

Newsletter

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May 2004 Meeting In Review

Ron Gilkerson welcomed members and guests and gave us a rundown on the upcoming club workshops and activities before introducing our own Mike Madden



and daughter Linda as the evenings presenters.

Mike did an excellent job of walking us through the steps he took creating the lovely Cheval mirror for Linda. From

the first crude notes and designs to the presentation of this treasure, he explained the how and why of each step.

From picking just the right woods to the final finishing details, it is obvious he put a whole lot of thought and work into his project.

The Purpleheart accents and absolutely hypnotic feel to the finish help make this a one-of-a-kind work of art. Every girl should have such a talented Dad and every Dad such a patient Daughter too!

Needless to say this project took slightly longer from concept to completion than anticipated but a treasure like this is not to be hurried and is more than worth the wait!

Beautiful work and fantastic presentation Mike -- we look forward to your future projects!

On the Agenda

■ **General Meeting:** Welcome to instructor **Rebecca Elliott**, of the **Chicago School of Violin Making**, as our guest speaker Tuesday, June the 1st.

<http://www.csvm.org/>



■ **Wood Sale:** The fine folks at Designed Stairs are having their annual wood sale and we are invited! Get there early for the best selection of fine wood in a variety of sizes:

Saturday, June 5th
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Designed Stairs

1480 E Sixth St
Sandwich, IL

(Map available at meeting & on website!)

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

■ **Intermediate Shaker Box Workshop:** June 11th, 12th & 13th w/John Kellogg --
See notice on page 2 for details.

■ **"Woodturners Field Day"** on June 12th, in Mt. Carroll, IL and sponsored by the **Quad**

Cities Woodturners and the Northern Illinois Woodturners at Johnson Creek Hardwoods. Full schedule to be released --will start around 9 a.m. & demonstrations will continue all day.

The Johnson's provide lunch (free or for a donation) of brats, chicken sausages, hotdogs, carrots, etc., cookies and lemonade and water.

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Membership Update

We had one renewal and six new members sign up in May:

Renewals:

Janet Borders

New Members:

Robin Blair

Robert Crawford

Lorrey Guarrero

Doug Marx

Michael & Sandy Saad

Jim Vojcek

Dave Wilson

James Nellis, Membership



Library News

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

Cheryl Miller, Librarian



Shaker Box Workshops

Intermediate Class:

Jun 11th, 12th & 13th

(Prerequisite: Prior Basic Class/Any School, Etc.)

2.5 days of Intermediate instruction on Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Each registrant will be given a detailed list of project choices with completion time, wood choices and cost to send back to Kellogg (Project costs will be collected at the workshop and he will bring extra ones to buy at the workshop too.) Workshop fee is \$165 per person and includes 2 buffet lunches on weekend and a free #2 fixed-handle carrier to build.



Intermediate Class limited to the first 14 applicants paid by the end of the June 1st meeting -- Space is still available but do not dawdle -- Get your registration in NOW!

Woodworking Expert Tage Frid, 88, Dies -

By Associated Press

May 10, 2004, 3:32 PM EDT

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. -- **Tage P. Frid**, a master woodworker who taught at the **Rhode Island School of Design** and wrote a well-known woodworking textbook, has died after battling Alzheimer's disease. He was 88 when he died May 4, according to Memorial-Hambly-Connors funeral home in Newport. He was known as the "**dean of American woodworking**", largely because he taught aspiring furniture designers and woodworkers. He dedicated most of his **50-year career**, first in his native Denmark and later in the United States, to teaching and lecturing.

Frid completed his education as a journeyman in 1934 and served a five-year apprenticeship under master craftsman Gronlund Jensen. He graduated from the Vedins School in 1940 and the Graduate School for Interior Design in 1944, both in Copenhagen.

He emigrated to the United States in 1948.

He was a faculty member of the School for American Craftsmen, first at Alfred University and then at the Rochester Institute of Technology. In 1962, he became a professor and department head of the woodworking and design program at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence.

He was the author of a three-volume textbook entitled "**Tage Frid Teaches Woodworking**" and had been a contributing editor, since 1975, to the journal "**Fine Woodworking**".

Several of his pieces are in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Art at RISD.

