

Newsletter

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February 2004 In Review

■ Author/Master Turner **Dick Sing** gave us another fabulous show last month! Dick is well known for turning a phrase with the same ease and expertise with which he turns a work of art. The audience was mesmerized watching him turn a small Maple burl and some Walnut blanks into one of his trademark ornaments. When asked question how fast your lathe should spin, he cautioned us to always err on the slow side until one gets the "feel" for the correct speed.



We also learned that Super Glue and a little sawdust is just the thing for filling those small voids in turnings and works great for attaching your piece to the tailstock too.

■ If you missed the show, or want to review what you learned, just check our library for the **Woodworking At Home** DVD magazines. Dick is a regular contributor and each issue features a step-by-step turning project. Watch at your leisure and learn the techniques of the master on your own TV or computer...And don't forget, member's can "check out" the club's mini-lathe and turning tools from the library too!

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On the Agenda

■ Returning in March: **John Kellogg**, from the renown **The Home Shop Woodworking School** in Charlotte, MI will be showing us more of his shaker box making skills.

Shaker box making is a fascinating art and John is one of the best teachers in the nation for training in this method of woodworking.



Shaker style items are sought after for their usefulness as well as their beauty. They are also popular with decorative painters.

Check out the school and it's history at:
<http://www.shakerovalbox.com>

■ Sign-up now for the Shaker Box workshops coming this spring!

John Kellogg will be teaching both a beginners and intermediate shaker box class for FVWWC this year. Members of FVWWC can have the opportunity of learning from the master without having to leave home.

See page 2 for details!

Membership Update

Six new members signed up in February:



- Mike Biro - Batavia
- Robert Yerkes - St Charles
- Robert Philipps - Batavia
- Jed Richardson - Batavia
- Jerry Needham - Geneva
- Peter Krupa - Elgin

James Nellis, Membership

We Need You at the Wood Show!

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

The Spring 2004 Woodworking Show is coming!

On April 16th, 17th & 18th at the Odeum in Villa Park we will again display some of the Show & Tell items we have enjoyed over the years and highlight our club activities.

As always, member's are needed to lend a hand, all 3 days, from setup to tear down. The work isn't hard, the rewards are many and it's a lot of fun.



If you can give us an hour or two helping in the booth, you will earn the undying gratitude of myself and the club and extra perk of free entrance to the show. The only prerequisite

is a smile and club enthusiasm. There are always members handy to field the tougher questions so don't hesitate — **sign up now!**

We also need your projects to show off our combined skills and interests. You may either bring these to the show or the April meeting (where they will be treated with the utmost care until their return at the meeting in May).



Sign up at the next meeting or contact me at (815) 824-8038 or valarry@earthlink.net to volunteer.

Thank you for your support.

**Larry McHone,
Show Chairman**

Shaker Box Workshops

Basic Class: May 14th & 15th

1.5 days of Basic instructions on Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You will build a set of 5 nested cherry wood oval Shaker boxes that are included in the workshop fee of \$125 per person which includes a buffet lunch on Saturday.

Get your reservations in early -- Basic Class limited to the first 18 applicants paid by end of the May 3rd meeting.

**Intermediate Class: Jun 11th, 12th & 13th
(Prerequisite: Basic Class)**

2.5 days of Intermediate instruction on Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Each registrant will be given a detailed list of project choices with completion time, wood choices and cost to send back to Kellogg (Project costs will be collected at the workshop and he will bring extra ones to buy at the workshop too.) Workshop fee is \$165 per person and includes 2 buffet lunches on weekend and a free #2 fixed-handle carrier to build.

Intermediate Class limited to the first 14 applicants paid by the end of the June 1st meeting.

See me at the next meeting to enroll or mail your reservation to the club at:

**FVWWC
PO Box 1041
Batavia, IL 60510**



Linda G. Christensen,
Editor/Webmaster

➤ Refunds for full amount available till 10 days prior to the workshop -- ONLY. Last minute cancellations will be eligible for a refund of \$75 for May or \$60 for June.

Cutting Wide Boards on a Table Saw

Crosscutting wide boards on my table saw has always been a challenge. The pieces are awkward to handle, and it's hard to control my miter gauge when its head is off the table. I know some saws have a T-slot in the table and a miter gauge bar with a plate that catches in the slot. But mine isn't equipped this way.

That makes it difficult to hold everything and guide the board. I've had cuts come out crooked, and I got concerned that the blade might bind in the kerf, causing the board to kick back.

To make cutting wide boards easier, I turn my miter gauge around, so the miter gauge head is in front of my board, instead of behind. I hold the workpiece snug against the gauge with my left hand, and use my right to push the workpiece through.

On some boards, the miter gauge head may be off the saw table when you complete your cut, so make sure you keep a firm grip on the gauge.

