

# Newsletter

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## Meeting Review: October 2005

President, **Ron Gilkerson**, welcomed all and reminded us of upcoming events. He also announced that our current Board members have agreed to run again in the 2005-2006 election. That does not mean you can not volunteer for any position you might be interested in filling. **We welcome all offers to serve.**

Not ready to hold office or short on time? One way to lend a hand is helping handle the demands of a post. For instance, the Library has been seeking an assistant and we can all use help from time to time. **Speak up, we're always listening!**

As meetings go, October's was one our best yet... *...And they have all been winners!!!*



**Mike Brady's** vacation pictures screamed "Road Trip" so we could all get the chance to meet the fascinating folks he told us about. Thanks Mike! We'll have do more mini-demos in the future, it was a major hit!

**Doug Olson's** slide show presentation of Member's shops was absolutely super!

Everyone did a great job of narrating the virtual tours and walking us through their shops. It was an educational and entertaining evening all around.

Thanks to **Doug, Don Bouchard, Don Swanson, Tom Eppeland & Gary Konen** for inviting us in and showing us around!

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## Fall 2005 Lathe Workshops

Members are giving rave reviews and a round of applause for instructor extraordinaire **Rich Rossio** and assistant, **Mike Madden**, for a job well done.

As a thank-you for participating, we will draw from the list of students for a gift at the next meeting. We will have a separate draw from the names of those who graciously donated their mini lathes for the club to use.

Remember, if you have turning questions or are in need of turning tools, etc., Rich is always available to help members. See him at the a meeting or call (814) 838-7686.



## FVWWC Events Calendar

- Nov 1st..... Tue...7:30 p.m...**General Meeting:** Jeff Stollard – **Inlaid Woodcraft**, Sycamore, IL  
[www.inlaidwoodcraft.com/](http://www.inlaidwoodcraft.com/)
- Nov 11-12...F&S ..... TBA .....2004 Open House: Morris, Il at **Woodworkers Shop** - [www.woodworkersshop.com](http://www.woodworkersshop.com)
- Nov 16th..Wed. 9:00 a.m...**Breakfast Club:** Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL
- Nov 19th...Sat.. 9:00 a.m...**Hardwood Connection's** 26th Annual Open House & Fall Sale in Sycamore, IL
- Nov 26th..Sat.. 9:00 a.m...**Shop Tour:** Fred Rizza's shop in Warrenville. Map available at the meeting.
- Dec 6th ... Tue...7:30 p.m...**Annual Toy Drive & Club Christmas Party** - Bring a guest and join the fun!!!

## FVWWC Officers & Staff

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- Show & Tell MC .....Matt Gauntt
- Audio/Visual Tech.....Will Sharp
- Host.....Bill Bailey
- Greeter .....Jim Hildreth

## FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

The following lucky members won the drawings at our October meeting:

- |                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1. Stan Anderson:</b> | <b>Porter-Cable Palm Sander</b> |
| <b>2. Matt Gauntt:</b>   | <b>Portable Laser Level</b>     |

In November we will do the last drawing of the year with a choice of 1st Prize items, as well as some secondary items.

Any ideas of what you would like to see for 2006??? We are always open to suggestions.

*(Remember, depending on ticket sales, the AmEx Gift Cheque amount offered for first prize will be either \$50, \$75 or \$100.)*

**See you at the meeting!**

**Charlie Christensen,  
Raffle Chairman**



## ***You are Invited...***

**Join Ken & Barb Burtch**  
and the fine folks at

### **The Hardwood Connection**

1810 W State St - Sycamore, IL  
(815) 895-8733

as they celebrate their



**26th Annual Open House**  
**Saturday November 19, 2005**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Special Guests, Demos, Factory  
Reps & More!

*(Maps available at November meeting & at  
<http://www.fvwwc.org> or contact us at  
[woodworkers@fvwwc.org](mailto:woodworkers@fvwwc.org))*

## **Christmas Party Reminder**

Remember to bring that guest, a dish to pass and any donation you might have to the party in December! We will have a lot of great food, surprise entertainment, a prize or two and an evening fun and friendship for all.

