

Newsletter

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June 2004 Meeting In Review

Rebecca Elliott, from the Chicago School of Violin Making, gave us a look at the work that goes into producing a violin.

She teaches the art in much the same way it has been done for many centuries. The "voice" of a violin is only as good as the skill that went into it's design and construction. Although this may be a daunting undertaking for most, violin making is a reward in itself.



We had a number of young violin students and their parents as guests in May, which was very rewarding also. Nice when the youth of today seek the knowledge of the ages, giving hope that the skills of the master will continue to be practiced in the future.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Skokie school can check them out at:

[www.http://www.csvm.org/](http://www.csvm.org)

Or call (847) 673-9545 for details.

On the Agenda

■ **General Meeting:** We will welcome **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co.** in Winnetka, IL. Rorke will be showing us their simple, fast and easy answer to solid wood joinery. In the meantime, check them out at:

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

■ **Shop Tour:**

Saturday, July 10th

9:00 a.m.

Tom Zillman's

Batavia, IL

-- Map available at meeting & via email at woodworkers@fvwwc.org

■ **Remember: Christmas is Coming!!!** It's never too soon to start thinking about the toys you are going to make this year. (Ask Jim how many he has *finished* already!!!)

Anyone wanting to organize a toy making group should speak up at a meeting or email members a note to find out who's interested.

Getting together to work on a project is great fun and the results are more toys for girls and boys so don't hesitate -- *start today!*

"The Case of Mistaken Identity"



It seems, with all the sales, handouts & "free for the taking" items at most meetings, someone accidentally took home a couple of cutting boards from our May meeting. These and other items were in a box of projects that had been loaned to us for display at the Odeum. They were made as gifts and their return would be appreciated. If you have any idea where these got off to, please let us know if they have been reduced to sawdust or something. Just contact any Board member or mention it at the July meeting. **Thanks!**

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Membership Update

We had six new members sign up:

New Members:

May --

Jon Wolfe - St. Charles

June --

Donald Nylin - North Aurora

John Dittrich - Batavia

Dan Winslow - Sugar Grove

Jim Robertson - St. Charles

Gordon Muirhead - Elgin



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...



...Contact me now to reserve yours!

Remember, all proceeds go to FVWWC!

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Library News

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



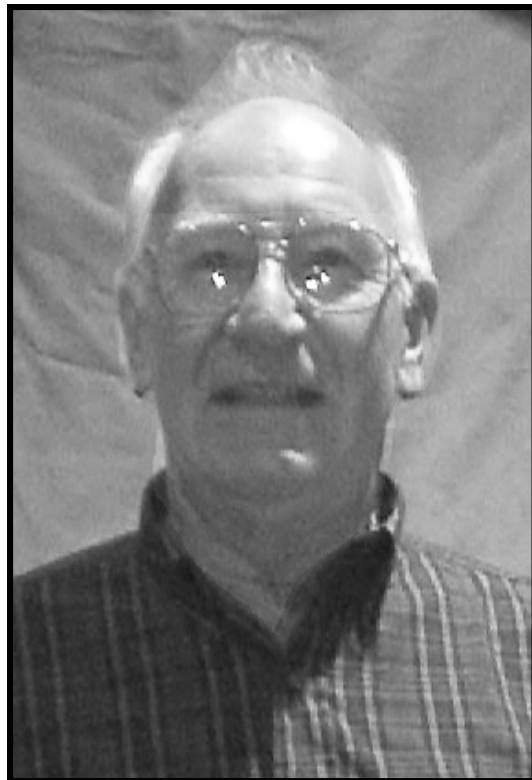
Cheryl Miller, Librarian

We Pause to Remember...

Dennis Reckamp, a long time FVWWC member died on May 30. On the day before his death he gave a shop tour of his newly built and furnished wood shop. Eight club member attended the shop tour and then went to lunch with Dennis.

In the last several months we have had a number of community projects and Dennis volunteered in cutting pieces for birdhouses, cutting out animal silhouettes for the Batavia River Walk and making parts for our top event at McWayne School. We appreciated his club involvement and know he will be missed by his family and members of our club.

Ron Gilkerson,
President FVWWC '04



FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

by Charlie Christensen



Drawing winners in June 2004 were:

1. **Teresa Glisson: \$100 AmEx Gift Cheque**
2. **Roger Vachon: \$25 Home Depot Gift Card**
3. **Billy Bailey: \$25 AmEx Gift Cheque**

For July we will again have a choice of three 1st Prize items, along with a variety of secondary items -- *Including a 1st prize choice of a \$100 Gift Cheque to use as you wish!*:

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



<http://www.dremel.com>

\$100 AmEx Gift Cheque

Same as cash -- Good
everywhere for anything!



