

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: March 2009

Tom Sharp welcomed members and guests to the meeting and introduced **Celia Greiner**, our evenings guest speaker. Celia showed us some of her unique custom, limited production furniture & wood sculptures.

Celia takes her cues from nature and designs her creations with a life of their own. The influence of trees, Sea creatures and more can be seen in her work.

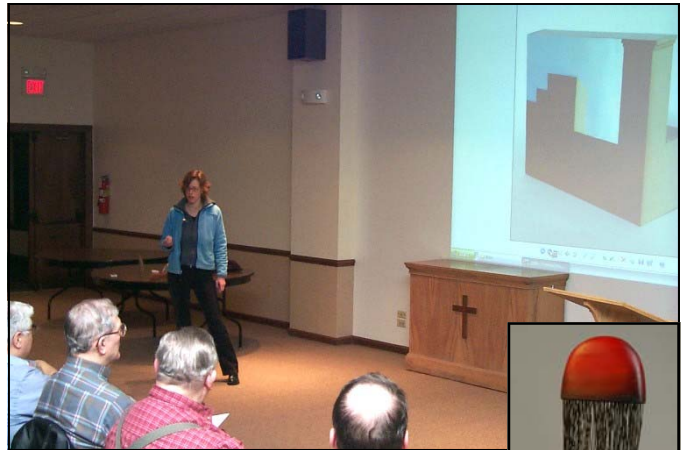
Currently, some of Celia's pieces can be seen and purchased at **Verde**, 2100 W. Armitage in Chicago, Illinois. See links page on her website for more information on the gallery:

<http://www.celiagreiner.com>

In April we will have a number of our members participating in "Mishaps & Mistakes" where they show us examples of projects not going according to plan or boo-boos that threatened to ruin their work.

Learning from others mishaps is not only entertaining but a whole lot less frustrating and expensive than making the same mistakes ourselves! Hopefully we will all learn to spot trouble before it happens and nip some of those problems in the bud!!!

Hope you can attend!



Sharpening Workshop & Demo

By Paul Jablonski & Karl Scogin

Saturday, May 16th 2009

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Max-Torque, LTD.

2180 Corporate Lane - Naperville, IL

Contact woodworkers@fvwwc.org for Details!

FVWWC Events Calendar



- Apr 7th Tue ... 6:00 p.m... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Apr 7th Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Apr 7th Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: Ever popular "Mishaps and Mistakes" where various members tell tales of things that did not go quite as planned....And, *sometimes*, how they managed to save the project!
 Apr 15th ...Wed....9:00 a.m... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: Red Apple Restaurant, 414 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream - *You're Invited - Just ask for us by name!!!*
 May 5th Tue ... 6:00 p.m... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 May 5th Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 May 5th Tue ... 7:30 p.m... *TBA*
 May 15th ...Sat.....9:00 a.m... Sharpening Workshop: Paul Jablonski & Karl Scogin teach a class on the correct sharpening tools and techniques to get that perfect edge! *Members can sign up at the meetings to participate but remember, class size is limited!*

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

WE HAVE OUR GOAL IN SIGHT!

Special Drawing: **Tormek T-7 Sharpening System**

Final tickets for the Special Drawing will be sold at the April meeting so make sure you get yours now! You do not have to be present to win the Special Raffle so do not hesitate to participate!

March Regular Monthly Drawing Winners:

Bosch 10v Screwdriver Steve Prucher

Am/Ex \$25 Gift Cheque Larry Maher

In April we will have our usual variety of items to choose from for the monthly raffle.



REMEMBER: These are "Member's ONLY" features to give our members more chances to win!

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

FVWWC's Shopsmith SIG

Next Meeting: April 7, 2009
Please Note: New Time & Room

Starting in April (April 7th to be exact), the **Shopsmith SIG** will be meeting at **6:00 pm** to 7:00 pm instead of 6:30.

This will give everyone a chance to mingle, check out the library or attend part of the Hand Tools SIG.

Good News! We are moving our meeting upstairs into our own room. No more crowding around that little table in the vestibule. There will be signs posted to point you in the right direction and an elevator is available for transport.

