

Newsletter

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April 2004 Meeting In Review

Ron Gilkerson welcomed the 105 members and guests to the April meeting and lead a round of applause for member Jim Cummings, host of our most recent Shop Tour. By all accounts, Jim did a bang up job and left attendees with some good ideas and food for thought on how to set up a home workshop.

It was announced that the Depot birdhouses were nearly finished and then our guest from the Bauhaus Apprenticeship Institute of Chicago, Berthold Schwaiger, was introduced.

Berthold gave a brief history from his birth in Germany, childhood in India, as a young man out of work in Texas and who ends up running a world renown school of woodworking here in Chicago. His story is fascinating and the work they do at the institute is nothing short of fabulous.



Starting with the first evidence of wood craft existing in what is now Pakistan, on to wood traveling trunks for Royalty as early as 1000 BC through to today, he gave us the history of furniture making. It is amazing that the art of frame and panel construction was being used in the year 1200 AD just like today with joints, dovetailing, etc.



Berthold presents the minimalists approach to furniture making -- Precise, tight, balanced and harmonious. We were

also introduced to the concept of Fibonacci-numbers in nature, design and construction. (See page 2 for more on Fibonacci-numbers.)

Another informative evening with a view through the master's eyes.

Woodworking Show Synopsis

Congratulations, folks, you did it! You pulled off a great weekend. Lots of good help and lots of fine projects to catch peoples eyes. Everybody helped a rookie look like he knew what he was doing. A big thank you to Ken Runyon for his prep work and suggestions, and an even bigger Thank You to Mike Madden for taking a day off work and help out ALL day. And Teresa was a real trooper, waiting patiently for me to arrive on Friday (Oops, I owe you a big public apology) and then working hard to help set up. People visiting the show were even taking pictures of Jack Siegers clock and some of the turnings so they could go home and try their luck. One guy even asked for help with problems with the Drill Doctor and Jim Mengler was there with advice.

I was surprised at how busy it was all weekend. The good weather didn't seem to keep the people away! Lots of people expressed interest in the club, even some from out of state. One man from Indiana talked to one worker from our club for half an hour to see how we ran the club. They started out with 6 members and within



6 months were up to 30 members, but then dropped back down to 6 again. What are we doing wrong? I felt really proud to be able to tell people who stopped we have about 170, with normal attendance of about 110.

I feel good about the weekend (tired but good) and I like to think we'll get new members from it and I hope we can live up to their expectations of us. Success is an ongoing struggle. He who slows down with complacency gets run over. If you don't believe me just try it on I-88 or 355!!! Thanks again for everybody's work to make this show the success I feel it was!!!

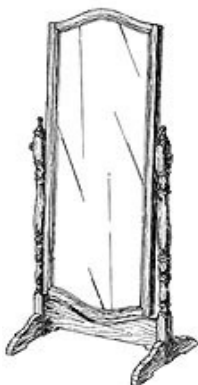
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On the Agenda

■ **General Meeting: Mike Madden** will teach us how to design and build a **Cheval Mirror**. No matter what your style of choice, Modern, Mission, Shaker, Victorian, Etc., these mirrors are truly works of art to be admired and treasured for generations.

Mike will take us through the process, step-by-step, and give us the do's and don'ts of design and construction.



■ **Basic Shaker Boxes** May 14th & 15th w/John Kellogg-- See notice for details.

■ **Club Project:** Friday, May 28th FVWWC will hold a workshop for students of **Grace McWayne Elementary** at their **Outdoor Education Day 2004**. Members will be on hand to help 4 - 11 year olds with a hands-on woodworking project.

Members can be asked to contact Ron at (630)879-8756 if interested in helping either with making the kits and/or at the workshop.

■ **Shop Tour:** Saturday, May 29th at the shop of Dennis Reckamp in Batavia. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. and then we will do lunch at a local establishment and talk shop.

Woodworking
at home

Speaking of Fibonacci...

I was surfing the other day and ran across some very useful charts and other little shop tools on the website for our friends at the **Woodworking At Home** DVD magazine like...

Fibonacci-numbers: *This script generates Fibonacci-numbers, that means a series of numbers where each number is the sum of its 2 predecessors. You just have to determine the first 2 numbers and how many numbers you want to have indicated.*

Building shelves, boxes or tables? Check out the **Dynamic Project Calculator** for a complete custom cut list. These and more can be found by going to their sites reference section:

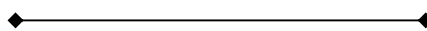
<http://www.woodworkingathome.com/>

Shaker Box Workshops

Basic Class:

May 14th & 15th

2 (Two) Openings due to cancellations. Send your \$125 to the club PO Box or pay at the May meeting to be eligible.



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!

Mail your reservation to the club at:

**FVWWC
PO Box 1041
Batavia, IL 60510**

➤ Refunds for full amount available till 10 days prior to the workshop -- ONLY. Last minute cancellations will be eligible for a refund of \$75 for May or \$60 for June.

