

# Newsletter

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## Meeting Review: Aug 2005

**Tom Sharp** did another fine job hosting the meeting. *Thanks again for volunteering!*

**Dave Reilly** taught us what steps to follow to do a relief carving. First rule, to beginners, is to "start small and work up!". A small project means less chance for mistakes and less waste if you have to start over!

Begin by doodling then move to graph paper with the final



draft being to exact size or scale. It is also helpful to make a clay model to determine a need for design alterations before putting a blade to wood.

Once ready, adhere a drawing to wood and begin carving. Some may start with a Bandsaw, others a router or cutout tool to remove portions of the background. Cut cross grain, work in a well lit area and leave finishing till later.

As Dave says, "*Carving is not like Skydiving where you have to do it right the first time! It's practice, practice, practice...!*"

Dave and other area Carvers will be at the GOW in Somonauk on Sept. 19th through the 25th. Check out the details posted at: <http://www.thecarvingshop.com>

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## The Woodworking Shows in Chicago: October 14-16, 2005

The Woodworking Show is back at the Odeum in Villa Park so the club will have a booth to let other area woodworkers know of our existence. For those who have never been to the woodworking show, here's about what we do.

- Display projects showing the variety of styles our members pursue. Always nice to have the same types of projects we have for Show & Tell. Items returned at the November meeting.
- Members are needed to "man" the booth and talk to the people who stop to look. Gets pretty interesting! Last year a fellow stopped to talk and ended up giving a demo on carving faces on pencils.
- Handouts are available with

when and where we meet as well as the different speakers, seminars and trips we offer. Hand folks a flyer and tell them what you like about the club -- That's all the "selling" required!

- Volunteers working at least two hours will get free admission for that day, but you do have to pay for parking, \$6.00 I think.
- At the meeting I will have sign-up sheets for volunteers and also for projects you will lend us to show. No selling is allowed at the club booth, so we can concentrate on recruiting club members. It is a 2 hour work shift, so either before or after, be sure to walk around and check out what the dealers are showing and selling. Always lots of good deals to be had.

About 4 years ago I was looking for a router bit that would cut a round depression, like a dimple, for a golf ball display rack I was making. A salesman at a router bit booth showed me what I needed, but it only came in 1/2" shank. Both the routers I had were 1/4" collets so I told him so. He said "No problem, in the next booth Porter-Cable has a great deal on the 7529 model. I bought one but then I didn't have the money for the bit! Ended up just drilling a hole and inserting in a golf tee to hold the ball. Looked a lot better than the original design!

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

**Larry McHone,**  
Show Chairman

## FVWWC Events Calendar

Sep 6th ... Tue...7:30 p.m...**General Meeting "Double Header"**: Scroll Sawing by **Pat Lapor** of the **Chicago-land Scrollers** and **Virtual Shop Tours** of member's shops with **Doug Olson**.

Sep 19-24 Per Schedule ... **Gathering of Woodcarvers (GOW)**, Somonauk, IL - Wood Carving events - Joe Dillett  
www.thecarvingshop.com

Sep 21st ..Wed. 9:00 a.m...**Breakfast Club**: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd-Carol Stream.

Oct 4th ... Tue...7:30 p.m...**General Meeting**: Jeff Stollard – Inlayed Woodcraft

Oct 14th-16th...As Posted.**The Woodworking Show - Odeum in Villa Park**

Oct. 22nd-23rdAs Posted**North Suburban Carving Show**. DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL

Oct 15th....Sat.. 9:00 a.m...**Breakfast Club**

## FVWWC Officers & Staff

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Greeter .....Jim Hildreth

## FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

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

1. **Tom Foster:** **Porter-Cable FN250B Finish Nailer**
2. **Charlie Christensen:** **"Grr-Ripper System by Micro Jig, Inc.**

**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 September 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**



# You are invited to GOW 2005

When is it? **September 19 through 24th, 2005**

Where is it? **The Carving Shop  
645 E. LaSalle St.  
Somonauk, IL**



Who is invited? **Everyone is welcome!**

You are invited to participate in the **GOW, Gathering Of Woodcarvers**. If you have a desire to learn about woodcarving or just want to socialize, please come and bring a friend. Come for one day or spend the whole week. Here is the information. We hope to see you here. Any questions please give me a call (815-498-9290). We are expecting between 50 to 100 carvers to participate.

**Announcing the GOW (Gathering of Woodcarvers)**, September 19th through the 24th, there will be a series of woodcarving seminars at The Carving Shop, 645 E. LaSalle St, in Somonauk Illinois 60552. Woodcarvers will begin arriving on Monday, September 19th to set up their campsites.

Monday evening we begin with a margarita seminar (alcohol and non-alcohol) as a social introductory gathering. Seminars will begin on Tuesday and run through Saturday. Some seminars are indoors, but most will be under the tents. Weather conditions are generally cool in the evenings, and warm during the day. It would be wise to bring warm sweaters or jackets, especially for evenings activities.

