

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: May 2008

Tom Sharp got things going with a "Welcome" to the guests and collected "fines" from all members who had neglected to wear their badge.

After a short explanation of the night's agenda, we welcomed FVWWC member **Paul Jablonski** as our evening's presenter. Paul proceeded to make doing flawless decorative inlay look not only easy but down right fun!

His demonstration included the tools that he finds best suited to accurately control the length of cut, edge-to-cut distance and consistent depth of cut -- all with controllable accuracy to thousandths of an inch. He also discussed the final preparation prior to finishing, including the use of cabinet scrapers, hand planes and/or sanding techniques.

Paul does some lovely work and, if we were paying attention, he believes we can too!

Following Paul's presentation we had members show us their designs for Birdfeeders to be considered as this years group project.

The submissions ranged from whimsical to the more traditional and came in a variety of sizes. A squirrel feeder even made it's way into the selections as an alternative idea.

The club is looking into the possibilities of making Birdfeeders for resale by local garden and feed retailers. We plan on choosing one or more designs to be built by members over the next few months. If successful, this could well become a permanent feature of FVWWC.

Stay tuned for more information and see page 5 for photos of the designs submitted. The most votes for "**Best In Show**" went to **Don Bouchard** with **Alan Blotch** and **Joe Popp** coming in a very close second and third!

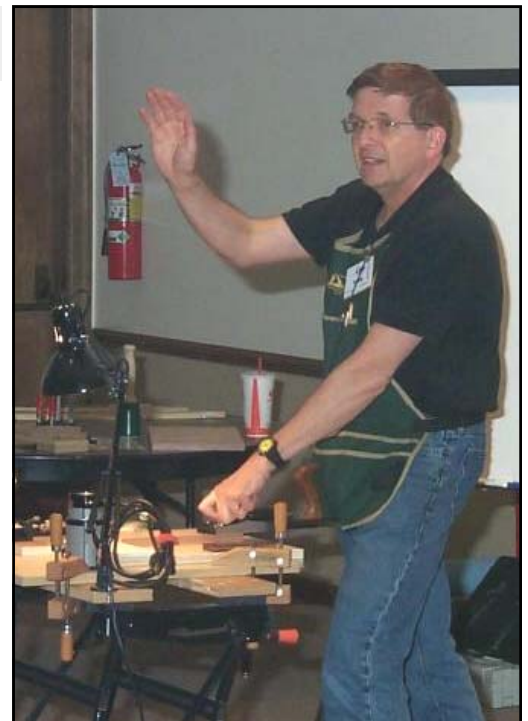
We thank everyone who participated for sharing their creations with us.



In June our presenter, **Barry Gork**, will introduce us to "**Timbermate**", an amazing product from Australia that is making a hit in the US. Long the "#1 Selling Wood-Filler from Down Under", "**Timbermate**" is striving to become the number one Up Top too.

Originally made for the flooring industry, "**Timbermate**" is finding unlimited uses in all types of woodworking. Furniture and cabinet makers, turners and carvers and even Dale Erlewine, generally regarded as the premier stringed instrument repair expert in the United States, are raving about it!

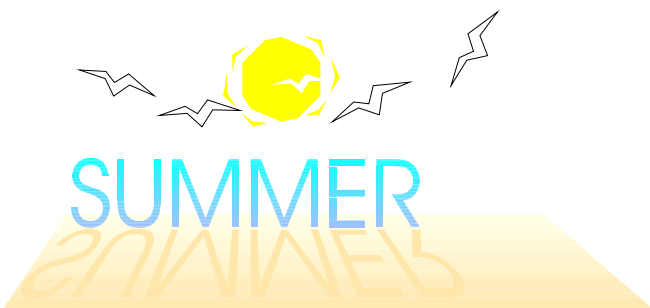
"**Timbermate**" is easy to use, durable, can be machined and so much more. Check them out at <http://www.timbermate.com/> and you can even register for a free boomerang!!!



See you there!

FVWWC Events Calendar

Jun 3rd..... Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Jun 3rd..... Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Jun 3rd..... Tue7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC General Meeting: Barry Gork "Introducing Timbermate"
 Jun 7th.....Sat.....9:30 a.m. ... FVWWC Shop Tour: Elgin - Dan Miller's Workshop - Map/Info a meeting or email to woodworkers@fvwwc.org
 Jun 18th....Wed....9:00 a.m. ... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: Red Apple Restaurant - 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL
 Jul 1st Tue6:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
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 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

May Regular Monthly Drawing:

1st Prize: Porter Cable Router Kit & "Projects & Shop Tips"Tom Sprain
2nd Prize: Bosch DLR165K Laser Rangefinder Kit.....Don Carkhoff

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 June drawings.

