

# Newsletter

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## Mark Those Calendars...

...Mike Madden, Show Chairman, will be telling us about the woodworking show in October. TWS is returning this fall to the Odeum and it is a good place to find classes, lots of great deals on equipment and such and just a good time!

Keep watching & listening for more details!

## The Woodworking Show October 6-8, 2005

The Odeum in Villa Park, IL

<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com>



## July 2006: In Review

A big thanks to **Tom Sharp**, Programming Chairman, for doing the honors while our President is off exploring the woodland wilds of Alaska. *Great job, as usual, Tom!!!*

**Gene Westerberg**, with his friends **Ron Searl and Mike Brown**, introduced us to the art of woodburning or pyrography.

The men gave observations on carving in general as well as a look at each of the individual styles of this very talented bunch!

Carving is one of the most varied yet least expensive areas of woodworking to pursue!

Gene also teaches carving classes every month at the Woodcarving Club on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Fox Valley Community Center at 1406 Suydam Rd. in Sandwich. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings include instruction, demonstrations and an opportunity to try woodcarving. Bob and Mark are on hand to assist also.

Meetings are from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., just across from the Fair Grounds and this group also meets every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to sit and carve!

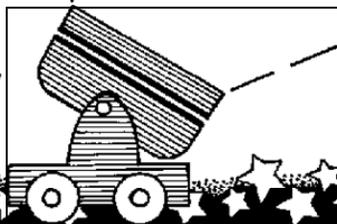
## Sneak Preview... ...Coming in August!!!

Tom Sharp, Program Chairman, has announced the long awaited, and highly anticipated, visit from our friends at Skil will happen at our August 1st meeting!

**Skil** is going to show us their hot, new workbench with it's multitude of added features & accessories! We'll do this BEFORE the meeting, from **6:30 - 7:30** during "Meet & Greet" so be there early if you wish to participate and give them your opinion on

this new "toy"!

-- LGC/Editor



## FVWWC Events Calendar

Aug 1st ....Tue ...7:30 p.m.... "Finishing Applications" by Len Olsen of Ageless Furniture Restorations of Arlington Hts.

Aug 5th .... Sat.. 9 am-5 pm **Wood Carving Event** - Free to the Public - 1406 Suydam Rd. in Sandwich, IL - Across from the Fair Grounds. Wood carvers will be demonstrating and selling their wood products and sculptures. Featuring local experts Bob Mau, Joe Dillett & Gene Westerberg. Ample parking - Lunch Available.

Aug 6th ....Sun ..9 am-1pm **Antique Tool Show & Sale** - Garfield Farm - LaFox IL

Aug 12th .. Sat..... 8 a.m. .... **SPECIAL Holy Cross Tool Sale** - For FVWWC members and local wood club friends **ONLY!** - Meet in the Holy Cross Warehouse Parking Lot for access and bid on the tools donated for their upcoming fundraiser. Contact Linda at woodworkers@fvwwc.org or pick up flyer at August meeting for details and photos.

Sep 5th ....Tue ...7:30 p.m... **David Bettinghaus** - "Segmented Turning"

Sep 18th ..thru ..... 23rd ..... **GOW 2006 - Somonauk, IL (Gathering of Woodcarvers)** - The Carving Shop kicks off this years classes & seminars for beginning carvers to advanced! <http://www.thecarvingshop.com/>

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## Membership Drive 2007



**Renewal time is coming!!!**  
Renewals for 2007 start **09/05** and must be submitted no later than **01/03/2007** to make sure you don't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

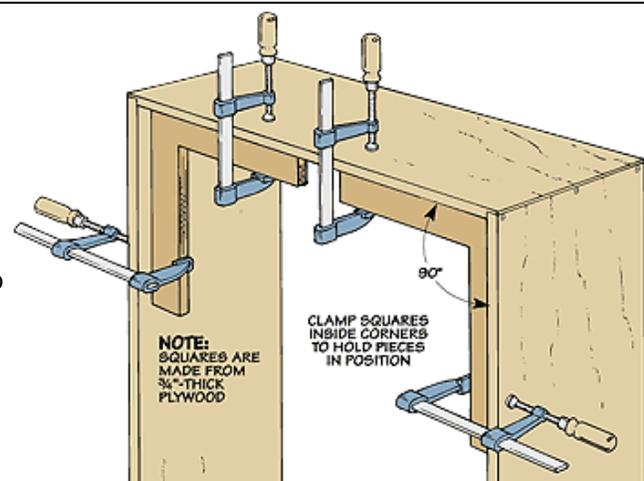
*Ken McFee, Membership*

**WoodNet.net**  
The Woodworker's Online Resource

Reprinted from [WWW.WOODNET.COM](http://WWW.WOODNET.COM)