He was a co-founder of several craft-related businesses, including Shop One, in Rochester, N.Y., a shop owned and operated by craftsmen.

Among his awards was a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Furniture Society. He was elected a fellow of the American Craft Council in 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Jacobsen; a daughter; a son; and six grandsons

FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

by Charlie Christensen



Drawing winners in May 2004 were:

1. **Fred Rizza: Porter-Cable BN125A 18 ga. Nailer**
2. **Ron Rhodes: \$50 Home Depot Gift Card**
3. **Robin Blair: \$25 Home Depot Gift Card**
4. **Dave Kline: Set of Metric Allen Wrenches**

For June 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



We had yet another great showing of projects in May:

Glenn McDonald: Wood/Steel Clamps, items to be auctioned from his shop, lots of age on them but still useful.

Charlie Christensen: A 90° Panel Jig for the Table Saw. Unfinished of Baltic Birch Plywood and Cypress.

Ray Upham: Cherry Kitchen Cabinets finished with Polyurethane.

Jim Kimble: Several small Veneered projects of various unfinished woods.

Jim Robertson: 2 turned bowls, one Claro Walnut Root and one Avocado, with Tung Oil.

Ken Runyan: Saw blade Wall Clock of Walnut, Maple & Mahogany with a spray Lacquer finish.

Rick Lambert: Circle Cutting Jig of MDF.



Jim Gill: Drawing Board of unfinished Plywood & Oak.

Stan Anderson: Birdhouse of Cedar & Pine with a white paint finish.

Fred Rizza: Bird Feeder of unfinished Cedar. The winners in this months drawing were:

1. **Jim Kimble:.....Mini-Clamp Set**
2. **Rick Lambert:Asst. Jigsaw Blades**
3. **Ray Upham:11" Long Nosed Pliers**
4. **Jim Robertson: ..Copy of ShopNotes**
5. **Jim Gill:9 pc. Mini-Tool Kit**

Keep the great ideas and projects coming...It is inspirational and educational for all.



REVIEW: Basic Shaker Box Workshop

Well, I meant to take some notes from all of my fellow students but by the time the workshop was over I was just too tired to *think!* WOW -- we learned so much I thought my brain would burst. John Kellogg is now one of my favorite instructors and also has more patience than most folks. Just goes to show that the Shaker training is much more than woodworking, it is absolutely a way of life!

First timers and those taking a refresher course all left tired but glad they had attended. All of the boxes I saw looked pretty good for beginners and some were downright outstanding! Even mine are not too bad -- *I especially like the #3 but that's another story* -- And I



have to thank Teresa Glisson and the others who were so quick to lend this novice a hand or two when I needed it most.

A great teacher, good friends and a chance to learn a lost art -- *It's all good!!!*

**Linda G. Christensen,
Editor & Shaker Box Maker in Training**

Quote from classmate Darrel Anderson: "You can not say a bad thing about John Kellogg or his class. He is an outstanding teacher, willing to meet each student's needs. I have called him 3 times with questions, since the class, and he has always taken time to provide me with answers and insight."

Community Projects

- The **Windmill at Fabyan Forest Preserve** was capped on a cloudy Thursday morning in April and a number of our members and others were there to watch the show. I can tell you it was absolutely awe inspiring to see the grace with which they handled the massive cap and swung it up and into place with the precision of surgeons.



- On Friday, April 30th, FVWWCers **Ron Gilkerson, John Roloff, Bob Dalhstrom** helped the **Batavia Streets Department** deliver **500 Red Oak trees** to 4th graders in the Batavia School District. Each spring members of FVWWC participate in Arbor Day events in conjunction with local organizations,



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

High Capacity Potassium Permanganate Iron Filter, Model 5600 timer, 8" dia. tank, 7 years old, new media (green sand) bed installed within the year, built in bypass valves for a 3/4" water input line.

Reason for selling - no longer required

Price = \$150.00 (new = \$650.00), Includes PP tank and 4 quarts of Potassium Permanganate (\$80.00 value).