Pat Ericksen
San Francisco, CA



Show & Tell

The February Show & Tell session brought us the following projects:

- **Darrel Anderson:** Cross made from 100 yr. old Walnut heartwood with a Tung Oil finish.
- **Gail Madden:** Unfinished Ash Picture Frame.
- **Frank Wardell:** Jewelry Box in Walnut with wipe on Varnish finished.
- **Ken Runyan:** Column (to be split into two 1/2 columns) of unfinished Maple.
- **Dick Bigler:** Tasting Spoon with Oil finish made from wood of an unknown type salvaged from a packing crate.
- **Jim Gill:** Variety of Jigs made from unfinished scrap wood.
- **Dennis Szymczak:** Scroll Saw Work made of Aspen and finished in Polyurethane.
- **Paul Dehnert:** Eagle Feather in Oak with Minwax Clear Poly.



Drawing winners of the S&T drawing were:

1. **Gail Madden: Plastic Bucket**
2. **Dick Bigler: 17 Pc. Tool Kit**
3. **Dennis Szymczak: Prybar**
4. **Paul Dehnert: Scroll Saw Blades**

Can't wait to see what next month brings, it's always inspiring to see what others have done and start planning a new project of your own!

See You There!!!

CLASSIFIEDS

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

February 11, 2004

Dear Woodworkers,

I'm writing on behalf of the Fox Valley Hospice. We have our annual fundraiser coming up May 4 and wondered if any of you would be interested in donating some items to our Silent Auction or raffle baskets. We have an American Girl basket this year that could use some doll furniture for an 18 inch doll. They are particularly looking for an armoire and a table and chairs. We also have a silent auction item that is "let's pretend" dress up. We have numerous costumes , shoes and hats but need a trunk or toy chest to hold them all - something perhaps 28 inches long and maybe 17 inches deep. Those don't have to be exact measurements, I'm just letting you know how much room the costumes take up.

If you are not familiar with Fox Valley Hospice, we are a unique organization , in that we do not receive any federal or state funds but operate strictly on donations received from our communities. All our programs and services are free of charge.

We have been privileged to meet the needs of over 10,000 patients and their families with life threatening and terminal illnesses and those experiencing the death of a loved one. We service ALL ages.

If anyone is interested in donating some items, they can email me or hospice. We need items by the end of March. That does not give much time, I know. But we were hoping perhaps that someone already had some of these things made.

Our Development Director Alderman Nancy Vance of Batavia said to be sure and let you all know how proud she is of the things you are doing for the Batavia community.

I look forward to hearing from you..

Warmest Regards,

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HELP WANTED

Attention Woodworkers looking for extra cash

We are looking for someone or a few people we can contract with who can build frames for either paintings or craftworks. It is imperative that the frames be made when we need them so we need an individual or individuals who can guarantee to produce when called upon. This person(s) will have artistic license to make the frame to fit the piece. I am making this offer to the woodworking clubs I visit or am a member of. I wanted to open this opportunity to you first. The need is not urgent for us right now but we still would like to compare bids and work before we make a decision.

I would like to talk with anyone who would like to know more about this. Please share my contact information with anyone who is interested. ----

Upfront we do not need immediate work. What we do need are some preliminary quotes on cost to produce these frames so we can figure out the prices of the product we will be selling. The items we will be shipping in are arts and crafts from China which will range from paintings to pottery to sculpture and, believe it or not, antique hardware from china. It could be a simple frame for a small picture or a display box with glass and any one of these can be in any size. Not an easy task when it comes to figuring out a price scale. We would ship the arts and crafts in and then deliver them to the framer. After the work is done we would prefer the items be delivered back to us or I pick them up at one of the meetings. Again, It is very important that we have a reliable source for this work. One person can do most of the work if he or she desires but we need a guarantee that someone else will be able to assist or fill in if needed. The person will have creative license in the design of the frames with regards to appearance, type of wood and construction methods.

Hope this helps and feel free to pass this e-mail along to anyone interested. In the spirit of free enterprise and remember we are a business concerned with the bottom line, Price is a concern but overall quality will win the contract. (I am sure that quality will be no problem with this woodworking club)

Thank You,
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FOR SALE

- **Delta Industrial Model 23-710 Sharpening Center** 1/5HP, 120V motor; 5" diameter, 120-grit alumin-oxide dry wheel, 8" dia., 1000-grit wet wheel and accessories. Great for sharpening turning tools, plane blades, etc.
- Used, in good condition (I have a newer one - don't need two!): \$75
Charlie Christensen:
(630) 897-4877 or
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<http://www.deltamachinery.com/>

FOR SALE OR TRADE

- **Circa 1919 THE REEVES Wood Split Pulleys**
-- All bolts -- Center Pillow Block to tighten.
1. 14" OD - 3 1/2" ID Shaft with 6 3/8"
 2. 13 1/2" OD - 1 1/4" ID Shaft with 6 1/4"
 3. 16" OD - 3 1/2" ID Shaft with 4 5/8"

