

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: June 2008

Tom Sharp welcomed to our guests and collected "fines" from all members who had neglected to wear their badge.

Prior to our night's presentation, **FVWWC**er **Alan DeRoss** gave us a lesson in how to fold a bandsaw blade... **Safely & Correctly!**

Alan made it not only look possible but easy to boot!!! Thanks for the lesson Alan.

In June our presenter, **Barry Gork**, introduced us to "**Timbermate**", the "#1 Selling Wood-Filler from Down Under". Originally made for the flooring industry, "**Timbermate**" is finding unlimited uses in all types of woodworking...easy to use, durable, can be machined and so much more. Check them out at <http://www.timbermate.com/> .

In July we welcome Daniel Lozon, Porter Cable Field Training Coordinator, who will present their new Porter Cable Omnijig. Visit <http://www.deltaportercable.com> for full details.



See you there!



THE HARDWOOD CONNECTION

1810 W. State St.
Sycamore, Il. 60118

Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 to 5:30
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The **Saw Stop Table Saw** outsells all other brands, and for good reason.

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Visit **www.sawstop.com** to view video demo. To see a live demonstration, plan on attending:

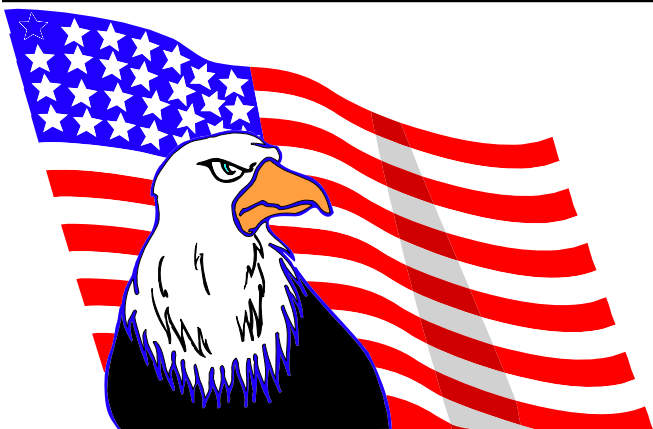
**When: Saturday July 12, 2008
10:30 am**

**Where: Hardwood Connection
1810 W. State St.
Sycamore, Il. 60178**



FVWWC Events Calendar

Jul 1st Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Jul 1st Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Jul 1st Tue7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC General Meeting: Daniel Lozon, Porter Cable Field Training Coordinator, Presenting the new Porter Cable Omnijig.
 Jul 16thWed....9:00 a.m. ... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: Red Apple Restaurant - 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL
 Jul 19thSat.....9:00 a.m. ... FVWWC Sharpening Workshop & "Rough to Ready" Demo -- See page 6 for more details!
 Aug 6th Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Aug 6th Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Aug 6th Tue7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC General Meeting: Doug Olson & fellow FVWWCers bring us "Virtual Shop Tours 2008" - contact Doug to participate: DOLSON123@aol.com



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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

June's Regular Monthly Drawing:

1st Prize Bonus Combo: Bosch Drill Driver & Bosch Multi-DetectorDave Dockstader

2nd Prize: Bosch 5" Random Orbital Palm SanderJohn Warwick

3rd Prize: Bosch ToteTom Sprain

All proceeds go to the general operating fund of FVWWC to enable us to give more back to the membership. *Get your tickets early to be part of the fun & a chance to win!* More great items to choose from in the July drawings.

We are also running another "Special Raffle" for a **TurncrafterPro VS Midi Lathe** and everything you need is included in this kit we put together with the help of **Rich Rossio** and **Penn State Industries**. *(Details at Raffle table.)*

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



Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman



FVWWC's Shopsmith SIG Report

The Shopsmith Special Interest Group (SIG) meets at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of the month, just before the FVWWC meeting, in the vestibule of the Bethany Lutheran Church. The purpose of the group is to share experience, ideas, and fun and explore all the possibilities available with the Shopsmith. You don't even have to own a Shopsmith to join us.

The "Hands On" magazine index project has been completed by Joe Popp and copies of the index will be distributed at the next meeting. "Hands On" was a publication of Shopsmith, Inc. for a number of years that had some wonderful projects and a variety of Shopsmith jigs and fixtures. If you are interested in the little machine that can, please join us.