In **March** we were treated to a slide presentation by **Rick Ogren** about uses of a Shopsmith "Mini and the **Jacob Anderson** video about Shopsmith maintenance and repair. Jacob is a recognized expert in keeping the Shopsmith in tip-top condition and his video is widely praised as the last word in Shopsmith maintenance.

Meet experienced and resourceful Jacob and learn more about his love for Shopsmith at his new website:



<http://jacobs-repairshop.com>

In **April** we will be **discussing jigs and home-made Shopsmith accessories**, so members and guests are invited to bring their favorite Shopsmith attachment (or pictures of it, if it is too big).

Members and guests are invited to come join us for some wide-ranging discussions on everything Shopsmith.

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FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG

Next Meeting: April 7, 2009
Please Note: New Meeting Room

The **Hand Tool SIG** meets at 6:30, prior to the regular meeting at Bethany Lutheran.

Starting in **April** we will have our own space in the **Lower Level Conference Room** just off the vestibule. (**Watch for the signs!**) Remember that attendees are free to come and go during the meeting.

Anyone interested in the use of hand tools is welcome to join us for discussion of this fascinating area of woodworking. We will learn by sharing the experiences of using and caring for traditional hand tools.

Co-chair **Mike Bridger** will be away for the next few months, so anyone who has a particular topic or tool to discuss is invited to bring it to share with others. As always, bring your **Show and Tell (or Sell)** tools.

FVWWC members and guests are invited to stop by and join our group.

We currently focusing on the following upcoming hand tool related events:

FVWWC Sharpening Workshop
May 16th, 2009

Info at: woodworkers@fvwwc.org

Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event
May 1 - May 2, 2009

J. Miller Handcrafted Furniture
1774 W. Lunt Ave. - Chicago, IL
<http://www.lie-nielsen.com>

Woodworking in America
August 14-16

Pheasant Run - St. Charles, IL
www.woodworkinginamerica.com

Hope to see you in there!

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CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE White Oak Lumber

I have about 96 pieces of White Oak in my barn and it is way more than I can use. The boards have been stickered and stacked since 1983. They are rough and have been air dried for about ten years stashed away in a garage. I attached a photo of the pile and a close up of a boards. You can see it is beautiful stuff!

Here are some sizes:

- **Boards range from 5" to 12" wide.**
- **I have a lot of them that are 6"x10'**
- **They are 5/4 and 8/4 thick**
- **Lots in between too!**



Special To Fellow FVWWC Members: For club members, I am only asking \$2.00 / bf for 5/4 and 2.75 for 8/4. Committed buyers - *ONLY!*

Thanks!

Larry Schnitker

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FOR SALE Vintage Tools

- **50's Era - 24 inch (lots of cast iron) Craftsman scroll saw - \$50.00**
- **Delta 9" Tablesaw, of about the same vintage. - \$10.00**
- **Delta Drill Press, made to be part of one of Delta's combination tool setups but can be used alone easily, - \$20.00.**

Walter Schwartz

847-697-5668

(South Elgin)

FOR SALE

- **Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw: \$50.00**

Rich Schulte

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(Plainfield)

LOCAL RESOURCES

CARVING TOOLS, KITS, BOOKS, ETC.:

Contact **Light Jewelers**, 1040 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL - (630) 892-3830 or see **Roger Light** at a meeting.

LATHES, TURNING SUPPLIES, TOOLS, BOOKS, ETC. (As seen in Penn State Ind.

Catalog): Contact **Rich Rossio** at **L & R Collectibles and Glass** - (815) 838-7686 or at disoorder@aol.com.

6V UV BLACK LIGHT PEN LIGHTS:

Contact **Sheri Kohout, The Incurable Collector**, sheriko@sbcglobal.net or at a meeting. See her online at:

www.ultravioletblacklight.com

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WANTED

➤ **Beall Wood Buff Kit #141069:** The cloth buffing wheels, the bars of compound, and the aluminum motor adapter.

Will also buy individual parts, especially buffing wheels!

Mike Madden

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WANTED

Wood

➤ Will buy from 1 pc. to bulk lot of hardwood lumber, shorts, blanks & cut-offs in Cherry, Walnut, Mahogany, Redwood, etc.