Contact Mike Biro to discuss sale or trade:
(630) 879-6486 or
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- **Free to Members:** Contact me at least 3 weeks prior to each meeting at: (630)897-4877, Fax/(630)844-3385 or fwoodworkers@fvwwc.org -- Editor, Linda G. Christensen

FVWWC DRAWING

Drawing winners in February were:

1. **Dick Bigler:** DeWalt DW321K Jigsaw Saw Kit
2. **Jean-Pierre :** Clamp Set
3. **Frank Behm:** Set of Marple Chisels
4. **Harry Davis:** Safety Gloves

For March we will again have a choice of 1st Prize items, along with the secondary items:

Ryobi Oscillating Spindle Sander - Model OSS500



- Large cast iron work surface for added convenience and extra stability
- Dual action (rotary combined with up and down) for fast, burn free contour sanding
- Quiet, powerful, permanent magnet motor for extended use
- All rubber spindles and sandpaper conveniently store on-board for easy access
- Built-in dust port to maintain a clean work area

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

Porter-Cable Air Compressor

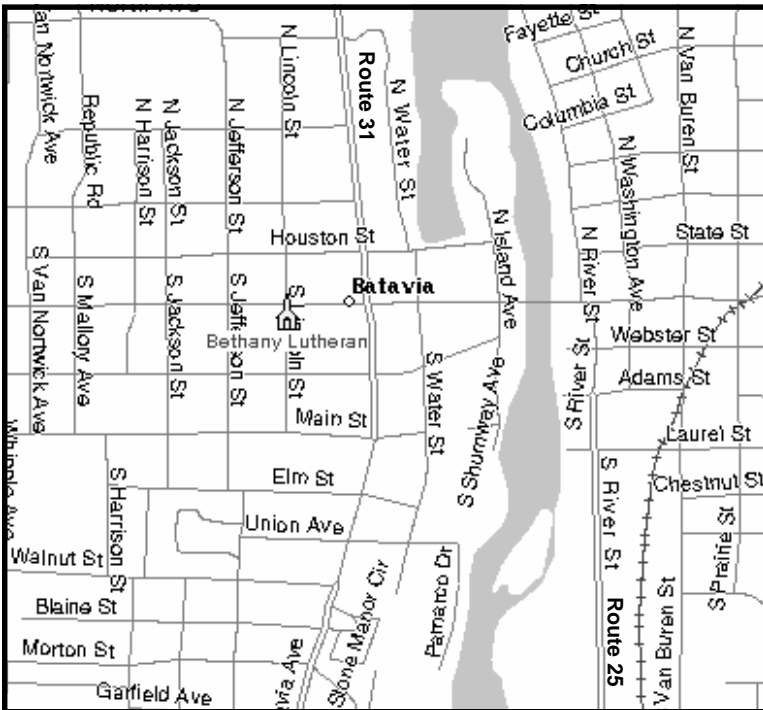
- Model CPFAC2600P 2 Peak HP, .8 HP Running
- Built-in automatic thermal overload protection
- Larger Easy to read regulated air pressure gauge
- Universal, High-FloSM, push-to-connect coupler in air outlet
- One year warranty

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



...See you at the meeting!

Charlie Christensen,
Raffle Chairman



FVWWC Meets at:
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 Of Batavia, IL - 8 S Lincoln St.
1st Tuesday of Month
7:30 P.M.
Visitors Welcome!



Keep up with all the Club news and
 lots of interesting information:
<http://www.fvwwc.org>

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FVWWC Events Calendar

- Mar 2nd .. Tue...7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: John Kellogg
 "Making Shaker Boxes"
- Mar 17th Wed ..9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club: The Red Apple
 Restaurant at 414 S Schmale
 Rd-Carol Stream.
- Apr 3rd ... Sat ..10:00 a.m. Shop Tour: Jim Cummings
 Winfield, IL - *Map at meeting.*
- Apr 6th.... Tue...7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: Chicago's
 Bauhaus Apprenticeship
 Institute's - Berthold Schwaiger
- Apr 16 - 17 - 18.....TBA..... "The Wood Show" at the
 Odeum in Villa Park
- Apr 17th.. Sat ...9:00 a.m. . Breakfast Club
- May 4th ... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: "How to
 Make a Cheval Mirror" by
 FVWWC's Mike Madden
- May 14th .. Fri.... 6:00 p.m. . Workshop: Beginning Shaker
 Boxes I by **John Kellogg**
- May 15th . Sat ... 8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Beginning Shaker
 Boxes II by **John Kellogg**
- Jun 1st..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m. . General Meeting: TBA
- June 11th . Fri.... 6:00 p.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker
 Boxes I by **John Kellogg**
- June 12th Sat ... 8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker
 Boxes II by **John Kellogg**
- June 13th Sun... 8:30 a.m. . Workshop: Intermediate Shaker
 Boxes III by **John Kellogg**