

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: March 2005

Darrel Anderson, club secretary, again did the duties as host for the evening and did his usual great job. Thanks Darrel, your efforts are always appreciated!

Daniel Racareanu from **American Woodcraft**, was did the presentation. Dan specializes in custom installation, upgrading and refinishing of wood flooring at AW and they do beautiful work. He showed us a variety of design possibilities for any size room and taught us the basics of creating decorative borders, designs and medallions.

It is amazing what a difference adding a little contrasting color and detail can do to turn a nice floor into a work of art! Some of the examples were almost too nice to "clutter" with furnishings!!

Thanks Dan for an excellent presentation.



April '05 Presentation

Longtime member Rich Rossio will be doing the demo at our April meeting. He will show us the Basics of Turning and pass along some more advanced techniques.

Rich has taught many a pen, bowl and general turning class over the years for this and other clubs to which he belongs. I can tell you from personal experience that he is a great teacher. He takes you from never having touched a lathe to turning a project in a single afternoon! It's great fun and I recommend giving turning a try at least once, just to see what the buzz is all about!!!

Rich is also a source for turning tools and supplies. Contact them at **L & R Collectibles and Glass** online at disoorder@aol.com or call (815) 838-7686 -- Or see Rich at the next meeting!

Lathe Workshops

Members signed up for a space in the upcoming Lathe Workshops must be sure and pay at the April meeting, if they have not already done so.

Rich Rossio will be teaching both Pen and Bowl turning workshops, as scheduled.

Barring any last minute cancellations, all seats are taken for the three workshops but

we are in negotiations with Rich to put us on his agenda for another round of workshops later this year. Keep watching and listening for details!

Anyone wanting to be on the early list for future workshops can let me know at (630) 897-4877 or woodworkers@fvwwc.org and I will make sure you are notified as soon as the dates are set. -- **Linda G. Christensen**

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Events Calendar

- Apr 5th... Tue .. 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Lathe Turnings with Rich Rossio
- Apr 8th.... Fri ... 6-10 p.m. . Workshop I: Pen Turning Basics by Rich Rossio
- Apr 9th.... Sat..... 8-Noon... Workshop II: Bowl Turning Basics, R. Rossio
- Apr 9th.... Sat.... 1-5 p.m. ... Workshop III: Lathe Turning Basics, R. Rossio
- Apr 16th.. Sat... 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd-Carol Stream.
- May 3rd. Tue.. 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Creating Colonial Furniture by David Warren.
- May 18th Wed.. 9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd-Carol Stream.
- May Sat... 9:00 a.m. . Shop Tour: Insight & Howard Van Valzah's in Roscoe, IL
- Jun 7th . Tue.. 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Doug Olson – Software for wood cut layout and measurements

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

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

1. **Dave Kline:** \$100 Am/Ex Gift Cheque
2. **Richard Lentz:** 18 ga. Brad Nailer

In April we will have choice of 3 (three) 1st Prize items, again, as well as some secondary items.

See you at the meeting!

**Charlie Christensen,
Raffle Chairman**



Dremel #8000-01 & Kit Combo



<http://www.dremel.com>

\$100 AmEx Gift Cheque



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

Porter-Cable 18 ga. Brad Nailer



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

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

8 (eight) NEW Irwin "Quick-Grip" Clamps (2 ea of the following) - \$125.00

- 2 (two) 6" #00506 (Hvy. Duty) - (Sale/MSRP Prices \$17.50 to \$26.50 ea)
- 2 (two) 6" #00546 (Med. Duty) - (Sale/MSRP Prices \$15.50 to \$24.50 ea)
- 2 (two) 12" #00512 (Hvy. Duty) - (Sale/MSRP Prices \$20.50 to \$31.00 ea)
- 2 (two) 18" #00518 (Hvy. Duty) - (Sale/MSRP Prices \$22.50 to \$33.25 ea)

That's a total of \$152.00 to \$230.50 in value!