Ron Gilkerson

Phone: (630) 879-8756 (Voice Mail)

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Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

Remember: A picture is worth a 1,000 words!!!

Internet listing on FVWWC site also available.

Contact FVWWC Editor/Webmaster,

Linda G. Christensen for details:

(630) 551-7653 or woodworkers@fvwwc.org

A Good Idea Made Even Better!

In the October 2008 newsletter a bandsaw trick of mine was printed. Right before submitting the tip, I successfully made four finials and pendants using my technique. I recently went to make another and found out, the hard way, that there was a problem with my original technique.



You had to hold onto the sled very tightly during the second round of cuts as the end of the work was not supported. If you let loose for a second the bandsaw pulled the work down, crimping and breaking the blade. It was really quite startling when this happened to me.

I have now developed a way to improve the sled which makes it absolutely fool proof. I added sides to the sled to support the work as shown in the attached photos.

Dan Miller

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www.gifford-park-assoc.org





Show & Tell

March 2009

Matt Gauntt, MC

Participating members were:

- **Stan Anderson: *Industrial Strength* “I” & “H” Beam Bookends** of Oak with Golden Oak Finish and Poly-Satin finish.
- **Don Carkhuff: “Gun Stuff”** of Curly Maple with H₂O Based Dye & Triangle Handout.
- **Dave Dockstader: Knitting Swift** made of Oak with a Minwax “English Chestnut” & Wax finish.
- **Howard Van Valzah: Refurbished Hand Planes** finished with Lacquer.

...Hope to see more of you next month!



WOODWORKING
In America 
Hand Tools & Techniques Conference

WIA Conference will be held at
Pheasant Run Resort - St. Charles, IL
August 14 - 16.

This year's theme will be:
"Furniture Design & Craftsmanship"

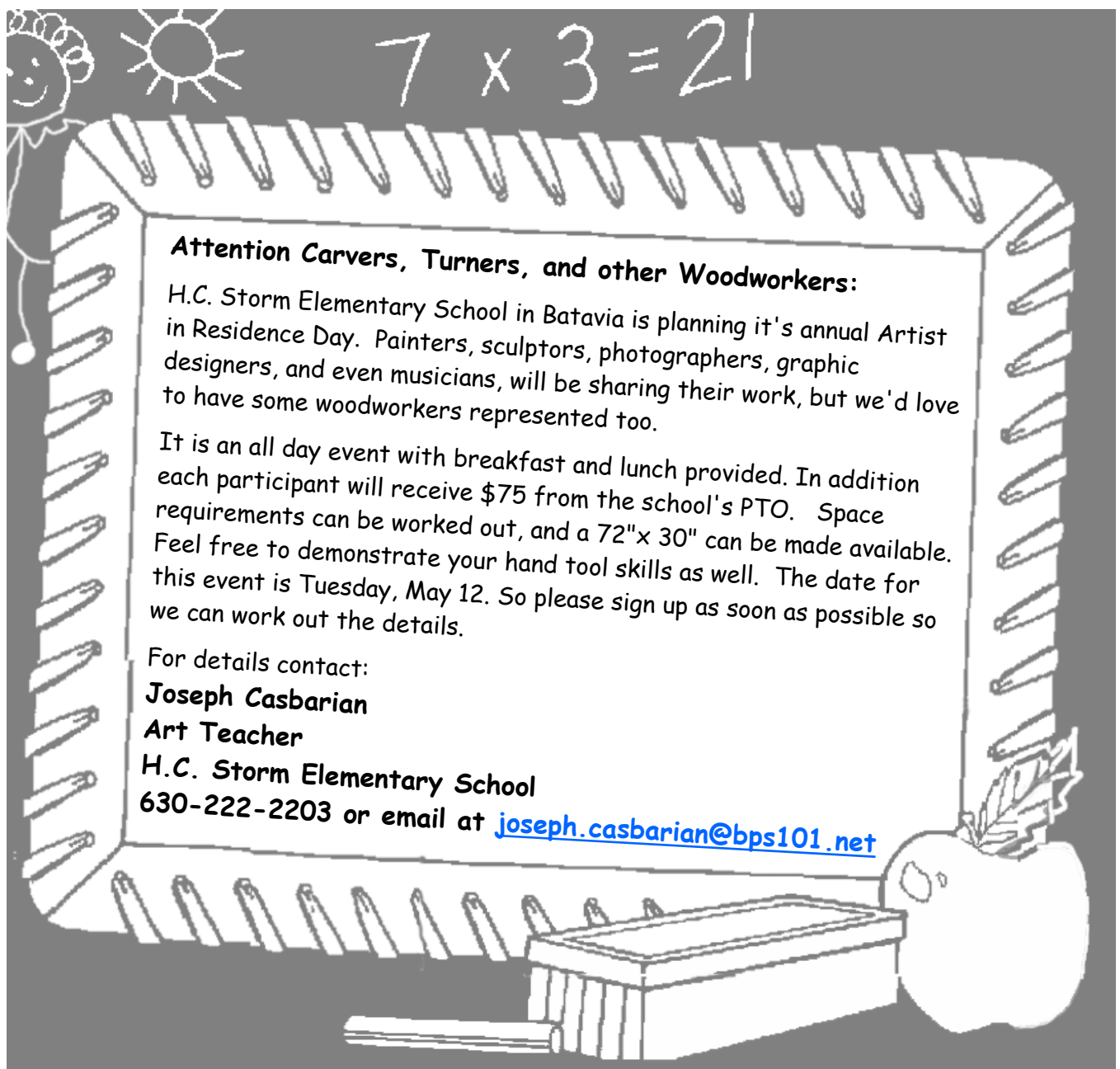
Complete details at:
<http://www.woodworkinginamerica.com>