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FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG



The Hand Tool SIG before the June meeting and looked over some tools brought in by members. The theme for the meeting was buying used tools on the Internet: including eBay, forums, dealers, and Craig's List. With gas prices climbing, the Internet may be the best way to acquire tools. Most hand tools can be shipped quickly for under \$10.00. You might burn a lot of gas finding that same tool "in the wild". In July, we are going to take a look at what is available in vintage hand saws and how sharpening these saws may not be a lost art, if you learn to do it yourself. Bring your own saws for discussion.

If you have hand tools that you want to swap or sell, bring them along too.

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Everyone likes **free project plans** especially when the plans are for items to make your shop better organized or for jigs to make your woodworking more accurate. The editors at *WOOD* Magazine recently rebuilt and added more free shop project plans to the Woodworking Plans <<http://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-plans/>> section at *WOOD* Online. The section is broken down by shop tools ranging from Bandsaws to Tablesaw Accessories. The Jigs section alone contains dozens of free plans to make you a better woodworker. The projects from these plans were all built in the *WOOD* magazine shop to assure your building success.



GOW '08

Gathering of Woodcarvers

What is a GOW?

A Gathering of Woodcarvers where there are over 35 seminars for all levels of carving. The classes will be in enclosed buildings (used as commercial display buildings during the fair) with fairly good lighting and electricity. And new this year, the addition of evening classes.

Where is it going to be?

Sandwich Fairgrounds in Sandwich, Illinois (just east of Somonauk) (Note this is a new location and as we have outgrown Joe Dillett's site)

When is it going to be?

Monday noon, September 15th, 2008 –
Saturday noon, September 20th

Tell us more about the Seminars.

There will be about 15 instructors teaching about 35 seminars on woodcarving. Many of these seminars are directed toward the beginner carver. They will include carving birds, decoys, relief, in-the-round, busts, bark carving, caricature carving, sharpening and much more. The seminars run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an hour off for lunch; Monday through Saturday. Some seminars are half-day (\$5 plus material), some full day (\$10 plus material) and some are more than one day. All payment for seminars go to the instructors to help cover expenses.

Can I pre-register?

All attendees are encouraged to pre-register to attend the GOW as soon as possible with Sandie (email: outdoor111@verizon.net). This will allow for a much shorter time in line at the registration table.

Where do I go for more details?

Go to <http://www.camperjohn.com/gow/> for more information & a look at last year's GOW.

Blackhawk Woodcarvers

Tebala Shrine Temple
7910 Newburg Rd.
Rockford, IL 61108

14th Annual Carving Show

August 16, 2008 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Admission is \$3.00 for adults, children under 12 are free

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

Turn-On! Chicago 2008

July 25 - 27

The First Midwest Woodturning Symposium

The Chicago Woodturners are pleased to present a Woodturning Symposium located in the heart of the Midwest, featuring the finest demonstrators, artists, and educators in the woodturning field.



For more information or to register, visit their website at:

<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com>



...To a carving show!

FOX VALLEY CARVERS Presents their 3rd Annual WOODCARVERS FAIR 20 September 2008

Fox Valley Older Adult Services Bldg
1406 Suydam Rd
Sandwich IL 60548
(across from the fairgrounds)

Featured Carver: Ol' Don Burgdorf

Free Admission, Free Parking &
in Air Conditioned building.

Woodcarvers will be demonstrating and
selling. Tables rented at \$15 each

For information contact:

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815-786-1890

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Please check out my pictures on Webshots

<http://community.webshots.com/user/birdcarvergene>



**FVWWC is invited to the
DuPage Woodworkers
Annual Auction
Saturday July 26th**

You won't want to miss:

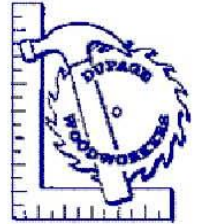
- Grand Prize Raffle valued at over \$100
- Additional drawings throughout the day
- Auctioneer extraordinaire, Mr. Rich Rossio
- Many other items of interest & great deals from participants

For added excitement, **Penn State Industries and L&R Collectables, represented by Rich Rossio** are donating product in excess of \$200 for raffle prizes during the auction.

How great is that?

*You must register to bid
and also to qualify for
the raffle prizes.*

Seller/Buyer Registration
begins at 8 a.m.



**Auction begins at 9 a.m.
St James the Apostle Parish
480 South Park Boulevard
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137**

South of Roosevelt Rd & North of Butterfield Rd in
Glen Ellyn - Map/Directions on club's website:

<http://www.DuPageWoodworkers.org>

For questions call Wayne Maier at 630-790-4319 or Rich Rossio at 815-838-7686 or email
information@dupagewoodworkers.org

August 20-23, 2008
Wednesday - Saturday
Hours: 8am - 6pm
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA

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

November 21-23, 2008

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Deadline: September 1st, 2008**

WIN BIG!

