

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: September 2005



Pat Lupori & Lee Braddock teamed up top for a scroll sawing demo in September. Both Pat & Lee are members of Chicago Scrollers and Lee is also a long time member of FVWWC. Together they gave us a wonderful look at the art of scroll sawing.

Pat says, in scrolling, let your imagination go! Even small, scraps of wood can become scroll projects.

Pat and Lee recommend that beginners check out some of the many books on scrolling, especially those by Patrick Spielman like "Scroll Saw Basics", a must for the novice, or "The New Scroll Saw Handbook", not to mention his numerous books of patterns and fretwork.



Both Pat and Lee invite folks to contact them with scroll saw questions at Chicagoland Scrollers: patlupori@saw-online.com



The Woodworking Shows October 14-16, 2005

Time for the Chicago Woodworking Show at the Odeum in Villa Park and the club needs your help.

At the meeting I will have sign-up sheets for volunteers for 2 hour work shifts and also for projects you will lend us to show.

Sign up at the October meeting or call (815)824-8038 to volunteer.

Larry McHone,
Show Chairman

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Fall 2005 Lathe Workshops with FVWWC's Rich Rossio & Assistant Mike Madden

Workshop I: Friday, October 7th
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Bowl Turning

Workshop II: Saturday, October 8th
8:00 a.m. to Noon
Bowl Turning

Workshop III: Saturday, October 8th
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pens/Spindle Turning

Bethany Lutheran Church Gymnasium
Batavia, IL

FVWWC Events Calendar

- Oct 4th.... Tue...7:30 p.m...General Meeting: "Virtual Tours w/Doug Olson & "My Vacation" w/Mike Brady
- Oct 14th-16th...As Posted.The Woodworking Show - Odeum in Villa Park
- Oct 15th....Sat.. 9:00 a.m...Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd-Carol Stream.
- Oct. 22nd.Sat.. 9:00 a.m...Wood Milling Demo with host our Gary Carstens, owner of Carstens Millworks - Warrenville, IL
- Oct. 22nd-23rdAs PostedNorth Suburban Carving Show "Artistry In Wood" by Joe Dillett in Wheaton at DuPage County Fairgrounds www.dupagecountyfair.org
- Nov 1st.... Tue...7:30 p.m...General Meeting: Jeff Stollard – Inlaid Woodcraft

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- GreeterJim Hildreth

FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

The following lucky members won the drawings at our September meeting:

1. **Bob Reed:** \$50 AmEx Gift Cheque
2. **Robin Blair:** Ear Protectors

PLEASE NOTE: Due to lack of interest, we will be scaling back the Raffles and discussing if they should be dropped altogether. Sales have fallen steadily since last year and the club is loosing money instead of increasing our finances as was intended. We would appreciate your input on this matter a.s.a.p. to help us make the decision to continue or drop the monthly Raffles.

In October we will have a choice of 1st Prize items, as well as some secondary items. To date we have not decided on the prizes but hope they will be of sufficient interest to spark some ticket sales! (Remember, depending on ticket sales, the AmEx Gift Cheque amount offered for first prize will be either \$50, \$75 or \$100.)

See you at the meeting!

**Charlie Christensen,
Raffle Chairman**



Wood Milling Demo

"Members Only" Invited!!!

Saturday - October 22nd

9:00 a.m.

On Location at:

Carstens Millworks

28W530 Woodlawn Ave.

Warrenville, IL. 60555

Watch as a 9' x 2' White Oak log gets turned into gorgeous quartersawn lumber!

Gary Carstens, owner/operator, is doing a Wood Milling Demo for members of both FVWWC and the DuPage Woodworkers. Due to available parking, he has requested this first demo be limited to the invitation of club members only but members are welcome to bring a friend or two.

Call Gary for details: (630) 393-6341

- See Club Site For MAP: www.fvwwc.org

Gary S. Carstens

Carstens Millworks and Reclamation

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Thanks for all the Help!