Reminder:

Fox Valley Woodworking Club, Inc.
Members get a 15% Discount from our
good friends at Hartville Tool!

Just identify yourself as a member to
qualify... *They will know if you are eligible!!!*



Attention Carvers, Turners, and other Woodworkers:

H.C. Storm Elementary School in Batavia is planning it's annual Artist in Residence Day. Painters, sculptors, photographers, graphic designers, and even musicians, will be sharing their work, but we'd love to have some woodworkers represented too.

It is an all day event with breakfast and lunch provided. In addition each participant will receive \$75 from the school's PTO. Space requirements can be worked out, and a 72"x 30" can be made available. Feel free to demonstrate your hand tool skills as well. The date for this event is Tuesday, May 12. So please sign up as soon as possible so we can work out the details.

For details contact:
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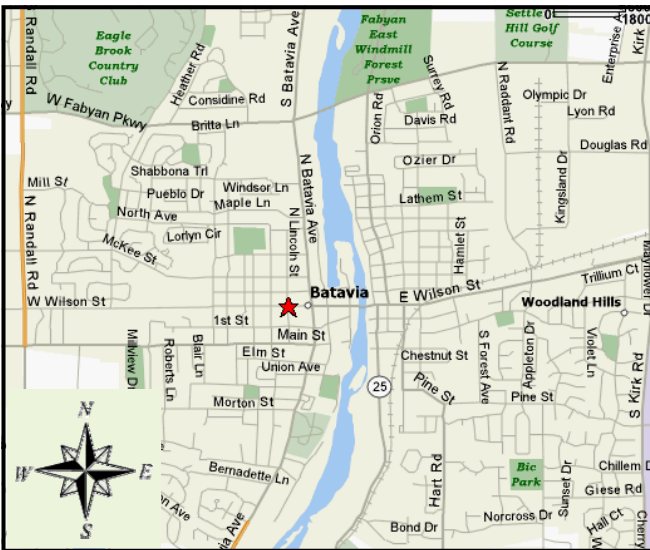
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Fox Valley Woodworkers Club

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!

FVWWC Agenda

Tuesday, April 7th, 2009

6:00 p.m.: Shopsmith SIG

Meets Upstairs from Lobby

6:30 p.m.: Hand Tool SIG

Lower Conference Room

April 7th Presentation:

**"Mishaps & Mistakes"
by FVWWC Members**

Learn how to save projects that do not go quite as planned or how to recover from that occasional "Oops!"
-- Or, if all else fails, how to market your designer firewood!