Don't miss this one...It won't be the same without you!!!



## **The Woodworking Shows 2005**

A whopping thank-you to each Member who lent us projects for display and/or spent some time working the club booth.

FVWWC can be proud of our efforts and I expect we will find a few new folks we met will be joining in the next couple of months.

***Way to go FVWWCers!***

Larry McHone,  
Show Chairman

## ***2005 Open House***



**3385 N. Rt. 47 – (815) 942-5865**

**Morris, Illinois**

**Friday, November 11 from 8 to 6**  
**Saturday, November 12 from 8 to 4**

**<http://www.woodworkersshop.com/>**



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS I HAVE GOTTEN MULTIPLE EMAILS WITH PHOTOS OF AMAZING CARVINGS THAT YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE! I CHECKED INTO IT AND FOUND THE ARTIST AND HIS SITE...YOU HAVE TO TAKE A PEEK TOO!!! -- LGC



<http://www.liviodemarchi.com>

**Quote from His Bio:**

*Livio De Marchi was born in Venice where, still a child, he worked on ornamental sculpture in the Venetian tradition in the workshop of a craftsman and in the meantime he studied art and drawing at the "Accademia di Belle Arti" in Venice. His activity starts there, displaying at once an astounding skill in moulding materials, transforming them with wit and panache and creating sculptures with perfection of detail, spontaneity and essence.*

*During his artistic evolution he worked first in marble, then bronze, and eventually in wood. However wood has always been his favourite material because it affords him a vitality which other materials do not.*



**Six FREE small project plans!**  
<http://www.rockler.com/>

To help get you started on your holiday gift giving projects, our friends at Rockler have six FREE downloadable plans.



Each of these small projects are guaranteed to put a big smile on that special someone's face, especially when it is handcrafted by you!

**Have You Tried "Knots"**

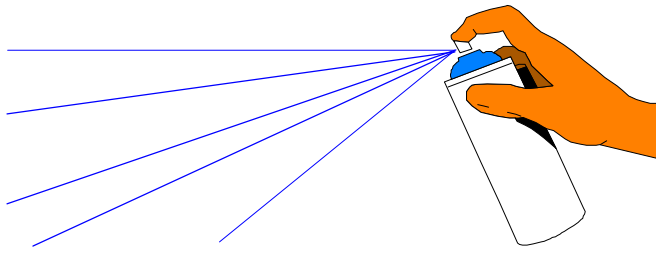
I'm not sure how many of our membership are aware of Fine Woodworking magazine's forum called **Knots** located here:

<http://www.taunton.com/index.asp>

I know for a fact that some of the principals of some outstanding woodworking suppliers (Lee Valley for one) read and respond in this forum, and the participation from good woodworkers all over the world means that you can get answers on almost any woodworking question pretty quickly. I have seen as many as 70 responses to some fairly obscure questions. Check it out if you have internet access.

**Mike Brady**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** CHECKED THIS AS MIKE SUGGESTED AND, **WOW**, IT IS A GOOD ONE! EASY TO NAVIGATE AND LOADS OF INFO. WELL WORTH THE LOOK. -- LGC



## Handy Workshop Tips...

**Minor Burns:** Mint toothpaste makes an excellent quick, soothing salve for burns.

**Rust Remover:** Good-bye expensive rust removers! Saturate an abrasive sponge with Coca Cola and scrub the rust stain. The phosphoric acid in the coke does the job.



**Bug Killer:** Cleaning liquid doubles as bug killer. If menacing bees, wasps, hornets, or yellow jackets invade your workshop try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly.

**Splinter Remover:** Pour a drop of Elmer's (or other water soluble) glue all over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

**Blister Relief:** Balm for broken blisters? To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine, a powerful antiseptic, for relief.

**Heal Bruises:** Use Heinz vinegar to help heal bruises. Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

**Pain Relief:** For fast relief use Quaker Oats...*It's not just for breakfast anymore!* Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands or joints for quick, soothing relief from arthritis pain.

