

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: February 2009

Tom Sharp welcomed members and guests to the meeting and introduced **Bruce & Erika Horigan** of **Horigan Urban Forest Products** in Skokie to tell us about the recycling they do of urban trees. If you missed the show, check them out at:

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

Prior to the evenings regular presentation, Treasurer **Doug Olson** gave us a short PowerPoint look at how the club is doing financially and thanked the **2009 Audit Committee**, made up of members **Stan Anderson, Mike Mulcahy and John Winton**, for compiling and delivering this year's audit report.

In March we will welcome **Celia Greiner**. She will show us some of her unique custom, limited production furniture & wood sculptures. For a Sneak Preview, go to:

<http://www.celiagreiner.com>

Hope you'll be there too!



Sharpening Workshop & Demo

By Paul Jablonski & Karl Scogin

Saturday, May 16th 2009

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Max-Torque, LTD.

2180 Corporate Lane - Naperville, IL

Contact woodworkers@fvwwc.org for Details!

FVWWC Events Calendar

- Mar 3rd..... Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Mar 3rd..... Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Mar 3rd..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: Celia Greiner: Unique custom, limited production furniture & sculpture - www.celiagreiner.com
 Mar 8th..... Sun9 - 4 Marc Adams Workshop in Morris sponsored by the Grundy County Woodworkers Club
 Mar 17th...Wed....9:00 a.m... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: Red Apple Restaurant, 414 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream - *You're Invited!*



Luck O' the Irish

- Apr 7th Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Apr 7th Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Apr 7th Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: *TBA*
 Apr 15th...Wed....9:00 a.m... FVWWC's Breakfast Club

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

NEARING OUR GOAL....

Special Drawing: **Tormek T-7 Sharpening System**

(Not the Shop Mate pictured last month! --- Sorry!!!):

Tickets for the Special Drawing, started last October, will be sold until we reach our goal. **You do not have to be present to win the Special Raffle so do not hesitate to participate!**

February could be the month we draw so get your tickets early to be part of the fun & a chance to win!

February Regular Monthly Drawing Winners:

Am/Ex \$50 Gift Cheque**Bill Sambrookes**

Am/Ex \$25 Gift Cheque**Dave Burk**

In March we will have some additional items to choose from for the monthly raffle.

REMEMBER: These are "Member's ONLY" features to give our members more chances to win!



Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

The Rockford Register Star

recently ran a piece on the wood and stained glass chair designed and built by FVWWC's

Howard Van Valzah:

WWW.RRSTAR.COM ★ E-MAIL: LOCAL@RRSTAR.COM

COMMUNITY ALBUM



A new seat for Pastor Heins

Howard Vanvalzah of Roscoe submitted this photo of Pastor John Heins trying out the new chair commissioned by the congregation at Cross and Crown Worship. Pastor Heins had been using a folding chair for the past 15 years. Mr. Vanvalzah devoted a total of 400 man hours when he crafted the one-of-a-kind wooden and stained glass piece.

Woodworking in America Conference

will be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL this August 14 - 16.

This year's theme will be:

"Furniture Design & Craftsmanship"

Complete details at:

<http://www.woodworkinginamerica.com>

Registration begins in April. Members Mike Bridger, Mark Swan & Mike Brady attended in 2008 & highly recommend it! More information as made available!

FVWWC's Shopsmith SIG

Next Meeting: March 3, 2009

The Shopsmith Special Interest Group (SIG) will meet at 6:30 this month, just before the FVWWC General meeting in the vestibule of the Bethany Lutheran Church. This month we will be treated to a slide presentation from Rick Ogren about uses of a Shopsmith "Mini." Rick also will show us the Jacob Anderson video about Shopsmith maintenance and repair. Jacob is a recognized expert in keeping the Shopsmith in tip-top condition and his video has been widely praised as the last word in Shopsmith maintenance.

Come join us for some wide-ranging discussions on everything Shopsmith.

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FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG



Next Meeting: March 3, 2009

The Hand Tool SIG meets at 6:30, prior to the regular meeting at Bethany Lutheran.

Anyone interested in the use of hand tools is welcome to join us for discussion of this fascinating area of woodworking. We will learn by sharing the experiences of using and caring for traditional hand tools.