To all who contacted us offering a mini-lathe for use at the upcoming Workshops, *we really appreciate your support!*

Rich Rossio & Crew

We're Having a Party... ...And You're Invited!

Each year, for Christmas, Gale Madden invites representatives from three organizations join us accept donations of toys and other items. *No one is required to bring a donation* but we do hope all members will attend the festivities and share the fun. The December meeting, like every meeting, is for all members. Since this is a party, many also bring a spouse, child or friend but no one is excluded.

It is a Pot Luck so bring a little something edible to share. It isn't a formal dinner but a fun, tasty nibble fest with cookies, cakes, finger foods, gooey delights, crunchy munchies and just about anything that you can stick on a toothpick. Coffee, Punch, plates, napkins and utensils are furnished by FVWWC, along with meat, cheese & veggie trays. May not be haute cuisine but, if you go home hungry, it will be no one's fault but yours! No time to cook? Do a Deli, Drive-thru or such but don't stay home feeling empty handed.

Speaking of empty handed, that excuse won't work for toys either. Folks who make the toys do so because they like doing it and donating them is just a really neat outlet for their talent. Think of it more as an excuse for folks like Jim Hildreth to play with toys all year long and with no one asking "why?". How cool is that? None of us are any competition for the over 300 toys Jim produces but every toy is appreciated. Most items produced are fairly simple designs. Toy cars or doll beds do not have to be elaborate to make a child smile.

Don't have the time or inclination to make toys but still want to contribute? These organizations also appreciate paper products, canned goods, packaged mixes & cleaning products. Grab a mega pack of something at a local warehouse store and give that instead. Need suggestions? Talk to Gale at the next meeting.

Simply put, we hope everyone will attend our Christmas Party this year and share the fun, the food and the company. Come to see what Jim and others have made, it is "Show & Tell" extraordinaire! Makes one proud just to be part of a group with so much talent and fortunate to be there to applaud their efforts.

Please try to make it, it just won't be the same without you!

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Today's Woodworker

Virtual Visits with Real Woodworkers.

Simple Playthings

By Michael Dresdner

In 1997, two friends, Niko Tsilik and Merab Kuchukhidze, started making wooden toys in Tbilisi, the capital city of Georgia. That's Georgia the country, not the state. Georgia, which used to be part of the USSR, is an independent nation situated on the Black Sea between Turkey and Russia.



Along with a handful of other workers, mostly relatives, Niko and Merab make a wide range of charming, but simple, wooden toys. (<http://www.georgianwoodtoys.net/>) Each toy is hand carved from local woods, and painted using food-safe colors. They make toys that are simple enough to inspire imaginative play, but accurate enough to evoke realism.

Niko, who originally had the idea in the 1980s, felt there was a need for simple, well-made wooden toys for children. He met Merab in the late 1990s, and the two of them started the business. For them, it is more than just making toys; it is doing something that is right and helpful for childhood education. The toys are not elaborate or intricately carved, but are clear, simple representations of common themes. Some are solid, while others have moving parts, such as wheels, a working teeter-totter, spinning propellers, and articulated limbs.

Niko and Merab find guiding principles for their intentionally simple toy creations in the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. Steiner was an Austrian philosopher active in the early 20th century. He is considered the founder of the Waldorf private schools, which remain active today in many countries. On the Waldorf School web page, Barbara Shell explains the idea behind simple toys as follows: "The less finished and the more suggestive a toy may be, the greater its educational



value, for it really enlivens the imaginative life of the child.” (<http://www.awsna.org/>)



At first, Niko and Merab copied things from their own area: tools, buildings, trees and common animals. Eventually the line expanded, and it now includes exotic animals, mythological beasts, trains, airplanes, castles, knights and characters from folk legends, fairy tales and Biblical stories. Some characters display the clothing styles of various indigenous groups, both past and present, while others play out common local lore. One tableau, for example, consists of a woman with a kerchief between two fighters. The story it portrays recounts that in olden times, young men would often duel until a young maiden with a kerchief would throw it between them to end the fight.