Camping and logging. Camping with electricity and some water available for \$10.00 (half price for instructors), per night. Those who don't want to camp are welcome to make their reservations at the Super 8 in Yorkville Illinois (630) 553-1634, about 9 miles from Somonauk. Also, Amerihost Inn (815) 895-4979 (about 22 miles) in Sycamore Illinois. There will **not** be a \$5 sign-in fee like last year, but there will be a \$5 registration fee for each class, for the instructor, payable to the instructor.

## **Registration and seminar schedule.**

The seminar schedule and registration is as follows. There is a \$5 registration fee per class that goes to the instructor. Additionally the instructor will charge for materials (see schedule for these charges). Keep an eye on the seminar schedule for changes and other seminars added throughout the week. It is not necessary to pre-register but **you may reserve a space for a seminar by contacting Bob Mau ([Basswood@aol.com](mailto:Basswood@aol.com) or call 630-556-4253)**. There are a few additional seminars we are trying to add. As these changes are made we'll publish the seminar updates.

There are about 38 seminars already listed, with more being added. Most instructors are offering their seminars more than once, giving you the opportunity to attend as many as you can. This is a great opportunity to learn. Seminars are scheduled between 8 AM to 5 PM, with an hour break for lunch.

***Check [www.thecarvingshop.com](http://www.thecarvingshop.com) for additional seminars as added and direct any questions to:***

Joe Dillett

## **The Carving Shop**

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# 2005 Create-A-Clock Contest



**New Prizes and a Chance to be Featured in Our Catalog!  
See Contest Entry Details Below!**

All entries must be postmarked by  
**December 31, 2005**

*(To view 2004 winners go to: <http://www.klockit.com/files/contestWinners.asp>)*

## Categories for the 2005 Contest Include:

- # **Grand Prize:** Master Clock Builder, \$500 Klockit Gift Certificate
- # **Best Floor Clock:** \$300 Klockit Gift Certificate
- # **Best Wall Clock:** \$200 Klockit Gift Certificate
- # **Best Mantel or Desk Clock:** \$100 Klockit Gift Certificate

The above categories will be judged on the photograph and story of your experience building this clock or other clocks. The best story/photo will be featured in an upcoming Klockit catalog.

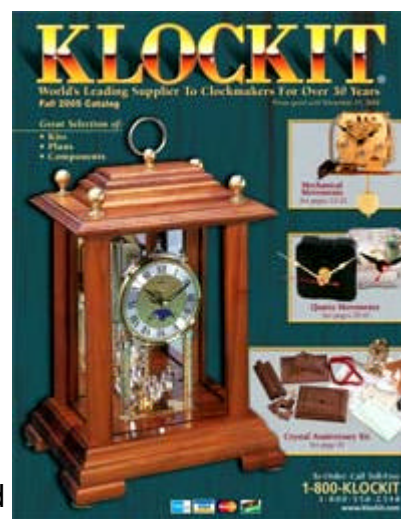
Everyone's A Winner! All clock photo submissions will receive a \$5.00 Klockit Gift Certificate (one per person). Clocks must be built using a Klockit kit or Klockit components.

Mail photos and stories to:

**Klockit  
C/O Clock Contest  
P.O. Box 636  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147**

(Don't forget to include your name, address, phone number, customer number, and the category you are entering.)

The contest will be judged by the Staff at Klockit. We realize each submission will hold significant meaning and pride by the builder, so please respect the difficulty we face when determining the winners.



Catalog available upon request  
at [www.klockit.com](http://www.klockit.com) or by  
calling 1(800) 556-2548

SEE THE FINE ART OF WOODCARVING  
AT OUR 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF

# “ARTISTRY IN WOOD”

Features: Competition, sales, raffle and demonstrations. Great tool and wood vendors. Special sale of Christmas ornaments for the benefit of the Shriners Children’s Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Silent auction of one of a kind works of art.

**Our Featured Artist will be**

**JOE DILLETT**

**Celebrating 35 years of creative woodcarving**

Presented by the

**NORTH SUBURBAN CARVERS**

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

10:00am to 4:00pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds  
2015 W. Manchester Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
<[www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org)>

For show information call 773-763-1788

Show Admission \$4.00 (children under 16 free when accompanied by an adult) Free parking



Come meet Joe Dillett in person

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Public Auction

**Saturday – October 29th, 2005**

RAINDATE: Sunday - October 30th, 2005

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

PREVIEW: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Day of Sale!