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

**Senco FP-10 23 Ga.
Micro-Pinner**



<http://www.senco.com>

Show & Tell

Winners for the June drawing were:

1. **Jon Wolfe: Set of C-Clamps**
2. **John Winton: Clamp Up Worklight**
3. **Darrel Anderson: Goggles & Respirator**

They were among those who shared with us the latest wonders from the workshop. On display in June were:

Frank Suda: Intarsia Patio Pub Table in Cedar, Cherry, Zebrawood, Spalted Maple, Padauk and Lacewood, sporting a finish of Spar-Urethane with a top suitable for framing!



John Winton: Pen & Pencil Sets turned in Purpleheart and Hedge with a friction polish.

Charlie Christensen: Washstand for 3-6 year old Montessori students made of Baltic Birch plywood edged in Oak with a Minwax Clear Gloss Poly Varnish overall.

Jon Wolfe: Turned green wood Bowls & Simple, homemade Turning Tools. He used Maple, Cherry and White Oak with a Danish Oil and Paste Wax finish.

Darrel Anderson: Shaker Boxes in various sizes, in three varieties. Cherry & Walnut w/ Tung Oil, Cherry & Maple w/ Tung Oil and Cherry over Cherry finished in Tung Oil and Shellac.

Jim Vojcek: Turned Bowls of Maple with a nice Deft finish.

As always, the projects were as inspiring as they were impressive!

We'll be watching to see what next month has to offer.

Sanding Tips and Tricks

How to Fold Sandpaper

To get the most out of a piece of 9" x 11" sandpaper fold the sheet in half in both directions so that it has 4 equal rectangles. Then tear the sheet halfway through on one of the short fold lines. Fold in half with the sandpaper surface on the outside and then rip on top. Fold the top ripped section down, and then fold the other ripped section on top of the whole piece. The sheet then is folded so no sanding surfaces touch each other. The sheet can then be refolded in different ways to expose a fresh surface.

Smooth Sanding Wood

Looking for a satin-like finish on bare wood? Sand your project down using successively finer grades of sandpaper. Wipe down the object with a cloth soaked in turpentine. The turpentine will raise the wood grain fibres, then sand again using a super-fine grit. Remember, always sand with the grain.

Non-Woven Sanding

When refinishing antique furniture with a very thin veneer, use a less aggressive product like synthetic steel wool. The process is slower but there is much less chance of damage to the wood. Available in these grades: White - cleaning pad, Gray - shine pad, Green - very fine, Maroon - very fine, Charcoal - medium, Brown - medium.

Control Curling

To control paper from curling over time, try placing sheets in file folders, which can also keep it separated by grit!

Sheet Sizes

You can cut a 9" x 11" sheet into 4 - 9" pieces to use as replacement sheets for your block (part # 43140), 3 third sheets and 2 half sheets.

Disc Sanding

When using a Flap Disc, use at maximum angle of 15°. Use 1 grit coarser than conventional fibre disc for best results.

Sanding Angle

To achieve the desired finish using a depressed center wheel, simply adjust the grinding angle of the depressed center wheel. The lesser the angle, the finer the finish. The normal grinding angle is 30°. DO NOT use flat.

Tuck-Pointing

.250 wheels provide an extra wide segment for higher stock removal and longer life on tuck-pointing applications.

Wiping on Varnish

After the last coat of varnish is applied and before the final polishing, 600-grit Wet Sanding paper is used for leveling the surface. A foam sanding sponge and a little water are used with a light touch to prevent digging in. The intent is to knock off dust or debris that might have dried into the varnish.

Sheen on Surface Finishes

Finishes can also be rubbed with abrasives to change the sheen. When this is done, the sheen produced is totally independent of the sheen of the finish in the can. Scratches made by abrasive determine the way light is reflected. Coarser abrasives create flatter sheens. Finer abrasives create glossier sheens.

Restore a Sharpening Stone

To restore a smooth texture, rub the water-filled stone across 220 grit sandpaper. Use 400-600 grit for 4000-8000 stones.

Skipping Grits

To ensure best results when Floor Sanding, DO NOT skip more than one grit size when performing a floor sanding sequence.

Resist Loading

When removing multiple layers of finish or paint, try coating your discs and covers or belts with a 100% natural non-stick cooking spray. This will act as a lubricant and help prevent the sandpaper from loading. DO NOT use synthetic materials such as silicone spray.

Edger Sanding

For a softer finish on edger sanding, use a maroon non-woven backup pad in conjunction with your abrasive disc. The extra cushion will give the surface a smoother finish.

Stair Tread Sanding

When sanding on stairs or hard to reach areas and corners, try a sanding sponge or detail sander. Sanding sponges are very easy to grip and come in a variety of sizes and shapes to access hard to reach areas. They can also be rinsed with water for re-use. Detail sanders also get you closer to corners and edges with a little more power than hand sanding.

Bi-Directional Belts

When using a cloth belt, be sure to reverse the direction of the belt when the original direction seems to have no life left. Like a pencil, after the lead wears down and seems dull, by turning it half way, you will have a sharp surface. It won't last as long as the first direction, but it will give you some additional life.