Manufacturing is far from easy in that part of Georgia. Electricity comes on only once or twice a day, usually for a couple of hours, and they don't know when that will be. When they can, they use power tools, but otherwise, most everything is done by hand. Heat is also lacking; these woodworkers must bundle up against the cold. Needless to say, this endeavor does not pay well, and is as much a labor of love as profit.

Their toys first showed up in the United States in large part due to Frank and DoloresRose Dauenhauer. DoloresRose runs the nonprofit Rudolf Steiner bookstore, (<http://www.nwrsbs.com/>) where many of the Georgian toys grace the shelves. “I have a friend in Vancouver,” DoloresRose explained, “who went to Russia every year with a group of educators and artists to help locals develop educational and arts programs. While in Georgia, she went into a local toy shop and immediately fell in love with these toys. She brought back a few, and I started selling them in the bookstore.” They were so well received that she and her husband decided to import them and soon became the sole distributor in North America.



“I love wood, so it is easy for me to run this business,” said Frank, a hobby woodworker who frequently makes the scenery for his wife's puppet theater. In addition to the bookstore, DoloresRose runs the Willow Branch Puppet Theater, (<http://www.willowbranchpuppettheater.com/>) another nonprofit, and The Pacific Northwest School of Puppetry.

“The Georgians seem to have a knack for making toys that capture the soul of the animals, myths and people that they portray,” said DoloresRose.

“The look and feel of the toys inspired us to want to bring these into the country,” Frank added, “and once we brought them in, customers raved about them. We've had nothing but positive responses. We've never had a return, and nothing but good has come out of it.”

CLASSIFIEDS

Moving Sale

Saturday, Oct. 8th & Sunday, Oct. 9th
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
 20 Fernwood Rd. (Boulder Hill)
 Montgomery, IL



Located just east of Route 25 on Fernwood Road at the corner of Route 30 and Route 25.

Long time custom cabinet maker moving to Georgia and has a lot of great wood For Sale:

2 Racks of various Crown, Base, Casing, Corner Bead, Half Round etc. Molding/Trim. To many pieces to list. Most are in 14' to 16' pieces. Many custom shaped pieces and very hard to find pieces. One rack with all pieces under 12' 5" and One with all pieces over 12' 5" - Fantastic for the remodeler and/or builder.

Many 4' X 8' Veneer Sheets (High Quality, Furniture Grade Plywood): 11 Walnut sheets, 2 Ash sheets, 1 Red Oak sheet, 1 White Oak sheet & 1 Mahogany sheet.

Serious shoppers advised to get there early!

For Sale

The tools listed below are for sale and have had minimal use, with the exception of the radial arm saw. These items are at 570 Friar Drive Aurora IL. This residence is located off Mitchell Road two blocks south of the I-88 Tollway. If you are interested in any of the tools, please call either, Jeff at 630-896-3326 or Ken at 630-897-6260, for more information or an appointment to see them.

- Craftsman, Model 113.236150, 16-inch scroll saw w/light & stand \$ 80
- Delta, Model 31 -780, Oscillating spindle sander with stand..... \$100
- Delta, Model number 28 -269, 14-inch band saw with roll around \$450
- Craftsman, Model 113.197150, 10-inch radial arm saw with stand \$130
- Delta, Model 31 -460 Type 2, 4"belt/6" disc sander with stand \$130
- Inkra Twin Linear, dual carriage, dual split fence, universal woodworking system... \$500

Inkra System Includes:

- 21-inch twin linear system.
- 27" x 43" router table.
- Steel leg sections.
- Router table switch.
- Dust collection cabinet.

Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

Contact FVWWC Editor/Webmaster

(630)897-4877 or woodworkers@fvwwc.org

Public Auction

Saturday – October 29th, 2005

Sale: 10:00 a.m. - Sharp!

Area Woodworker Downsizing!