### Squaring Large Projects

The problem with assembling a large project is it's hard to keep it from racking after you add the glue and then try to screw it together. As shown in the drawing, I solved this problem by making several plywood "clamping squares" that resemble a framing square. When clamped in place, they square up the cabinet and hold the pieces in position.



# By Invitation Only...

FVWWC members, and members of other local wood clubs, are invited to a **Special Tool Sale** by the organizers of the **Holy Cross Barn Sale & Auction**, held each fall.

Due to the number of large woodworking tools they have had donated, they have decided to have a Pre-Sale Event for invited guests Only!

The items will be available for preview from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12th, 2006** at the **Holy Cross Warehouse** located in Batavia at 335 N. River St. in the old Champion Warehouse building.

Be in the parking lot early to be escorted to the tool sale location and allowed to bid.

Bidding will be by sealed bid and all bids must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. to be eligible.

Once bidding is closed the staff will determine the high bid and the winner of each item will be announced. Cash or checks will be accepted and you will be allowed to take your item(s) with you by noon the day of the sale.

Other pick-up days/times can be arranged with the HC staff at the time of purchase.

Some items may have a minimum bid posted and only reasonable bids will be accepted.

The items to be sold have been viewed by our own Mike Brady and he said **"This is a rare opportunity for our members who want very good used equipment. I have not seen this quality at any of the estate sales I have visited."** Items are:

- A slightly used (looks brand new) **Delta 10"** contractor's saw with their best aluminum fence and extension table; New in last five years.
- Same vintage and condition **Jet 14"** band saw with fence. I have the same saw and paid \$700.
- Same vintage and condition **Jet 6"** jointer.
- Same vintage and condition **Delta 16"** drill press.
- Lightly used (1990's) **Delta 10"** contractor's saw with fence and guards.
- Very nice older **Craftsman 16"** drill press.
- Older **Craftsman 12"** band saw with stand. Nice for smaller work.

Photos of items available at August meeting or by emailing [woodworkers@fvwwc.org](mailto:woodworkers@fvwwc.org).

**Holy Cross Barn Sale 2006**  
**Saturday, Sept. 16 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 17 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Live Auction**  
**Sunday Sept. 17th**



<http://www.holycross-batavia.org/barnsale/>

## FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

July's drawing winners were as follows:

**1st Prize: AM/EX \$50 Gift Cheque: Ken McFee**

**2nd Prize: Set of MicroPlanes: Alan Jonckheere**

**3rd Prize: FastBack "Flat Back" Tape Measure: Tom Stewart**

In August we will again have a variety of items including 1st Prize choices of: **Delta Scroll Saw or \$50.00 AM/EX Gift Cheque** plus a number of secondary items.

**SPRING 2006  
BONUS  
DRAWING**

We are closing in on our goal and will soon be drawing for the **Bosch 10" Dual-Bevel Slide Miter Saw - Model 4410L**. Tickets are \$5 ea/5 for \$20 -- **And you do not have to be present to win!**

Get your tickets for the Special Drawing now -- We will most likely be drawing for the winner at the August meeting!!!

As always, proceeds help us to continue to offer this level of prizes each month so, please, show your appreciation by purchasing a ticket or two...

...See you at the meeting!



**Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman**

# CLASSIFIED

## 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)

E-mail: rongilker@hotmail.com

## NEW STORE OPENS:

### Sharpening Supplies

<http://www.sharpeningsupplies.com>

- Dedicated to educating woodworkers in the art of tool sharpening and making the necessary supplies readily available for doing so.

