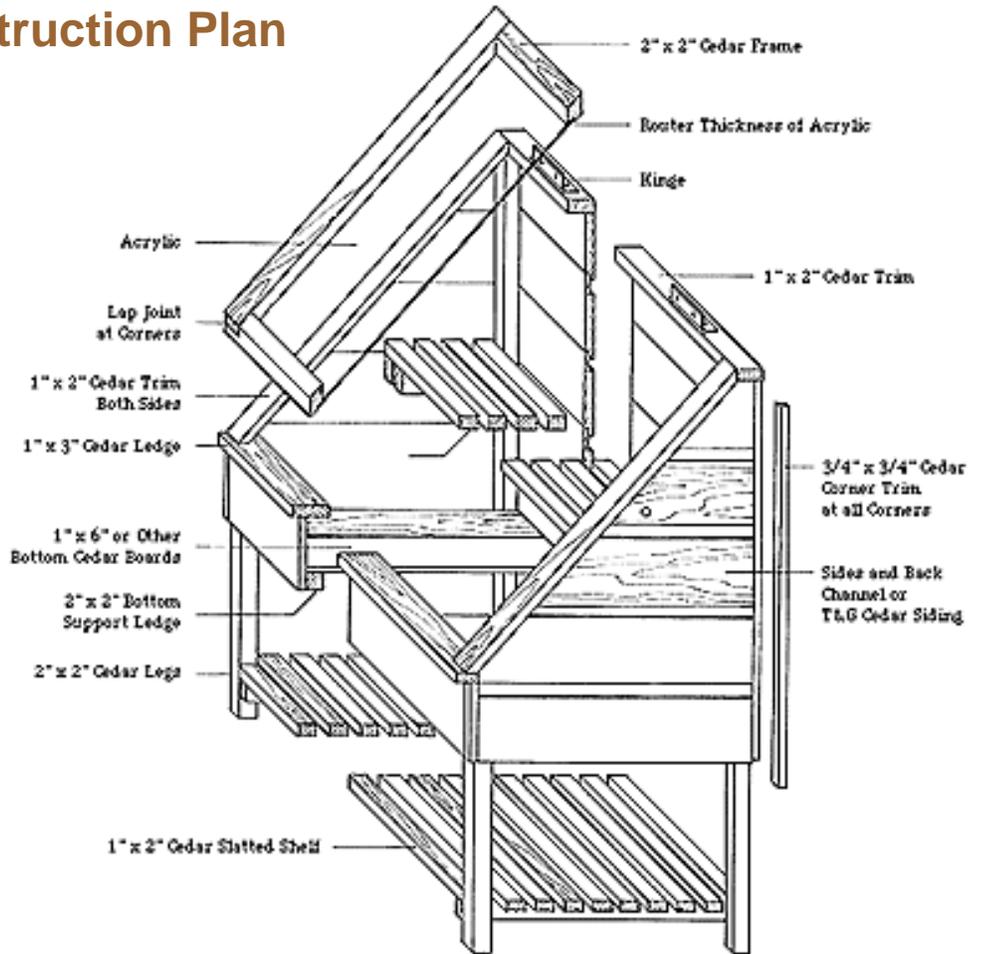


Also available as PDF: Cold Frame Propagating Bench (123K):

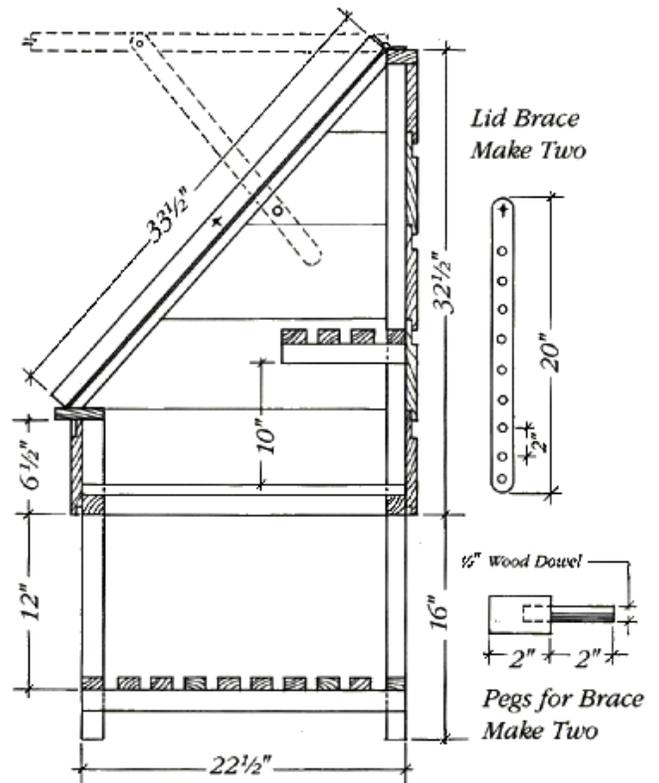
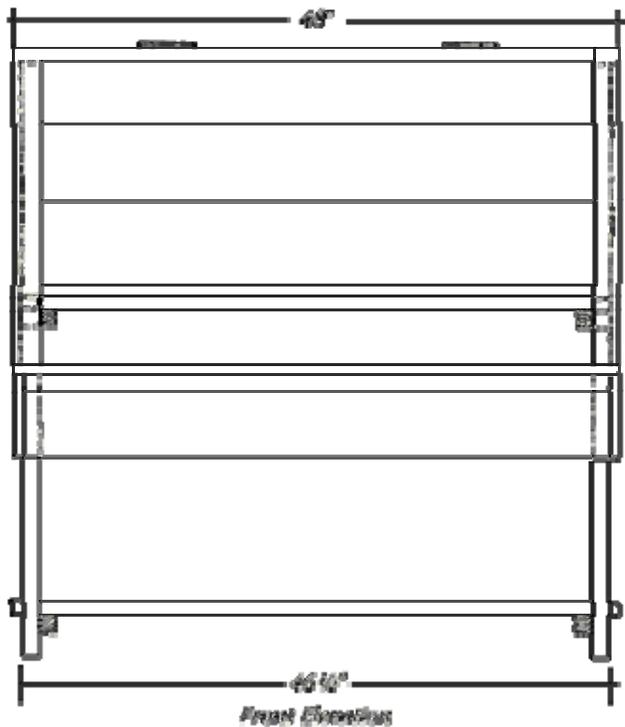
<http://www.wrcla.org/pdf/coldfr.pdf>