Contact: **Jim Cummings**
1S200 Cantigny Dr
Winfield, IL
630-842-5065
jcummings000@msn.com



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)

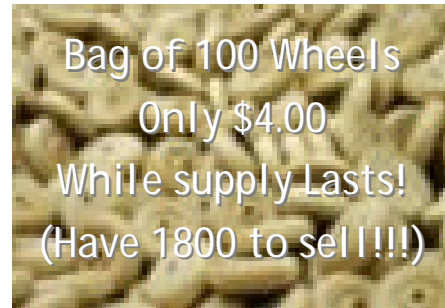
May 1st - December 14th: \$375 per week

Joe Popp
630-620-0819

DEALS ON WHEELS

Found a deal on 1 1/2" x 1/4" wood wheels and passing the deal on to you! These are perfect for those toys you were 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!

Linda G. Christensen
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FREE WOOD

Black Cherry for turning or carving. Have a decent amount of very large, 18" long log sections of a recently cut tree. *(Remember the offer from Dennis Reckamp to come & get it? Well I was there and I got a bunch!)*

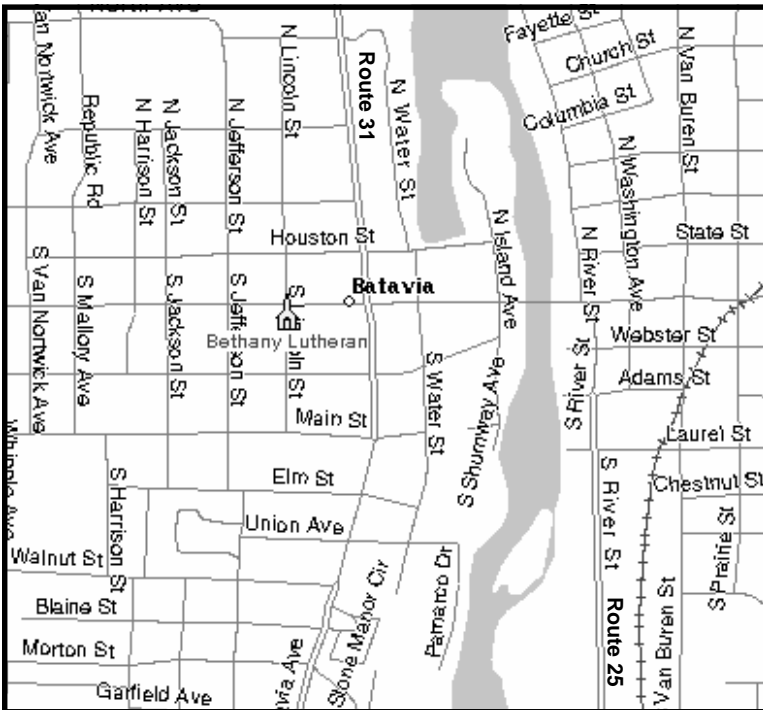
Anyone interested in some nice, green wood can talk to me at a meeting or give me a call.

Mike Madden
(630) 759-5119

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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FVWWC Meets at:
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 Of Batavia, IL - 8 S Lincoln St.
1st Tuesday of Month
7:30 P.M.
Visitors Welcome!



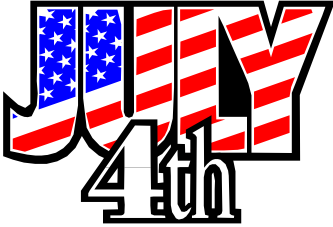
Keep up with all the Club news and
 lots of interesting information:
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FVWWC Events Calendar

- Jun 1st..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Rebecca Elliott
 Chicago School of Violin Making.
- Jun 5th Sat ... 7:00 a.m. . Wood Sale: Designed Stairs -
 1480 E Sixth -- Sandwich, IL --
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 Boxes II by John Kellogg
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 Johnson Creek Hardwoods in Mt.
 Carroll, IL - Lunch Available
- June 13th Sun... 8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker
 Boxes III by John Kellogg
- Jun 19th .. Sat ... 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club



- Sep 21st-25th..... TBA "Gathering of Woodcarvers"
 hosted by Joe Dillett/Somonauk
<http://www.thecarvingshop.com>
- Oct 23rd&24th 10-4 No. Suburban Carvers "Artistry in
 Wood" by J.R. Cadawas