Membership Update

Six new members signed up in March:

**Fred Grimmer - Bartlett
Larry Overstreet - Batavia
Dale Baum - West Chicago
Ward Jungers - St. Charles
Scott Earll - Carol Stream
Kenneth Litz - Chicago**



James Nellis, Membership

FVWWC DRAWING

Drawing winners in April were:



1. Darrel Anderson: Porter-Cable 18 ga. Nailer & Compressor Kit
2. Wilma Shimkus: \$25 Lowes Gift Card
3. Roger (Bud) Light: Sheffield Multi-Tool & Pouch
4. Walter Quanstrom: Intelli-Sensor Stud Finder

For May we will again have a choice of 1st Prize items, along with a variety of secondary items -- But this time the choice will be of 3 (three) (yeah, you read that right!) great items:

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



<http://www.dremel.com>

**Porter-Cable BN125A
18 Ga. Nailer**



<http://www.porter-cable.com>

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



<http://www.senco.com>

...See you at the meeting!

Charlie Christensen, Raffle Chairman

Community Projects

With the help of many members, FVWWC has been doing some great things in the neighborhood. The 127 Batavia Depot birdhouses were delivered to the Batavia Women's Club and, in less than a week, they have all been sold! Thanks to all those who came together on various occasions to cut, pin, glue and build. It was a big job but, with all the willing hands, we made it look easy!!!

Huge round of applause to Alan DeRoss for taking the lead and working with Bethany Lutheran to bring a hands-on workshop



to Bible School students on April 18th. Alan designed 150+ kits for the children and, with the help of fellow FVWWC'er Chuck Bauer, showed them how to assemble them into cute little birdhouses to be painted and decorated for display in the churchyard.

Thanks, you're a credit to the club and we appreciate the donation of your time and talents.

-- FVWWC Rocks!

FVWWC - JIM'S TOP TEN WOODWORKING AIDS

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>\$COST</u>
PLAYING CARDS	WALGREENS.....	\$0.50
HOOK RULER.....	LEE VALLEY.....	10.00
GUAGE BLOCKS.....	LEE VALLEY.....	35.00
PANEL CUTTING JIG	HOMEMADE.....	SCRAP
"QUICKGRIP" CLAMPS	HOMECENTER	15 - 30
TOOL GUIDE / STRT-EDGE.....	ROCKLER + MANY	25 - 40
4' X 8' PANEL CUTTER	HOMEMADE.....	7.00
MINWAX WOODPUTTY	HOMECENTER	4.00
BRAD NAILER	HOMECENTER	75-120
KREG POCKET HOLE JIG	ROCKLER + MANY	110-125

By J. C. Cummings, Winfield, IL, April 2004

Show & Tell

Both lovely works of many types and, in honor of April Fool's Day, a variety of "educational" creations.

- **Jim Gill:** Mystery Jig made from unfinished scraps.
- **John Winton:** 3 Part Walking Stick with friction polish of Walnut Crotch.
- **Fred Rizza:** Deft finished Walnut, Ash & Osage Orange intarsia Eagle.
- **Tod Fairbank:** 15 Puzzle of Oak with Poly.
- **John Bardsley:** Baltic Birch plywood Beismeyer Fence.
- **Ron Gilkerson:** Batavia Depot birdhouse prototype of the of Pine & Birch plywood with Latex paint finish.
- **Larry McHone:** Drum Sander Accessory Holder of unfinished .5" MDF.
- **Mike Brady:** Shelf built tools that don't work!
- **Ken Runyan:** Walnut Blanks & "Why you don't cut wet wood and try to use the center (pith) cut." Cut from 8"x8" log blank with no finish.



- **Floyd Johnson:** Basswood relief carving of Ship with stain finish and carved Duck Decoy of with paint finish.



- **Paul Dehnert:** Southwest Mission Birdhouse of Pine finished in house paint.
- **Bob Hackbarth:** Bowl of unfinished Maple.
- **Len Swanson:** Bud Vase & Decorative Box of Walnut with Tulip Wood & Spalted Maple trim with Danish Oil finish.
- **Teresa Glisson:** "Compound Miters Gone Bad" -- Once nice Oak Crown Molding now decorator firewood!
- **Bob Burritt:** Child's Chair of recycled Oak with urethane finish.

Drawing winners were:

1. **Jim Gill: Tool Pouch**
2. **Len Swanson: Halogen Worklight**
3. **Paul Dehnert: Pocket Knife**
4. **Mike Brady: Jig Saw Blades**
5. **Bob Hackbarth: Baseball Cap**

See you next month!

CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTION

Saturday - May 8, 2004
Glenn McDonald's Workshop
41W821 US Hwy 20 - Hampshire, IL
(847) 464-5238
Located on Route 20, 8 miles West of Elgin,
2 miles East of Rt. 47

- 12" Jet Table Saw
- 10" Miter Box
- 10" Craftsman Miter Saw
- 1"x42.5" Belt Sander
- 4"x36" Belt Sander
- 3" Portable Planer in Box
- 2" Door Planer in Box
- Old Delta Band Saw
- Benchtop 6" Disc Sander
- 4.5" Disc Sander/Grinder in Box
- 9" Right-Angle Disc & Grinder
- 3/8" Milwaukee Hammer Drill & Bits
- 5' ShopSmith Mod. 10ER W/Table: Drill Press, Saw, Sander, Lathe & Chisels w/Access. & Cabinet
- Lincoln 220 volt Welder
- 15" Dremel Scroll Saw
- 7.25" Gold Skil Saw
- 8" Skil Saw in Box
- 6.5" Skil Saw
- (2) 3/8" Electric Drills
- Portable Sander
- Sears Band Saw

FOR SALE

- '93 Ford Ranger XLT 4 cyl., 5 speed, PS, PB, bedliner, mag wheels, AM-FM cassette, good shape, only 70,000 miles, gold color. \$2300.
- 1998 Toro "Wheel Horse" riding mower, 8 horse B&S engine, 25" cut. \$1499 new, sell for \$400 -- Real good condition.

Contact Larry McHone at (815) 824-8038 or valarry@earthlink.net

WANTED

- Powermatic 66 or Delta Unisaw table saw wanted.

Call Larry McHone at (815) 824-8038 or valarry@earthlink.net

MOVING SALE

➤ NEW Robert Sorby HSS Turning Tools:

- 1/4" Spindle Gouge - Unhandled.....\$16.00
- 1/4" Spindle Gouge - w/Handle.....\$24.00
- 1/4" Bowl Gouge - Unhandled.....\$29.00

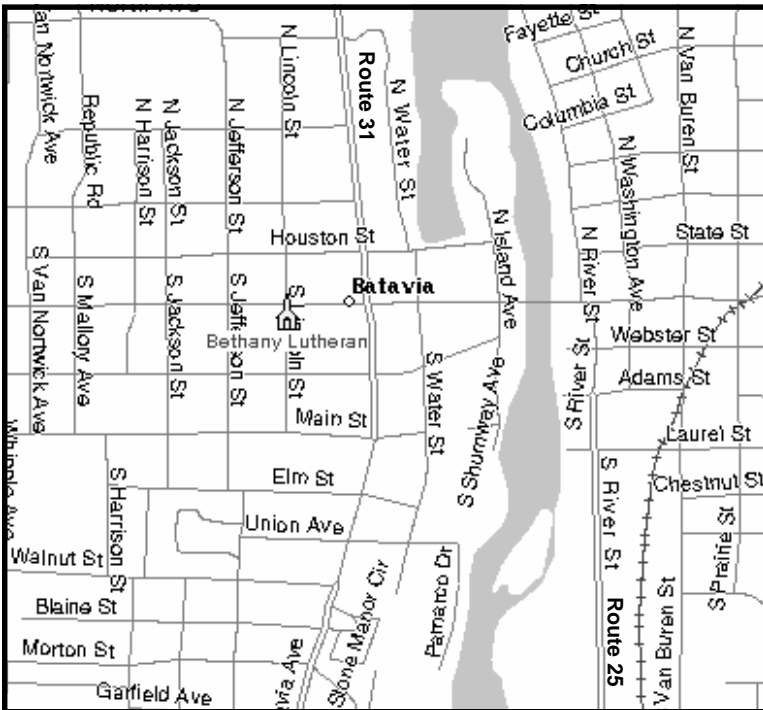
- 3/8" Bowl Gouge - Unhandled..... \$35.00
- 1/2" Bowl Gouge - w/Handle..... \$55.00
- 3/4" Oval Skew Chisel - w/Handle..... \$33.00
- 2/4" Roughing Gouge - Unhandled ... \$37.00



Moving to Florida --
Selling tools, accessories, wood & blanks, etc. over next few months.

- More Turning Tools Available - **ASK**
- Exotic Bowl Blanks & Turning Squares - **ASK**
- Conover Lathe - **ASK**

**For Details Call
Dan Majerchin:
(630) 546-5701**



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

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FVWWC Events Calendar

- May 1st... Sat ...9:30 a.m. . Club Project: Riverwalk fishes workshop w/Craig Foltos
- May 4th... Tue...7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: "How to Make a Cheval Mirror" by FVWWC's Mike Madden
- May 14th..Fri...6:00 p.m. . Workshop: Beginning Shaker Boxes I by John Kellogg
- May 15th. Sat ...8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Beginning Shaker Boxes II by John Kellogg
- May 19th Wed ..9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd-Carol Stream
- May 28th..Fri.....TBA..... Club Project: Grace McWayne Outdoor Education Day
- May 29th. Sat ..10:00 a.m. . Shop Tour: Dennis Reckamp Batavia, IL - *Map on website.*
- Jun 1st..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Rebecca Elliott Chicago School of Violin Making.
- June 11th . Fri.... 6:00 p.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker Boxes I by **John Kellogg**
- June 12th Sat ...8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker Boxes II by **John Kellogg**
- 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