**Area Woodworker Downsizing!**

908 Hardin Ave. - Aurora, IL

Galena Blvd. to Elmwood Dr. and head South on Elmwood to Hardin and turn left/ East on Hardin - **Follow the Auction Signs!**

For tons of photos and a listing of tools and other items to be sold go to:

**<http://www.huntsauction.net>**



**Dugan Wood Products & Sawmill**

2284 N. 45th Road

Leland, IL 60531

Cell:630-253-3859

**[www.duganwoodproducts.com](http://www.duganwoodproducts.com)**

### Attention FVWC 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 FVWC Editor/Webmaster  
(630)897-4877 or [woodworkers@fvwwc.org](mailto:woodworkers@fvwwc.org)**

### Fall 2005 Lathe Workshops with FVWC'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

- No previous experience is required for the bowl or pen turning sessions.
- Members present will receive individual, as well as group, instruction.
- Students are invited to bring their own safety equipment, if possible but all tools, wood, etc. will be provided.
- Cost is only \$40 per session!!!
- Take multiple sessions, as room allows!
- As usual, spaces are reserved as money is received so don't wait -- Sign up today!

See Linda at the next meeting to make your reservation or mail it to:

**FVWC Workshops**

**PO Box 1041**

**Batavia, IL 60510-1041**

For more information contact

**[woodworkers@fvwwc.org](mailto:woodworkers@fvwwc.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellations will be refunded if reported no later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 2005.

### Mini-Lathes Needed for Upcoming Workshops

If you have a mini-lathe you can loan us for the October Workshops, please contact Linda (630) 897-4877 or Ron (630) 879-8756 and let us know!

**Thanks!**

## Show & Tell

Matt Gauntt, MC

In August the Show & Tell display member's participated as follows:

- **Richard Lentz: Replacement Deck** done in unfinished synthetic wood/
- **Dave Van Norman: Regulator Clock & a Marble Puzzle** both were of Cherry with Minwax & Tung Oil Finishes.
- **Charlie Christensen: Post Cap** made of White Oak to be painted for outdoor use.
- **Tom Sharp: Custom Router Cabinet** out of Red Oak plywood with a finish of water based Urethane Poly.
- **Lorrey Guarreo: Jewelry Box w/Lift-out Trays** made of Cherry and Maple with a "Bad" finish!
- **Dan Nylin: "Lighthouse" Lamp** of Oak & Mahogany finished in Deft & spray enamel.



- **John Winton: 3 Turned Bowls**, 1 Curley Cherry and 2 Spalted "Mystery Wood" and finished in Watco Danish Oil.

- **Alan DeRoss: Adult/Child Bench** of Yellow Pine finished in Varnish & Latex Paint.

- **Larry McHone: Recipe Box** of Cherry to be done in an Antique Oil finish.

- **Jim Byrne: 2 Handcarved Love Spoons** made of Walnut & finished in Danish Oil.
- **Fred Rizza: Grandfather Clock** of Walnut with an oil stain and Cabot's Sanding Sealer.
- **Rich Rossio: Turned Bowl** from Pear with a spray poly finish.
- **Dave Masters: 5 Turned Bowls**, with Danish Oil & Carnauba Wax finishes, 2 Cherry and one each Osage Orange, Flame Maple & Magnolia.



Again, each one was an example of the vast array of talent our club represents.

**Thanks to all for sharing!**



## Membership Update - August 2005

**New Member:**

**William Groenwald - Crystal Lake**

**Please Note: Renewal time is here again!!! 2006 Renewals start 09/05 and must be submitted no later than 01/03/2006!!! 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!**

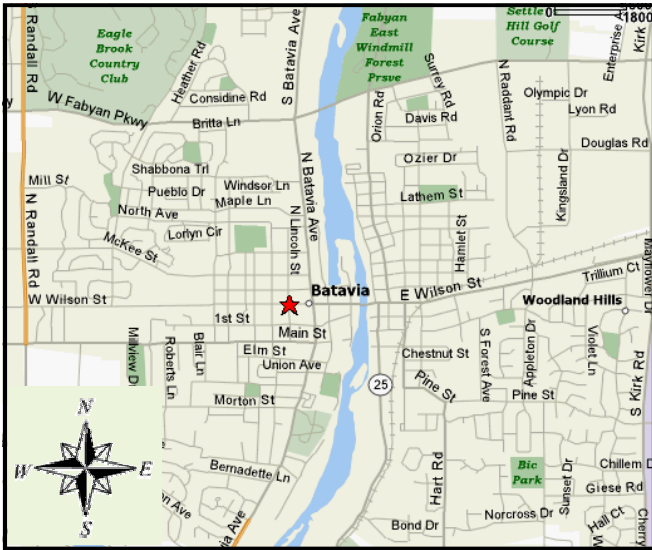
**Roger Vachon, Membership**





**Fox Valley Woodworkers Club, Inc.**  
**PO Box 1041**  
**Batavia, IL 60510-1041**

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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 September 2005 *It's A Double Header This Month!*

**Scroll Sawing with Pat Laporì of the Chicagoland Scrollers** followed by the **Virtual Shop Tours** of member's shops with **Doug Olson** presiding.



Pat will teach us basic techniques of scroll sawing and how to choose the right blade, etc. for your projects.

Doug 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!!!

*Hope to see you there!!!*