See Charlie at the April meeting or contact him at (630) 897-4877 or chrest@aquila.net today.

FOR SALE:

Mike Brady has some very good quality hand tools and related items that he would like to offer for sale to other members. All items are in "as good as new, or new" condition, and are ready to use including sharpening and honing, if applicable. These are great values for the woodworker who is looking for quality tools at bargain prices. Here is a partial listing:

- **Stanley #601/2** low angle block plane w/Hock iron - \$50. (list:\$78.)
- **Stanley #4** bench plane with Hock iron and rosewood grips - \$65. (list \$100.+)
- **Portable router table** with fence for \$30.00
- Some **Porter-Cable** router accessories.

Contact Mike directly at 630-879-6051 or mbrady25@comcast.net (remember these things tend to go fast so calling might be a good idea!).

Mike lives in Batavia and would be glad to have you stop by to see the items or bring them to our meeting.

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**

A Family Tradition...

A lady seeking a last minute Christmas gift emailed last November. I shared her request with our members and, as usual, the need was quickly fulfilled.

Below is the follow-up note and photos of the results I thought all of you would enjoy the story.

-- LGC, Editor

Linda:

You might recall that before Christmas you referred a woman in Evanston to me who needed a reproduction of a family heirloom toy. I promised to send you photos of it, and I just got the roll of film developed today.



Photo #3 shows both the reproduction I made on the left, and the original on the right. Photo #2 is the reproduction. The piece of candy in the photo is so you can get some perspective of size.



The original was passed down in her husbands family for many generations. My reproduction was going to be a Christmas gift from her year old son to his father so they could continue the tradition in their own family. I was told that anyone who wanted to marry into the family had to pass a test using this toy. You have to be able to get the ball to stay in each of the four parts of the toy as you flip the ball at the end of the string. The four parts are top of cup, bottom of cup, end of handle, and extended nose at front of cup. All four sections get progressively harder, with the nose being the most difficult. The woman said she took three days of constant practice to get them all before she married her husband.

Hopefully, you can use the photos, better late than never.

Jon Wolfe

☺ Jon, Thanks for carrying on the FVWWC tradition!



Router Planer Jig

This router planer jig allows the home woodworker to plane lumber without the need for an expensive benchtop planer.

How often have you avoided projects that require "thin wood" because you don't have a planer to make it? Almost every plan for a jewelry box or cigar humidor needs 1/4" - 3/8" lumber. Until now, your options were limited. You could plane the lumber yourself or pay extra to have it done for you.



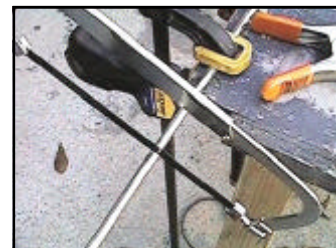
This jig will allow you to reduce the thickness of your boards almost as easily as you could with an expensive shop planer. The principal behind the jig is relatively simple; the router is fitted with a straight flute bit and is held at a fixed distance above the workpiece by runners. As the router is moved over the board, it cuts away the surface and reduces the thickness of the board.

Cut the Rods

Many routers have holes or slots in the side of the base that allow for the use of an edge guide or fence. In this plan, we used these holes to mount our router to the jig.

The jig's rods should be slightly smaller than the holes in the router's base. The rods for our jig are approximately 16" long and are made from stainless steel for rust resistance.

Note: If you do not have a router with this feature you will need to substitute a sheet of Plexiglas or plywood in place of the rods.



Rip the Runners



The runners should be made from a hardwood and cut to approximately 3"x12".

After you make the two runners you will need to rip them again into two pieces; 1" and 2"

Each runner should now be made from two pieces; 1"x12" and 2"x12"

Drill The Runners

Clamp the runners together and drill a hole, slightly smaller than the diameter of the rods, through the center of the rip line. The exact position of the holes you drill will depend on your router.