**Stop the Bleeding:** If you cut yourself on that freshly sharpened tool (or in the kitchen, a paper cut, shaving, etc.), run to the spice rack and reach for the ground black pepper. Sprinkle liberally, and the blood will "magically" clot and the pain will be lessened. Just leave it on for a few minutes and then clean and cover the area as usual. (*This works great on a kid's "boo-boos" too!*) You could even ask for a couple of pepper packets the next time you go out to eat to keep in the toolbox.

Thanks to **Don Swanson**, one of our virtual **Shop Tour** hosts, for the **Workshop Commandments!**

(See <http://www.fvwwwc.org> for printable version in .pdf format "suitable for framing")

## WORKSHOP COMMANDMENTS

1. I AM THE LORD AND MASTER HERE, LET NO STRANGERS ENTER.
2. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE MY NAME IN VAIN IF I REFUSE TO DO A JOB.
3. REMEMBER - I DO NOT WORK SUNDAYS.
4. HONOR MY TANTRUMS.
5. THOU SHALT NOT BORROW MY TOOLS.
6. THOU SHALT NOT TOUCH MY MESS.
7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ALTERATIONS OF MY WORK.
8. THOU SHALT NOY BEAR FALSE CRITICISMS OF MY WORK.
9. THOU SHALT NOT COVET MY WORKSHOP.
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET MY WORKSHOP TOOLS.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## GARAGE SALE

**Estate of Walter Kauth,  
FVWWC Member**  
Saturday, October 29th, 2005  
**FOR FVWWC MEMBERS ONLY:**  
**9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**  
Open to the Public: 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**418 First Ave - Batavia, IL**  
(Map: <http://www.fvwwc.org>)

## FOR SALE

**Downsizing - Must Sell - Call for Pricing:**

- **Craftsman 16" Scroll Saw** - 2" Clearance - Foot Control & Extra Blades.
- **Dremel 16" Scroll Saw** with P.T.O Drive - Flexible Shaft, Blades & Sanding Attachment.
- **Freud Biscuit Cutter Mod. J5100** - Plastic case, variety of biscuits & Instruction book.
- **Craftsman 3"x21" Belt Sander** - Vacuum Bag & Instructions.
- **Bench Top B&D 3 Wheel Band Saw** - Variable Speed w/Light and various tooth Blades.
- **Woodmaster 13 1/2" Planer** - 220 Volt with Extra Cutting Blade & Manual.
- **4" to 6" Vacuum for Planer & 3 Barrels** for wood dust.
- **2 (four) Jorgensen Wood Clamps**
- **400+ Patterns for Variety of Crafts.**
- **Router**

Other items to be listed in future -- Call to discuss or for viewing. **(Glen Ellyn)**

**Call Bud Yackley (630) 469-1065**

## FOR SALE

**DeWalt DW735 13" Planer** (current model). 120V. Bought new from Berland's in April for over \$700. Includes a spare set of blades, rolling stand. Asking \$450. **(Yorkville)**

**Call Chuck Harper (630) 553-2947**

## FREE FOR HAULING

**Mulberry** from *huge*, old tree recently downed by storm. **(Wasco)**

**Call Alan DeRoss (630) 584-7430**

## FOR SALE

**Redwood Clear Heartwood** 4/4 in widths up to 12" and boards up to 12' long -- Great for outdoor projects as well as indoor trim, furniture, etc. -- 200+ Bd. Ft. available at only \$4.50 per Bd. Ft. (Sells for \$7.50 & Up) -- Will Separate: Prefer to sell as lot. **(Batavia)**

**Call Ron Gilkerson (630) 879-8756**

## FOR SALE

**Yellow Pine** - Most clear to some with few knots -- 1" x 9" boards in 8', 10', 12' & 14' lengths at only 50¢ per Bd. Ft.

**White Pine** - 3/4" by 6' to 8' boards in various widths also only 50¢ per Bd. Ft.

Some **Oak Shorts** - Priced each. **(Big Rock)**

**Call Ed Mackie (630) 849-3520**

### 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)



## Show & Tell

Matt Gauntt, MC

October's Show & Tell was, another awesome display of the diverse talents of our members! Here's what we saw this month:

- **Jim Gill: Wall Unit** of Poplar & Birch Ply with painted finish and **Sanding Blocks: Walnut/Maple & Cherry** with GF Oil & Urethane finish.



