

# Newsletter

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## Meeting Review

With Ron Gilkerson out hiking the outback in Glacier National Park, our Vice President Dick Secrest did the honors in August. Following a welcome to all, Dick asked guests to introduce themselves and thanked them for attending.

The evening's presentations began with **Sherri Kahoot** showing us a video highlighting the work of Humanitarian Services on behalf of area families. Anyone wanting to know more about the organization can check them out at:

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

The "10 Minute Presentations" on shop tips and processes, etc. by some of our members went a little longer than planned but it was time well spent.

**Len Swanson** did a great job arranging the mini talks on a variety of topics. I, for one, hope we can do this again and make it a regular event once or even twice each year. We have a vast amount of talent within our ranks and I think it is a shame we do not tap into that more often!

Great show, Len, thanks to those who gave of your time and expertise. If you were not there you missed hearing from members **Teresa Glisson, Harry Davis, Stan Anderson, Ken Runyon and Len** himself on all matter of wood related themes.

***Remember, the church is still doing remodeling so enter via the hall door...And this time we will even have the coffee ready!!!***



## On the Agenda

■ **General Meeting:** In September we welcome **Jeff Miller, Furniture maker** to make a presentation of his works. He will show us, among other things, some of his techniques with chisels and planes.

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

■ Don't forget the **Breakfast Club** on Wednesday, September 15th at **The Red Apple Restaurant** (414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL) at 9:00 a.m. -- There is always room at the table for you!

■ **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co.** will be appearing in October to give us an in depth look at their joinery system!

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

■ The Wood Show at the Odeum in Villa Park: October 8th, 9th & 10th. See Larry McHone to volunteer to help with the club booth and/or submit items for display.

■ **"Artistry in Wood" with J.R. Cadawas**

Oct 23rd & 24th, 2004

DuPage County Fairgrounds

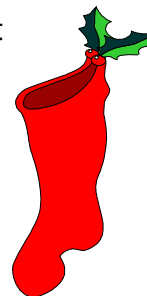
2015 W. Manchester Rd

Wheaton, IL 60187

Sun: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

■ Don't forget that Christmas is fast approaching and we will again

collect toys for area children. If you do not have an idea for a toy, check out our library. Cheryl has lots of great books of plans and projects available for all skill levels and woodworking styles.



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## Getting Down to the Nitty Gritty

By Charlie Christensen

Yeah, I guess the kind of grit does make a difference.

I had to machine the edges of two large pieces of Baltic Birch plywood that I had made-up of two pieces each and face glued together to make thicker parts. The edges were not precisely aligned even with biscuits to help and these edges were going to be covered with solid oak so I needed a smooth, tight fit. The plywood pieces were almost triangular so I had three long sides and a short side to do on each piece.

I got out a belt sander and found that it would run while on its side on the bench and the belt would be at 90 degrees to the bench surface. I clamped the plywood flat to the bench surface with ¼ inch scrap under it to elevate it to the sanding belt. I had an 80 grit aluminum oxide belt that had seen little use and I expected it to do a quick job of things. Nope!

I sawed that infernal machine stroke after slow, miserable, sweaty stroke. I hacked at the stubborn glue line with a chisel. I found out that a block plane was, also, not a good idea.

Later that afternoon, after I had completed five long sides and one short side and was sitting there contemplating the last long side, it occurred to me that the aluminum oxide belt was not doing to well. It also occurred to me that I had two zirconium oxide belts that had been gathering dust for a couple of years. What the heck! I got the 80 grit zirconium belt and gave it a shot.

I will now swear that the aluminum oxide belt had a layer of Teflon covering the grit. The zirconium belt did in three easy strokes what had been taking thirty hard strokes.

The lesson of this story is not to let your grits sit while you wonder why a coarse grit belt doesn't seem to be going anywhere in fairly soft wood.

## Library News

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



Cheryl Miller, Librarian

# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE:

**Lathe components:** 12-14 inches by whatever length desired. Headstock (without pulley), tailstock, (both spindles have # 2 Morse taper), tool rest, set of cast iron legs. Use 2 - 2X6's or whatever for bed of any length.

**Walt (847) 697-5668**

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### Attention FVWWC Members

Have something to Sell and can't wait for the next Newsletter to be published? Looking for a special tool to buy/borrow and don't know who to ask? Hear some woodworking news too good to keep to yourself? Call or send us an email with details and we will broadcast it to all online Members!