Click [here](#) to view a sketch of the runner and bolt positioning

Drill for the Bolts

Next we will drill a hole for the carriage bolt that will hold the two halves of each runner together.



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You will need to drill a hole completely through the center of the rail's width.

Next use a Forstner bit to drill a hole on both sides to conceal the carriage bolt's head. The holes you drill should be slightly larger than the carriage bolt.

Sand and Finish

Lightly sand the runners and finish with a light coat of polyurethane.



Using the Planer



To use the planer assemble the jig and put a straight flute bit into your router.

Lock your router onto the rods and position the jig over the workpiece you wish to plane.

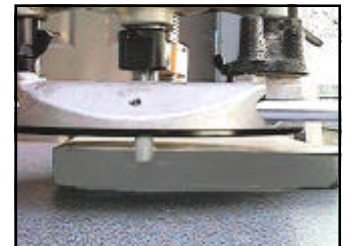
The work surface should be flat, smooth, and free from defects. Any bumps or imperfections will be transferred to your work.

Setting the Depth

Start by setting the depth of cut to a small pass (1/8"). Don't try to remove too much material in one pass.

Important: Make sure the workpiece is clamped securely so the router will not kick it back. Also make sure the clamps don't interfere with the movements of the jig.

Remove the stock from the wood in multiple passes of 1/8". Your final pass should be 1/16"



Sand and Finish



Sand the workpiece and finish.

Note: In the picture to the right one side of the board has been planed and the other has not. Because the workpiece needed to be firmly clamped we planed one side, moved the clamp to the other side, and finished the planing.

Planed Wood

The picture to the right shows a sample of cherry that was planed using this technique. It was slimmed from 3/4" to 1/8" in about 10 minutes.

A planer might be faster, but this is cheaper!



Carstens Millworks and Reclamation



If you have trees of value that need to be taken down for some reason or fall during high winds or storms, we can assist you with producing usable lumber from them. You don't have to have them transported to a mill, we bring the Mill to your site. We are able to mill up to 21 feet in length and 36 inches in diameter. We can provide and size dimensional requests as well. Some uses include: Park benches, Signage, Fencing and Shelters.

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Show & Tell

Matt Gauntt, MC

It was another great display this month for Show & Tell, including:

- **Bernie Kotera: Bowls** turned of Maple & Other woods with friction finishes.

- **Len Swanson: Desk Box & Mission Style**

Bookcase of White Oak finished in Minwax Stain and Watco Wipe-on Poly.



- **Stan Anderson: Picture of Cats** in Poplar and Aspen with a Deft Semi-gloss Spray finish.

- **Chris Vavrinek: End Tables** of Butternut & Walnut with Oil finish.

- **Doug Pfaff: Bat House** of Cedar with CWF Clear finish.



- **David J. Smith: Cutting Board**, variety of woods, with a Salad Bowl finish.

- **Howard Van Valzah:** Various projects, including a miniature **Canoe**, made of a variety of woods, sporting a variety of finishes.

- **Harry Davis: Shaker Oval Tray & Basket** in Cherry & Birdseye Maple with a Seal-A-Cell finish.

- **Dave Masters: A "Baker's Dozen" Turned Pens** of Madrone Burl, African Blackwood, Padauk, "Candy Stripe" Walnut, Purpleheart, Birdseye Maple, Amboine Burl, Nairo, an Unknown wood and 3 in Acrylic with finishes of Crystal Coat, Hut PPP & Microcrystal Wax.

- **Dave Van Norman: 4 Drawer Tool Chest** of Red Oak with a "tried & true" original finish.

Wow! What a showing, we sure have an abundance of talent within our group. Thanks to all for sharing your projects.



TRUCKLOAD SALE

At the April 5th 2005 meeting there will be woodworking friend and "member-to-be" with a truckload of wood For Sale! This is the same fellow who had some similar wood last fall that went so fast most members didn't even get to hear about it. This time we are attempting to get the word out a little bit sooner so more folks can partake of the bounty.