**John Carmona, Co-Owner**  
**(800) 351-8234**

## LOCAL RESOURCES

- **CARVING TOOLS, BOOKS, KITS, ETC.:** **Light Jewelers in Aurora** at 1040 N, Lake St. -- (630) 892-3830 or ask for Roger Light at the next meeting!
- **WOOD TURNING TOOLS, BOOKS & MORE:** **L & R Collectibles and Glass** online at [disoorder@aol.com](mailto:disoorder@aol.com) or call (815) 838-7686 -- Or see Rich Rossio at the next meeting!
- **6V UV BLACK LIGHT PEN LIGHTS:** **The Incurable Collector** contact Sheri Kohout at [sheriko@concentric.net](mailto:sheriko@concentric.net) or see her at a meeting!

## Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

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

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

Each year, for Christmas, Gail 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 Gail 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!***

# Show & Tell

## July 2006

We had a smaller than usual display for July, thanks to the special date and the rain, but very impressive all the same.

Those with items this month were:

- **Howard Van Valzah: Audio Control Cabinet** made of Birch Plywood w/Walnut Frame with a Lacquer Finish.
- **Len Swanson: Turned Vase** made of Myrtle with a Wipe-on Gel Varnish finish.
- **Charlie Christensen: Dovetailed Drawer Boxes** made of unfinished Poplar.
- **Alan Jonckheere: Rescued Cedar Chest** made of Walnut, Cedar, Maple & Zebra woods with a Paste Wax finish.
- **Dick MacFeely: Turned Boxes** of Big Leaf Maple Burr with Tung Oil finish.
- **Ed Schalk: Candlesticks** made of Pine with a Shellac finish.
- **Lowell Iverson: Walnut Table** with a Minwax Wipe-on Poly Finish.



*Thanks to all who participated!*



## Members Q&A

**Q: Hello FVWWC Club Members:**

I need help locating smaller brass spring hinges for presentation wood fly boxes used by fly fisherman. I have checked at Lee Valley , Van Dyke's, Woodworkers Supply. I've approached the Wood Forum of Wood Magazine.com - Still, no luck. These need to be very small. Perhaps similar to the hinges on spring loaded eyeglass cases. The stock will only be about 1/4 " thick.. Very, very delicate. Cylinder, barrel or piano type may work, just very small! I would appreciate any ideas on where to look further...

Thanks,  
John R. Greener  
john@greener4house1.com  
Toll Free 1-800-4-HOUSE-1

**A:** Ace hardware have a nice range of very small brass hinges – not sprung though.

They are either small screw or pin's to attach them.

I've used both on 3/8 stock but on ¼ thick they may still be to big.

With the pins I actually drill a hole and use epoxy glue in the hole to hold the pin.

John Bardsley

**A:** John,

Besides scrolling, I dabble in stained glass. Some folks make stained glass boxes which require small hinges. O'Reilly's Stained Glass in downtown Crystal Lake may have what you want, or be able to get it for you.

Bill Groenwald, Also in Crystal Lake

**A:** John,

One other thought. These may be too small & delicate but check with eyeglass shops to see if you can get spring eyeglass hinges.

Bill Groenwald

**Q:** I need a few pages copied from Woodsmith #141. Would like to know if anyone has that issue?

Thanks,  
Dick Secrest  
rsecrest@atcyber.net

**A:** Dick,

Don't forget to check the club library Tuesday!

LGC

**A:** Dick,

I've got issue #141. Let me know how I can help.

Mike Madden



**Q: *Non-Member Question***

Hello wood workers. My name is Mike Long and I own a tree service company in southern Illinois. I currently have multiple pieces of black cherry and black walnut, that average 12 inches in diameter and are bucked into 1 to 2 ft. pieces. I am looking for an outlet to sell this type of product. Please let me know if any of you are interested in this wood. Also, if you have any suggestions on a potential market for these products, please let me know. I would greatly appreciate any advice. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mike Long  
Lumberjack Tree Care  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 203-4248

## Cracking the glue code

**Q: When I buy glue, I can't find a production or expiration date on the containers. It could have been sitting in the store for years—how do I know how old it is?**

—Dave Starr, Zumbrota, Minn.

**A:** Dave, the answer is right there on the glue bottle—once you know the code. Here's how to interpret the line of numbers and letters stamped on the containers of white, yellow, and polyurethane glue produced by Franklin International, maker of Titebond and the biggest supplier of woodworking glue.