Between Coat Floor Sanding

For in-between coat sanding of water-borne finishes, use a maroon conditioning pad with the adhesive back aluminum oxide strip roll. The strip roll will add enough abrasive to knock down the grain pop and any dust particles that may have landed in the finish, yet not take off too much of the coating.

Even out a Floor

If the floor is uneven, cupped or crowned, make the first rough sanding at a 45-degree angle to the direction of the flooring. Make all succeeding cuts parallel to the direction of the flooring.

Avoid Chatter Marks

To avoid chatter marks, try placing a shim behind the end flap of the sandpaper instead of in the groove, thereby reducing the slot size. Also, when tightening fine paper, make it snug and then back off the pressure slightly.



Intermediate Shaker Box Workshop Report

Stopped by the workshop on Sunday and found everyone working hard to complete their projects.



All reports have been great and the work I saw was absolutely marvelous. One would have been hard put to tell those folks had only had a couple of lessons! Some of them have already decided to set up shop and start doing a few on their own so the training had to be a huge success!!!

Our thanks again to John Kellogg for the skills he shares and the enthusiasm he brings to his classes. He somehow is able to give each individual the attention they need and makes certain that every student goes away content with what they have learned and the accomplishments they made.

I am sure John will be asked back many times over the years so more of our members can learn the skills passed down from the Shaker's and have a chance to try their hands at a once in a lifetime challenge.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

➤ Need space in the workshop so have the following items to sell:

- **DeWalt 8" Radial Arm Saw** w/Stand. Older model but works fine. You haul (from Elgin) or can arrange to bring to club. \$100
- **Delta Sharpening Center** - Barely used (I tend to sharpen tools manually.) Does a slow but sure job. \$75

Interested call Ken Runyan at (847) 695-1755 after 6:00 p.m. M-F or all day weekends.

FOR SALE

➤ So many tools -- So little space! I also need some room so would like to find good homes for the following items:

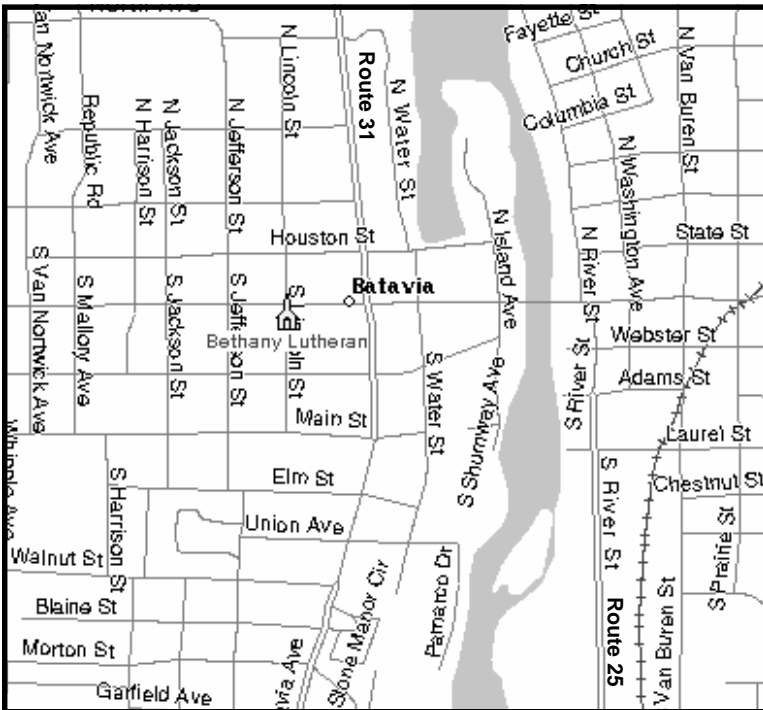
- **Old Drafting Table** (from 50's or older) w/lower shelf I added a while back. Top can be propped a various angles. Under top is storage space. Very strong table, very well constructed. \$20 or B/O
- **Portable Workbench** (Similar to smaller Workmate) -- Adjustable clamping. \$10
- **Craftsman Industrial Router Table** in excellent condition (Built a larger one) -- With Accessories, manuals, etc. and added Master Switch. \$35 (\$100 new)
- **Craftsman 2 HP Router** (Meant for use with above table) -- 1/4" & 1/2" Collets w/ Paperwork, manuals, etc. and also in very excellent condition. \$40

Contact Charlie Christensen or see me at the meeting. My number is (630) 897-4877.

YOUR AD HERE -- Free to Members:

Contact (630) 897-4877, woodworkers@fvwwc.org or Fax ad to (630) 844-3385 at least three weeks prior to the meeting date to be included.

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Of Batavia, IL - 8 S Lincoln St.
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FVWWC Events Calendar

- Jul 6th Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co. - Winnetka, IL**
- Jul 10th.... Sat ... 9:00 a.m. . Shop Tour: Tom Zillman's in Batavia, IL - Map at meeting/via email: woodworkers@fvwwc.org
- Jul 21st... Wed .. 9:00 a.m. . **Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd in Carol Stream, IL**
- 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
- 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: 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