Construction Plan



Front Elevation



End Section



WoodworkingTips.com

Woodworking, It's the Unselfish Hobby.

Daily Tip: Form-fitting sanding block for odd shapes and lathe turnings

Make a sanding block from 1/2" to 3/4" thick rubbing felt that's usually available at woodworking stores, paint stores and similar locations. Thin sandpaper sheets, wrapped around the block will usually conform to your shape quite easily.

From the WoodworkingTips.com Archives:

Tip #265: The Robin Hood method of stock storage and rapid sorting

Most woodworkers have trouble throwing away wood scraps – quite simply, because most are going to be usable at some point in time. However, few woodworkers have a good, practical plan for storing certain types of stock in a fashion that lets them access the ones they need quickly and without a lot of fumbling around, sorting through piles of scrap.

Well...whether you live in Sherwood Forest or Dubuque, here's a simple idea that makes a lot of sense and saves a lot of time.

For narrow or thin stock that would qualify as "long strips", why not make a quiver-type holder from different length mailing tubes or thin wall PVC pipe or tubes? Cut your tubes into different lengths (12", 18", 24", 36", etc) and cap off the bottom ends. Then, lash all your various length tubes together and stand your quiver in a corner somewhere for easy access.

Tip #266: Avoiding unsightly staining and marring during project clamp-up

So...you've spent a lot of hours in the shop carefully cutting out the components for a major project. Now, it's time to glue everything together...so you reach for the pipe clamps and C-clamps.

Then it occurs to you..."Boy, the jaws on these clamps are pretty nasty. They'll surely leave stains or worse yet, put big dents in the stock if I'm not careful!"

So, you reach for some small scraps of wood to put between the clamp jaws and your stock as protection...but every time you get ready to tighten-up, the scrap falls out of place and you have to start all over again.

For a simple solution, just go to your local hardware store or home center and purchase some cork or plastic self-adhesive disks, like those used to take the bang out of shutting cabinet doors...or for use as feet on lamps, boxes or similar projects.

Just apply these to the jaws of your pipe clamps and C-clamps. If they get chewed-up or coated with glue squeeze-out, take them off and replace them.

Show & Tell

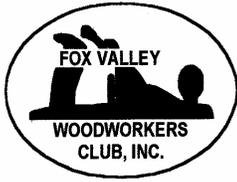
January 2008

Matt Gauntt, MC

The New Year got off to a good start with some very interesting projects on display.

- **Lowell Iverson: Walnut Corner Cabinet** with Minwax Wipe-on Poly finish.
- **Jim Mengler: Kitchen Cupboard** in Oak with General Finish.
- **Fred Rizza: "Wood Knot" Puzzle** in unfinished Poplar,
- **Howard Van Valzah: Walnut Clock** from Klockit Kit and **Christmas Ornament w/Stand** made of Baltic Birch, Cherry, Basswood & Maple, all with Lacquer finishes.
- **Lee Nye: Cutting Board**, type and finish unlisted.
- **Dave Dockstader: NW Indian unfinished Saloon Template Carving** in 1/4" ACX Plywood and **Salmon Carving** in Construction Grade Cedar with finish of Minwax Cherry and Spray Spar Varnish.





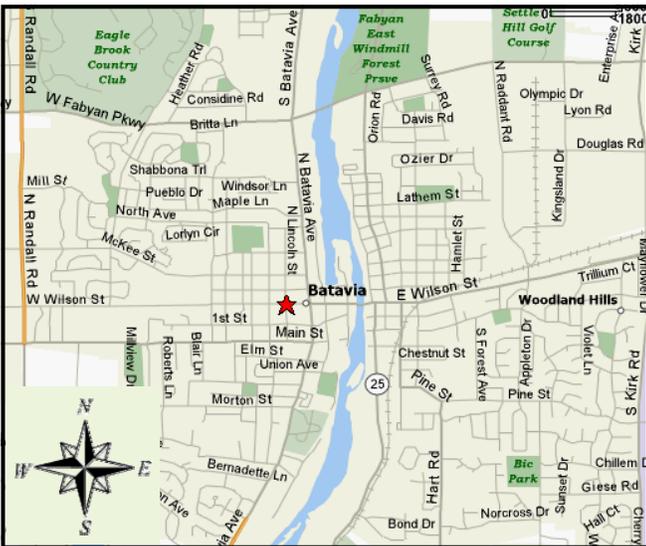
Fox Valley Woodworkers Club, Inc.

PO Box 1041

Batavia, IL 60510-1041

<http://www.fvwwc.org> - woodworkers@fvwwc.org

FIRST CLASS MAIL



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!

FVWWC
Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 2008

Shopsmith SIG: 6:30 p.m.

Organizational Meeting

General Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Smith
“Carving”