FVWWC members and guests are invited to stop by and join our group.

Hope to see you in there!

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BASIC-BUILT™
GREAT PROJECTS MADE SIMPLE

"Basic-Built" is WOOD® Magazine's initiative to provide simple, yet high-quality woodworking projects that can be completed with a minimum number of tools and skills. Here are the three rules we've laid down for all Basic-Built projects:

* **Rule #1:** No expensive tools required. No tool in the Basic-Built Toolbag costs more than \$200, and most cost far less.

* **Rule #2:** You can buy everything at a home center. This ensures that wood, hardware, finishes, and other supplies are affordable and easy to find.

* **Rule #3:** No complicated joinery. Expect screws, butt joints, and half-laps: whatever is simple yet plenty strong without sacrificing style.

You'll find a **Basic-Built** project in nearly every issue of **WOOD Magazine**, with supporting technique articles, how-to videos, and more projects below.

**Easy and Elegant Three Table Set
Woodworking Plan**

Make any or all of these tables to create a set that suits your needs. You'll find the going easy because for most of the parts in these projects, only the length changes from the table to table, but the step-by-step process is exactly the same. In addition to the woodworking plan for the trio of tables, we've included the plan for making a taper jig to simplify cutting the tapers on the table legs.



Overall dimensions for the coffee table: 48" wide x 22" deep x 16" high. End table: 19" wide x 23" deep x 26" high. Sofa table: 48" wide x 13" deep x 32" high

The woodworking plan for this item was featured in the **December/January 2008/2009 issue of WOOD.**

**Stacking Shelves
Woodworking Plan**

Family room, dorm room, any room: These easy-to-build shelves work wherever you need versatile, customizable storage. Movable shelves rest at your choice of five heights. Stack two units, as shown, for a lot of storage or display area in a little floor space. Add another unit to create a workspace. When your needs change, just rearrange the set for a new custom solution.

Overall dimensions: 32" wide x 37" high x 15" deep

The woodworking plan for this item was featured in the **March 2009 issue of WOOD.**



Solid Oak Bookcase

Woodworking Plan

You don't need a dream shop to build this handsome project; a few basic power tools will do. And one-stop shopping at your favorite home center gets you rolling right away. Plus, we'll teach you a simple way to make ogee bracket feet from stock crown molding.

Overall dimensions are 28" wide x 11" deep x 45" high.

Featured in the **September 2008 issue of WOOD**

View a slide show of this project coming together at <http://www.woodmagazine.com/slides>

Mission End Table

Woodworking Plan

Build this super simple yet stylish project using only five tools. This is part of our Basic Built series of plans. Follow the instructions to learn how to conceal mounting screws with decorative square plugs and how to safely machine the plus using your tablesaw. And, discover an easy way to glue up flat panels using just two clamps and a simple jig made from a 2x4.

Overall dimensions are 26" diameter x 26" high.

The woodworking plan for this table was featured in the **July 2008 issue of WOOD**.



Quilt Ladder

Woodworking Plan

Simple design, basic power tools, and a few boards help you make this great quilt rack. Connector bolts allow easy disassembly for storage or transportation.

Overall dimensions are 25" wide x 21" deep x 66" high.

Featured in the **October 2008 issue of WOOD**.

Find these and many more ideas at:

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-tips/basics/basic-built-projects/>

WOOD Magazine's website is a great source for How-To information for the more experienced woodworker!

<http://www.woodmagazine.com>



Tensioning Blades The 'Flutter' Way

The "flutter" method for setting tension is simple and recommended by blade and saw manufacturers. Learn how to do it.

From the editors of Wood Magazine

We've seen various methods for setting bandsaw blade tension, from fancy gauges to plucking the blade like a guitar string. But the "flutter" method for setting tension is simple and recommended by blade and saw manufacturers. Here's how to do it:

- Unplug the saw.
- After installing the blade, set the upper and lower blade guides as far out as they can go (or remove them), and remove the throat plate from the table.
- Center the blade on the wheels, adjusting tracking while turning the top wheel by hand. Close the wheel covers.
- Turn the tensioning handwheel until the tension gauge is at or a little above the recommended tension for your blade width.
- Plug the saw in and turn it on, making any final adjustments to blade tracking.
- With the saw running, slowly release the tension—about 1/2 turn of the tensioning wheel at a time—until the blade starts to flutter, as shown below.
- Gradually increase tension until the fluttering just stops, then turn the tension wheel another 1/4 - 1/2 turn tighter.
- Power down the saw, and reset the upper and lower blade guides. You're back in business.