In the typical code shown at right, the first number represents the final digit of the year in which the glue was produced; it's followed by a letter designating the month, with "A" standing for January, "B" for February, and so forth. (They skip "I" because it looks like the number 1.) You can ignore the rest of the code, which relates to the particular batch of glue.

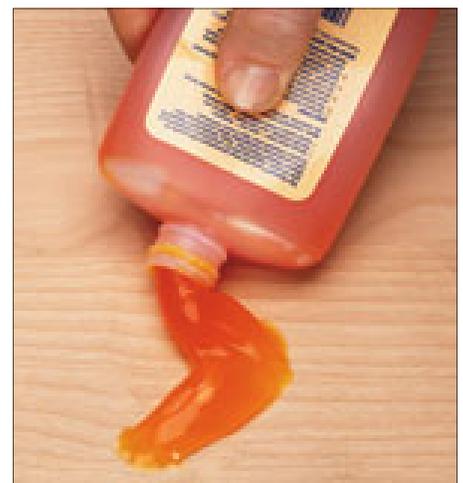
Elmer's glue carries a similar code. In this case, however, the series starts with a letter corresponding to the year of manufacture, with "H" standing for 2005 and "I" signifying 2006. The two numbers following tell you the day of manufacture, and the next letter reveals the month, with "A" designating January, etc.

Now, what should you do with that information? According to Franklin spokesman Dale Zimmerman, white and yellow glue have a shelf life of two years; polyurethane and liquid hide glue have a one-year shelf life. Note: Franklin's hide glue carries an uncoded expiration date to make sure everybody can read it. That's because degradation is a greater problem with this type of glue.

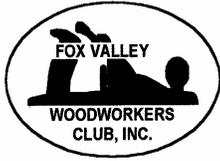
If your retailer removes the code, look elsewhere for that bottle of glue. When you take the glue home, write the date of purchase on a piece of masking tape and place it on the container as a clear reference to the glue's age. Then store it out of direct sunlight.



**The code on a bottle of Titebond glue that was manufactured in July 2002.**

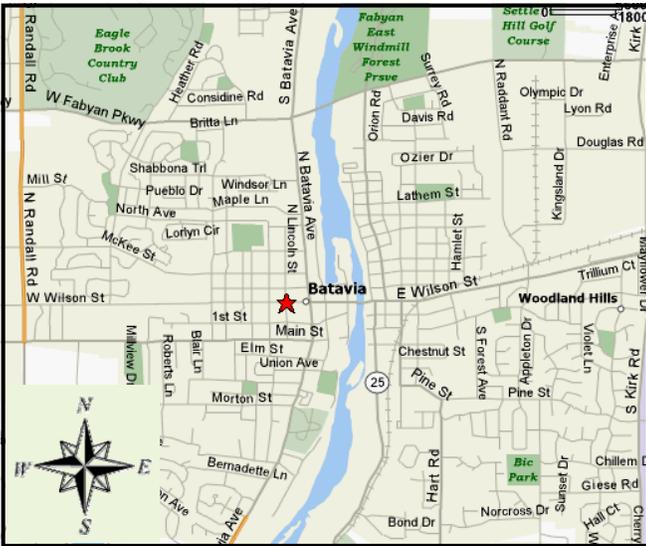


**You see the worst-case result of keeping yellow glue too long.**



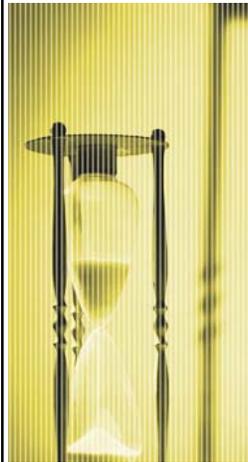
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**1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.**  
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.  
*Visitors Always Welcome!*

**General Meeting Agenda:**  
**August 1st, 2006**  
**"Finishing Applications" by**  
**Len Olsen,**  
**Ageless Furniture Restoration**  
**of Arlington Hts., IL**



Learn about the restoration of older furniture from an area expert.

**Also on the Agenda:**  
**SNEAK PREVIEW**  
*by our friends at SKIL*  
*from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the !*

*Hope to see YOU there!*