Contact FVWWC Editor/Webmaster  
(630)897-4877 or [woodworkers@fvwwc.org](mailto:woodworkers@fvwwc.org)

## Membership Update

### 2005 Membership Renewal is

underway! Fill out a membership card and submit it with your \$25 to the Membership Committee a.s.a.p. mail to:



FVWWC

PO Box 1041

Batavia, IL 60510

**James Nellis, Membership**

# FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

Drawing winners in August 2004 were:



1. **Bud Light:** Jet 1 hp Dust Collector
2. **Mike Saad:** \$25 AmEx Gift Cheque

We will have a choice of three 1st Prize items again in September --- Including the ever popular \$100 AmEx Gift Cheque. Of course there will be some secondary items also so be sure to stop by and get your tickets. See you there....

**Dremel #8000-01  
Lithium-Ion Cordless &  
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>

**...Charlie Christensen**

## Show & Tell

Matt Gauntt, MC

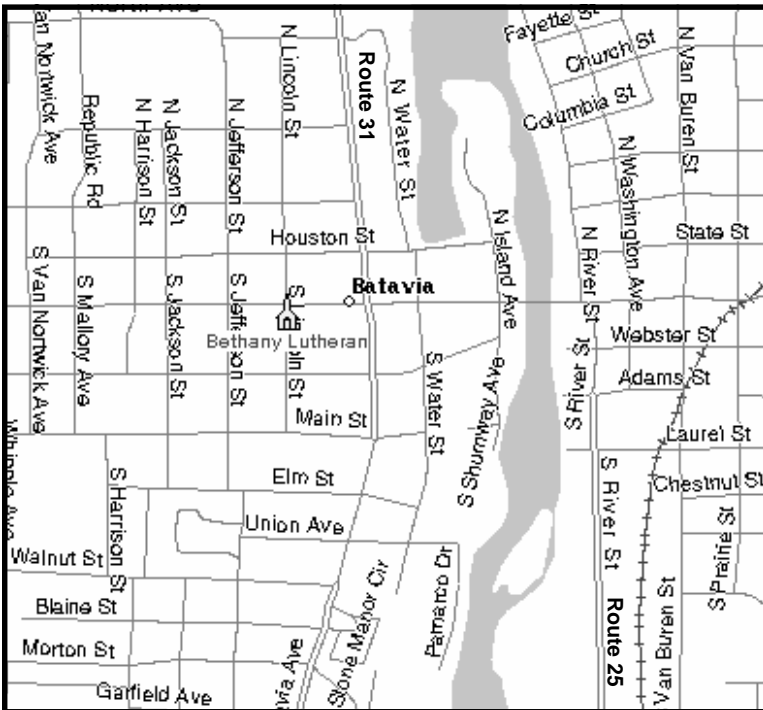
We had a smaller than normal showing for August but the items displayed were still quite impressive.

- Charlie Christensen: Montessori "Pull-Up Bar" for infants of Baltic Birch with Oak trim finished in Polyurethane.
- Harry Davis: Set of 5 Oval Shaker Boxes made of Cherry and finished with Sealacell and varnish.
- Jim Vojcek: Refinished Shoulder Plane sporting a new Deft finish.
- Len Swanson: A Music Box of Santos Rosewood finished in Danish Oil.
- Doug Olson: Photos of a Deck made of Cypress, Cedar and Treated wood, not yet finished.
- Roy R. Randall: A Woodcarver's Tool Box of Pine with a High Gloss Enamel Paint exterior.
- Jim Robertson: Ash Nightstand with a Tung Oil finish.
- John Roloff: Birdfeeder made of Pine with no finish to date.
- Jim Gill: Cypress Birdhouse with Cedar shingles. The body is painted Exterior white and the shingles were done with a 50% Spar Varnish dilution.
- Bill Johnson: Hudson River Valley style Chair of Maple and finished in traditional Milk Paint.



The winners in this months drawing were:

1. Len Swanson: 50 Ft. Extension Cord
  2. Harry Davis: Workshop Dust Pan
  3. Jim Gill: Work Gloves & Mini-Clamp Set
- Can't wait to see what next month brings!!!*



**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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- Host ..... Bill Bailey**
- Greeter ..... Jim Hildreth**

### FVWWC Events Calendar

- 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 Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd in Carol Stream, IL**
- 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: **Rorke Miller of Miller Dowel Co. - Winnetka, IL**  
 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 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 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