Use this method each time you change blades, and remember to de-tension the blade with the quick-release tensioner when not in use. (If your bandsaw doesn't have a quick-release lever, make it a habit to relax the tension by a specific number of turns—10, for example—at the end of each day you use the saw. Next time you need the saw, just tighten the wheel 10 turns to return to the correct tension.)

Show & Tell

February 2009

Participating members were:

- **Don Bouchard: Lumber Sorting/Finishing Rack** made of Poplar with a sanding sealer finish.
- **John Winton: Cherry Plate** for use with 4" diameter Communion Goblet. Made of Cherry with a Lemon Oil finish.
- **Don Carkhuff: Horizontal Router** made from plans in **Woodsmith magazine Issue #67**.
- **Stan Anderson: Turned Bowl** & an adorable "Cupid" cut-out painted a bright red, just in time for Valentines Day.
- **Doug Olson: "Featherboard"** made of Aluminum, Steel & Brass.
- **Tom Foster: Cherry Kitchen Tongs** finished with Marten's Wood Preservative.

...Hope to see more of you next month!



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WANTED: WOOD

- Will buy from 1 pc. to bulk lot of hardwood lumber, shorts, blanks & cut-offs in Cherry, Walnut, Mahogany, Redwood, etc.

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Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

Remember: A picture is worth a 1,000 words!!!

Internet listing on FVWWC site also available.

Contact FVWWC Editor/Webmaster,
Linda G. Christensen for details:
(630) 551-7653 or woodworkers@fvwwc.org

LOCAL RESOURCES

CARVING TOOLS, KITS, BOOKS, ETC.:

Contact **Light Jewelers**, 1040 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL - (630) 892-3830 or see **Roger Light** at a meeting.

LATHES, TURNING SUPPLIES, TOOLS, BOOKS, ETC. (As seen in Penn State Ind.

Catalog): Contact **Rich Rossio** at **L & R Collectibles and Glass** - (815) 838-7686 or at disoorder@aol.com.

6V UV BLACK LIGHT PEN LIGHTS:

Contact **Sheri Kohout, The Incurable Collector**, sheriko@sbcglobal.net or at a meeting. See her online at:

www.ultravioletblacklight.com



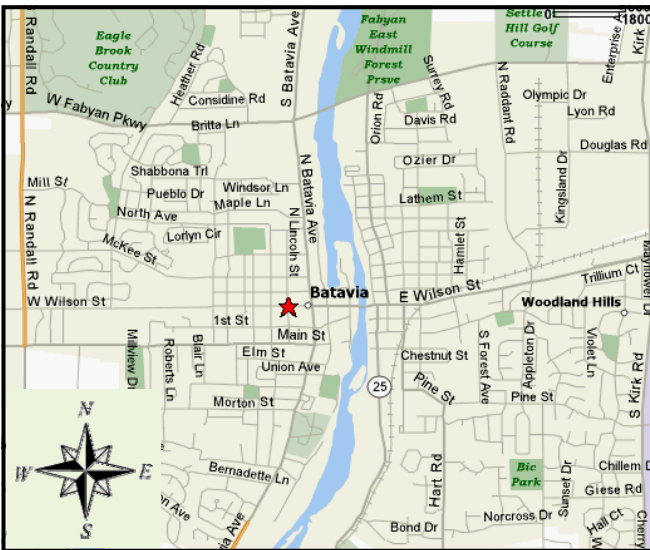
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Fox Valley Woodworkers Club

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!

FVWWC Agenda

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009

6:30 p.m.: Shopsmith SIG

6:30 p.m.: Hand Tool SIG

March 3rd Presentation by:

Celia Greiner



<http://www.celiagreiner.com>