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

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

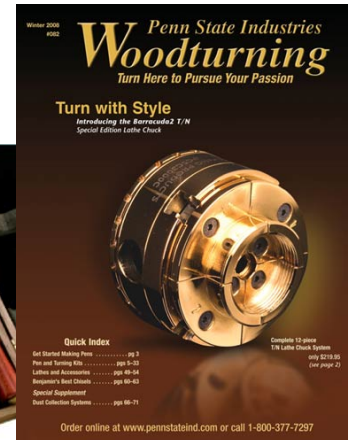
FVWWC SPECIAL RAFFLE - SPRING 2008

We are currently running another "Special Raffle" and this one is a doozy!

Something for every turning need - Spindles, Bowls, Pens & More, everything you need is included in this Special Raffle kit we put together with the help of Rich Rossio and the good folks at Penn State Industries.

The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we will pull the ticket to see who the lucky winner is so get your tickets today!!! Remember, you do not need to be present to win the Special Raffle prizes so do not hesitate to participate. We will also be awarding 5 (five) \$25 AmEx Gift Cheques to 5 members. Kit includes all this and much, much more:

- TurnCrafterPro Variable Speed Midi Lathe
- 3 pc Pen Turning Chisels
- 6 pc Midi Anniversary Chisel Set
- Pen Mandrel (winner's choice)
- 4 Jaw Universal Chuck
- Slimline Pen Kits
- 7 Pc Pen Mill Set
- 3 Exotic Wood Bowl Blanks
- ...And More!



Turncrafter Pro VS Specifications:

- Motor: 1/2HP (650-3800 RPM)
- 3-step Motor Pulley
- Headstock: 1" x 8tpi, #2MT
- Tailstock: Live center, #2MT
- Construction: cast iron
- Distance between centers: 18"
- Swing over bed: 10"
- Wt: 80 lbs, 102 lbs with extension bed
- Overall size: 30" L x 7-1/4" W x 14-1/2" H
- Length with extension bed: 52" long

The TurncrafterPro VS was engineered to be the most powerful variable speed midi-lathe on the market. The TurncrafterPro VS uses the same heavy duty casting and precision components as its single speed award winning counterpart (#TCLPRO). The lathe is constructed from cast iron and includes a powerful 1/2HP universal motor with electronic speed control that provides full torque at all speeds. The variable speed feature provides you infinite and instantaneous speed control as you turn. Dial a slow speed for larger pieces and faster speeds for spindles and fine finishing. The 3-belt positions adjust from 650RPM to 3800RPM. The TCLPROVS features a control box with a cable that lets you mount the box on the lathe or on your bench up to 3 feet from the lathe. The lathe includes many extras and has many accessories available to make it a complete turning center.

REMEMBER: This is a "Members ONLY" raffle and tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20 for a chance to win this complete turning kit!

Virtual Shop Tours 2008

We are looking for presenters for August's "Virtual Shop Tour" meeting.

If you would be interested sharing pictures and descriptions of your workshop, do we have an opportunity for you!

You may recall the "Virtual Shop Tour" presentation from 2006. We will be using the same format with a *few new twists!* Take us on a "virtual tour" of your entire shop or show us a few unique things that you have done to make your shop more enjoyable, productive or safe. If you have created a unique jig or two, this is a great opportunity to show it off. Each presenter will get 5 to 10 minutes to walk us through your shop or demonstrate you shop made. All you have to do is take clear photos and send them to me. I'll format them into Power Point slides to be shown at the meeting.

Contact me at DOLSON123@aol.com if you have questions or to volunteer to be a presenter.



Thanks!

Doug Olson
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FVWWC's Shopsmith SIG Report

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

We have recently digitized the 37 issues of "Hands On" magazine in the FVWWC Library and that CD will be available to check out from the library. "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 met before the last general meeting and examined some unusual planes that had been brought in by members. A general sharpening discussion followed leading up to the (cancelled) sharpening workshop.

Sixteen club members have signed up for the SIG. It is hoped that the sharpening class will be rescheduled soon and a Saturday meeting is being planned for a hands-on work shop emphasizing vintage tool restoration.

Remember that only FVWWC members can attend meetings that are not held in conjunction with the regular monthly general meeting. Come and join us at the June meeting.

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Birdfeeder Project 2008

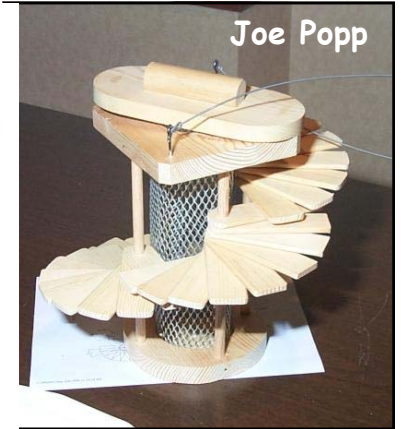


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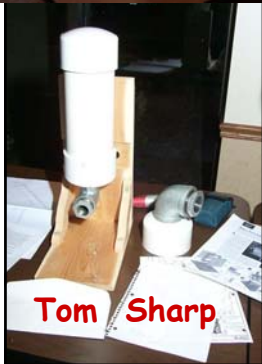


Dave Van Norman

A lot of great designs and some impressive examples of Member's creativity on display!