908 Hardin Ave. - Aurora, IL

<http://www.huntsauction.net>

Show & Tell

Matt Gauntt, MC



Gel Varnish.

September's Show & Tell was, as usual, awesome! Here's a sample of what members had on display:

- **Don Swanson:** Mission Style Table Lamp in Red Oak with a warm cherry General Finish stain & Bartley's

- **Fred Rizza:** Three Tier Tea Table made of Walnut with oil stain and Cabots Sanding Sealer for finish.

- **Mike Madden:** Part Bins & Shelves of various unfinished woods .

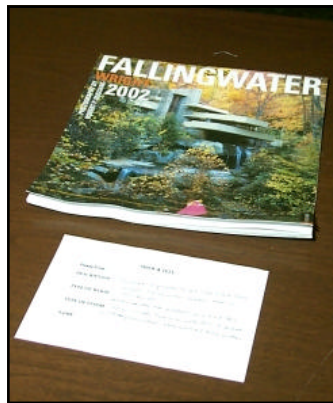
- **Rich Rossio:** Pear Bowl finished with Deft.

- **Charles Christensen:** Finished Post Cap of finished White Oak.

- **Tom Sharp:** Speaker Stands of White Oak finished in water based Poly.

- **Mike Brady:** Nelson Table/Bench of Maple/Ebonized Maple with Lacquer finish.

- **Bernie Kotera:** US Map Holder for States Quarters in Maple with an Oak border and finished in Poly.



- **Larry McHone:** Router Plane, made from magazine plans, of Maple, as yet unfinished, possibly will use a 2# cut Blond Shellac.



- **Larry McHone:** Scratch Awl in Wenge with an Antique Oil & Wax finish.

- **Howard Van Valzah:** "Work In Progress" Playhouse modeled after Frank Lloyd Wright's "Falling Water" summer home in Mill Run, PA. Being built on a 4'x8' base with 3 waterfalls, 5 balconies, 2 stained glass windows, stone walls and many other windows.

Impressive turn out, thanks to all for sharing!



Membership Update - Sep 2005

New Member:

Scott Larson - Aurora

Renewal time is here again and we are off to a great start!!! 27 Members have already re-upped!!!

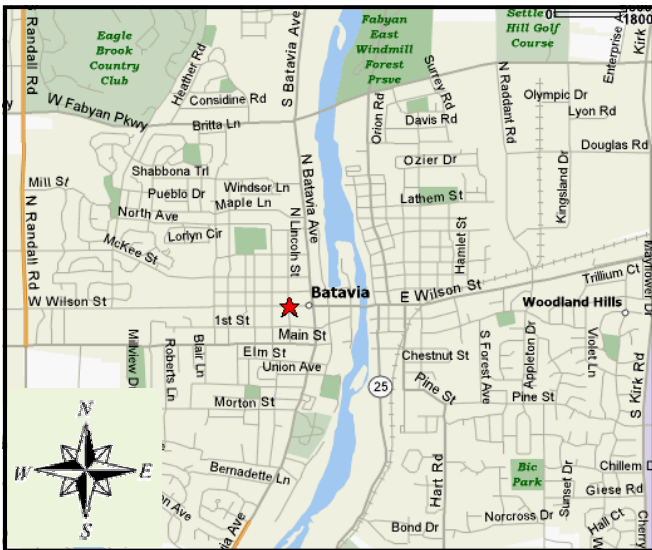
Remember: 2006 Renewals must be submitted no later than 01/15/2006!!! Fill out the 2006 Renewal Form and submit with \$25 to make sure you don't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

Roger Vachon, Membership



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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!

Agenda for October 2005 *It's A Double Header This Month!*

Doug Olson and other members will then take us on **Virtual Mini-tours** of their shops. This should be a most fascinating adventure!



Sounds like a lot of fun and extremely educational too...Why not bring a friend so they can see what FVWWC is all about!!!



We will also get a report from member **Mike Brady** on the interesting woodworking tours he took and places he visited this year on his summer vacation.

Hope to see you there!!!