Compete for top prizes and the chance to have your work featured in the pages of Woodcarving Illustrated! Judges will select one Grand Prize Winner and three Honorable Mentions. AND, all finalists will be featured on the WCI website where one People's Choice Award will be selected by our readers and the woodcarving community. Don't delay -- the deadline to enter is September 1, 2008!

June Shop Tour Report



Here are some photos, submitted by FVWWC's Jeff Sandkam, from the June 7th tour of Dan Miller's shop in Elgin.



Dan and his wife have restored an 1875 house and carriage house. His shop is on the upper floor of the carriage house.



Sharpening Workshop & "Rough to Ready" Demo and More!

Saturday - July 19th, 2008

9:00 a.m.

**Max-Torque, LTD.
2180 Corporate Lane
Naperville, IL
(630) 369-9600**

Lunch compliments of our host Jim Donovan, FVWWC Member & owner of Max-Torque, immediately following the Workshop.

**Info: Linda Christensen at (630) 551-7653
or woodworkers@fvwwc.org**



**Valley Carvers'
20th Annual Carving Show
Sunday, September 28th, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Starved Rock
State Park Lodge
Utica, IL**

**(At Interstate 80 to Rt. 178,
Utica exit, then 4 miles South)**

Free Admission

World Class Show featuring:

- Raffle Table
- Judged/Juried Show & Sale
- Many Exhibitors
- Fantastic Carvings

For more information contact:

Bob Wills, Show Chairman

815-634-3086 or bkwoodart@sbcglobal.net

Show & Tell

June 2008

Matt Gauntt, MC

June's display was one of great variety, to say the least. Member's participating were:

- **Don Carkhuff: Thin Strip Cut Jig** made of unknown wood with poly finish and an **End Table** made of Curly Maple, also finished in poly.
- **Dave Dockstader: Strip Ripper** made of Alder with a Zinson Bullseye Shellac finish and a **Double Lucet** of Oak with a Watco Dark Walnut and wax finish.
- **John Winton: Ear Ring Displays** made of Spalted Maple & Hickory with Danish Oil finish...Birthday gifts for his daughter and two nieces.
- **Bud Light: Northern Flicker** carved from Tupelo with an Acrylic paint & Poly finish which will be mounted when complete.
- **Doug Olson: Joiner Push Stick** made of Oak & Walnut plywood with a wipe-on varnish finish.
- **Dave Van Norman: Quilt Rack** made of Poplar and finished/decorated with Milk Paint and Tried & True Original.
- **Robin Blair: Bench Seat for Boat** constructed of plywood with Mahogany trim and finished in a Minwax Stain and poly.





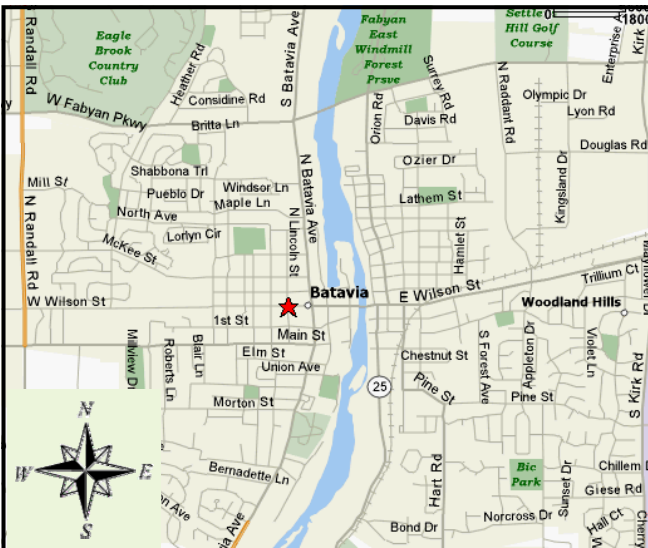
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Fox Valley Woodworkers Club

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, July 1st, 2008

6:30 p.m.: Shopsmith SIG

6:30 p.m.: Hand Tool SIG

All interested FVWWC

Members invited to attend!

PORTER CABLE

7:30 p.m.: General Meeting

Daniel Lozon,

Porter Cable Field Training Coordinator,

PRESENTS THEIR NEW

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