Howard Van Valzah



Tom Sharp



Stan Anderson



Jim Donovan

FVWWC Shop Tour



Members can pick up a map/info at the next meeting or email woodworkers@fvwwc.org
- *Guests are welcome to attend* -
We will gather for lunch at a local eatery immediately following the tour.

When asked what he plans to show us, here is what Dan had to say:

I have been giving it a lot of thought. I am a retired teacher. Once a teacher always a teacher. I want to give people practical info they can use. Remind people that there will be a quiz at the end. I do old house architectural woodworking. We have restored three homes over a period of 33 years. There is huge need for woodworkers to do custom work for old house restoration. Hopefully I can inspire others to do it. I will show pictures of some of the things I have done. I have a Viel knife grinder and would like to show people the ease at which you can make your own molding cutters to make custom trim. There is a real need out there to duplicate small quantities of trim for old house restoration.



I have a Williams and Hussey planer/molding maker that I would like to show people. It is easy to make curved moldings with it and I will show people that they can make curved, even elliptical moldings using any planer.

I recycle a lot of wood. I would like to share some tips on how to do it. Our entire front porch (See photo bottom of left column.) was made from a redwood water tower.

I'll show how the paint shaver takes paint off of old wood effortlessly and with little dust before planing.

I have a Festool mortise maker if anyone wants to try it. I also have a Festool 6 inch sander which people might like to try.

I would like to show how the Ituro Design upgrade on an old Delta band saw helps it to do re sawing like the expensive machines.

I have some useful tips on production spindle turning which I would like to share.

When my daughter was little, I made a lot of toys which I will show.

I made a couple fancy garden structures that people can see. If any spouses are interested in roses, they can come along to view my wife's garden. The roses are spectacular in June.



Dan Miller



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Harry Davis Jr.

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Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

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Library Project Notes

The first gathering, at Tom Zillman's shop, to start building the new cabinet for FVWWC's library went pretty well. We had 5 folks, including Tom and I, and we got all 59 parts cut out quite accurately. We didn't get as far as hoped, which would have been to do all the dadoing and rabbeting, but we'll do that later. I took the big pieces home to do the dados and rabbets. Then all we have to do is glue and finish. It was pretty significant progress, anyway.



We will announce the date for assembly soon and anyone wishing to give us a hand will be asked to get in touch with me.

Thanks to all who gave up their Saturday to help with this long awaited club project.

Dave Dockstader, Librarian
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WOOD magazine attends National Hardware Show

Check out *WOOD* magazine Tool Editor Bob Hunter's blog from the 2008 National Hardware Show held May 6-8 in Las Vegas. Bob gives us a sneak peek at some woodworking tools and accessories demonstrated at the show.

To learn more, visit Bob's blog at www.woodmagazine.com/bhbblog



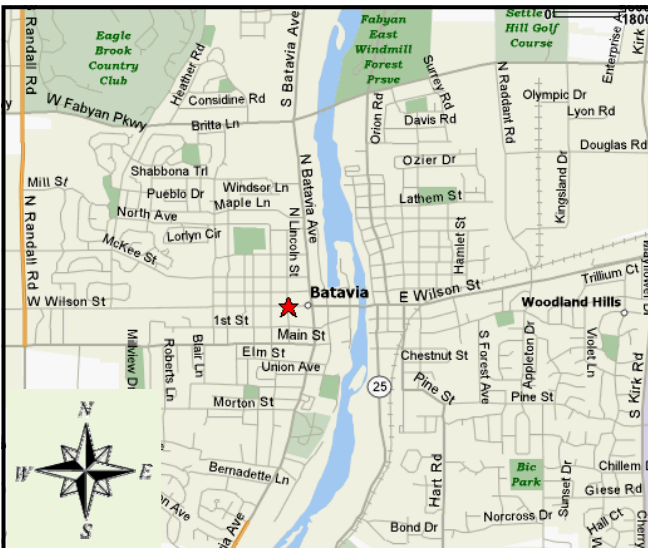
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1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors Always Welcome!

FVWWC Agenda

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008

6:30 p.m.: Shopsmith SIG

6:30 p.m.: Hand Tool SIG

*All interested FVWWC
Members invited to attend!*



7:30 p.m.: General Meeting

Barry Gork, US Rep

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