- **Dan Nylin: Note Trays** made of Oak (also done in Cherry & Walnut) with Deft spray finish.
- **Mike Bridger: 2 Hand Planes** of unfinished Spalted Beech, Osage Orange & Cocobolo.
- **Jim Vojcek: Bowl** of Ambrosia Maple with Deft finish.

- **Rich Rossio: Candleholder/Bowl** of Pear and **Bowl** of Wormy Maple, both with Ace Poly finishes.



- **Dave Masters: Bowl** of Spalted Red Willow with a Danish Oil & Carnauba Wax finish.



- **Dale Rankin: Scroll Sawn Jewelry Box** of Walnut(?) with Minwax Stain finish.

- **Mike Kalscheur: Bowl** of Willow with Solar Lux "Blood Red" stain & Poly/Oil Finish.



- **John Winton: Demo Board & Tops.** Demo Board of Crotch Walnut with Boiled Linseed Oil finish and Tops of a variety of woods.

*Thanks to all for sharing!*

## Membership Update - Oct 2005

### New Members:

**Jim Simnick - Naperville**

**Steve L. Shaver - St. Charles**

Renewal time is in full swing and, we're proud to say, 46 Members have already re-upped!!!



**Remember:** 2006 Renewals must be submitted no later than 01/15/2006!!! Fill out the 2006 Renewal Form and submit with \$25 so you won't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

*Roger Vachon, Membership*

## Service Extraordinaire

Charlie needed a special bracket for use on table tops and, after searching to no avail, I emailed all our woodworking buddies for input.

Thanks to everyone who gave their assistance! (*Even got an offer to custom make them, if necessary!!!*) It was suggested I check long-time supplier McMaster-Carr online and, ta-da, they had exactly what we wanted.

The order came to \$9 plus change with an extra \$4.00 for shipping "Ground", and no so-called "Handling" charges, so I was content.

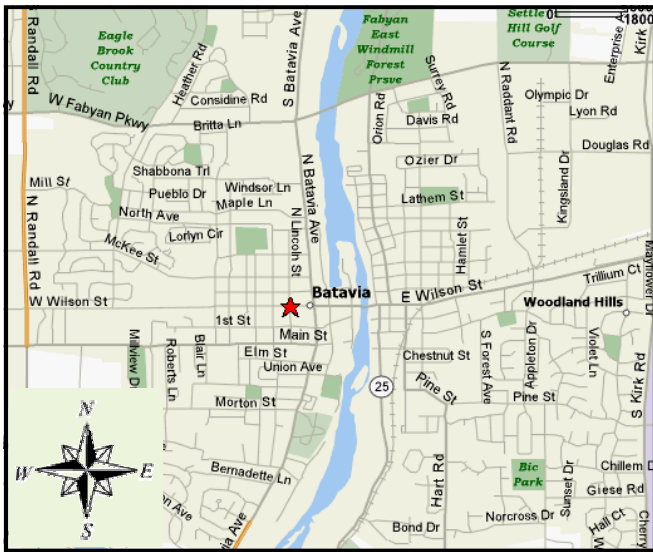
Four hours later I was ecstatic when a courier knocked on the door and hand delivered the order!!! I highly recommend McMaster-Carr. No minimum order and hand delivery in our area!!!

<http://www.mcmaster.com>



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**Batavia, IL 60510-1041**

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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!*

## On the Agenda for November 2005

Our guest presenter will be Jeff Stollard from Inlaid Woodcraft in Sycamore, IL.

Inlaid Woodcraft Company (IWC) specializes in producing quality laser-cut sketch-faced panels and furniture components.

Since 1950 they have been a leader in providing quality products and services to the high-end furniture, architectural and miscellaneous wood products industries.

Check them out on the web:

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

*Hope to see you there!!!*