The wood is 5/16"-3/8" thick x 3 1/2" wide x 8 feet long, planed on one side and rough cut on the other. (Owner believes it to be Pine but may be fir or spruce.) Our friend is asking only 20¢ each and will have 300-400 boards to sell.

(THAT'S PER BOARD -- NOT BY THE BOARD FOOT!!!)

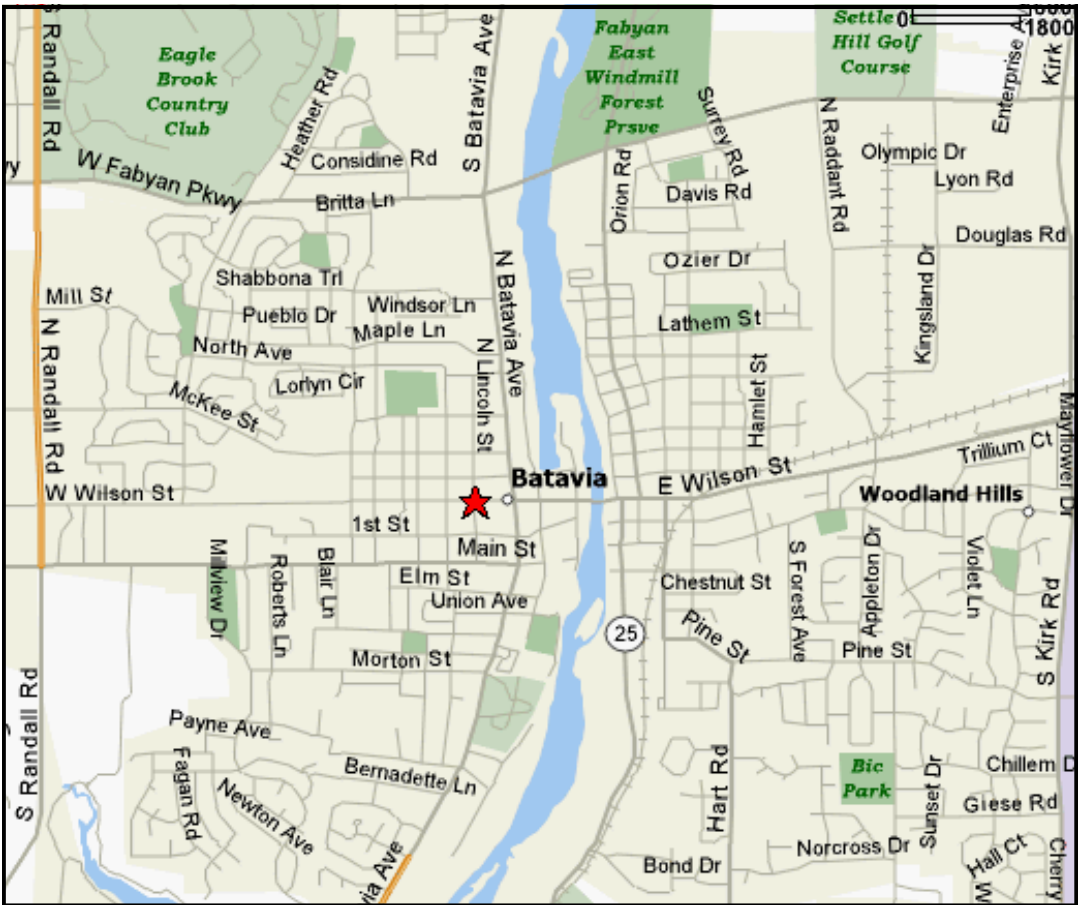
He will be at the April meeting by 6:00 p.m., in parking lot, so be there early if you can. If you miss this sale, he said there will be more available in a couple of months.






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