

Newsletter

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September 2006: In Review

Ron Gilkerson, tan & rested from a summer of gallivanting around the country, welcomed members and visitors to our September meeting.

After a some news about upcoming events he introduced us to the guest speaker,



David Bettinghaus, who gave us his presentation on **Segmented Turning**.

Dave showed us just what Segmented Turning is and how it is done, from start to finish.

The items on display showed off a variety of



techniques used in this style of woodturning. He recommended "**Segmented Turning**"

by Ron Hampton, "**The Art of Segmented Wood Turning**" by M. Tibbetts and an article by Roy Allen in the Feb. 1999 issue of **WOOD Magazine** if you are interested in trying this fascinating art.

Great show Dave!

In October we welcome local furniture designer **Michael Obrecht** for what is sure to be an interesting show.

On October 21st **Carstens Millwork** will host their **2nd Annual Milling Demo**. See page 6 for map and more information or contact Gary Carstens directly for details at (630) 393-6341 or gcarstens62@aol.com.



October 6-8, 2006

The Odeum in Villa Park, IL
<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com>

Mike Madden, Show Chairman, needs items to display for the woodworking show at the Odeum so be sure to see him about your contribution to the club's exhibit.

Volunteers also needed to help hand out flyers all three days and talk to potential new members! Always a fun time for all!!!

So mark those calendars and do not miss the classes, the sales or the a chance to "Talk Shop" with fellow woodworkers.



For more info call Mike Madden or see him at the October meeting: (630) 759-5119.

Membership Drive 2007



Renewals for 2007 started 09/05 and must be submitted no later than 01/03/2007 to insure you don't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

Ken McFee, Membership
themcfees@hotmail.com

FVWWC Events Calendar

- Oct 3rd..... Tue 7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Meeting: Michael Obrecht - Furniture Designer
- Oct 6th-7th & 8th..... Woodworking Show - Odeum in Villa Park & FVWWC display - See Show Chairman Mike Madden for details or visit their website at www.thewoodworkingshows.com
- Oct 18thWed.... 8:00 a.m. ... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: At a new, earlier time of 8:00 a.m. - The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL -- Everyone is invited to stop by!
- Oct 21stSat..... 9:00 a.m. ... Milling Demo in Warrenville at Carstens. Owner Gary Carstens has invited local clubs to come watch a log milling demo and see how logs become lumber. He will have some Cherry logs this year, among others, and lumber available at Demo Day prices too! Map available online or at Oct. meeting. Contact Carstens: (630) 393-6341 or gcarstens62@aol.com
- Oct 28th & 29th.... 10:00 a.m. . 27th ANNUAL "ARTISTRY IN WOOD" EXHIBIT by North Suburban Carvers - *Details Page 6*
- Nov 1st..... Tue 7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Meeting: Steve Johnson - Furniture designer



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



You are Invited to Attend...



Bob Hawes, local carver, reminds us that anyone interested in trying their hand at carving can stop by Bethany Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. any Monday, all year long, and check out their carving group.

This group has been meeting for years and they are a great bunch of folks. No tools or prior experience is needed — Just a desire to learn what carving is all about! They have folks doing a variety of work and you are sure to find it time well spent.

They have just one rule everyone must remember: *There Are No Rules!*

Stop by and let the chips fly!

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FOR SALE

- **WOOD:** 1" Thick, Rough sawn Maple - Aged..

Ed Jarnel

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Attention FVWWC Members

List your For Sale/Wanted Items Free!

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

FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

We will again have a variety of raffle items at the October meeting including some 1st Prize choices plus a number of other items. Get your tickets early to participate! Last month's lucky winners were:

**REGULAR
DRAWING**

- FIRST PRIZE:** \$50 Am/Ex Gift Cheque - Bud Light
2nd Prize: Set of Bowl Turning Tools - Bob Tamblyn
3rd Prize: Set of Pen Turning Tools - Bob Tamblyn
4th Prize: Rust Prevention & Removal Kit - Alan DeRoss



Special Thanks for the donation of *The Rust Kit* by *John & Colleen Carmona*, co-owners of *The Rust Store & Sharpening Supplies* and to *Rich Rossio*, owner of *L & R Collectibles and Glass*, for the two *Sets of Lathe Tools* he donated to our raffle.

We have a winner! Dave Kline walked away with the big prize and, boy, was he proud to be the new owner of the **Bosch 10" Dual-Bevel Slide Miter Saw** and six more lucky members were each awarded a \$25 Am/Ex Gift Cheque as a special Thank-you for participating.

Okay, we have kicked off another **Special Drawing for Fall -- A 30 Piece Bessey Assorted "Tradesman" Bar Clamp Set & Stand** -- And you do not have to present to win so get those tickets today!!! Includes **four 6"**, **six 12"**, **four 18"**, **eight 24"**, **four 30"**, and **four 36"** clamps - **A \$469 value** for the price of a ticket.

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...

**FALL 2006
BONUS
DRAWING**

...See you at the meeting!

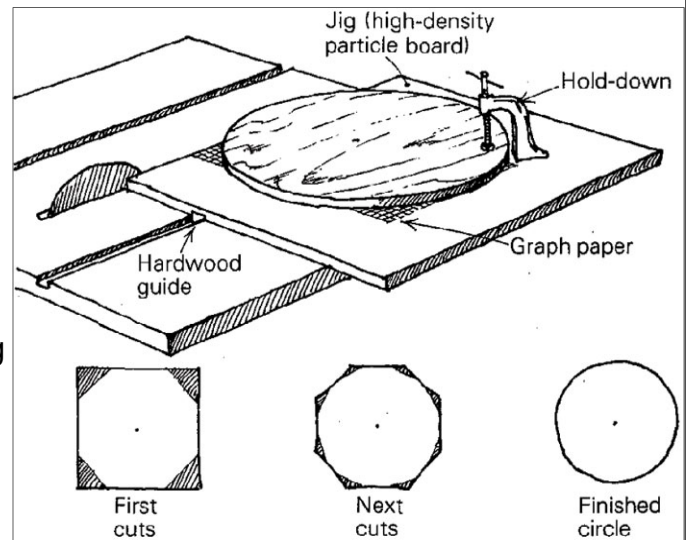
Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

Reprinted from the September 20, 2006 issue of *Fine Woodworking Magazine*.

Cutting Circles on the Tablesaw

by Philip Margraff
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Round tabletops, lazy-Susan shelves and other large circles can be cut on the tablesaw with a simple jig. Cut a dado in the underside of a 3/4-in. high-density particleboard base and glue in a hardwood key, sized for a sliding fit in the saw's left-hand miter slot. Wax the jig bottom and key to reduce friction. Measuring from the blade, accurately locate and paste sheets of 1/4-in. graph paper to the jig top to aid in layout.



To use, first cut the circle blank somewhat oversize and locate its center. Next mark the radius of the finished circle on the graph paper and pin the center of the circle blank at this mark. Make sure the blank will rotate freely but is firmly pinned to the jig. Start by lopping off the corners of the blank. Hold the blank and jig firmly while sliding them past the blade. If hand-holding the work appears unsafe, mount a hold-down clamp on the base to lock the blank while cutting. Continue cutting off the corners of the blank until it is almost round. Then, with the work just touching the blade, rotate the blank to trim off all the high spots. The smoothest circles are produced using high-quality, sharp carbide blades.

The H.O. Studley Tool Chest

Download free wallpaper for your desktop of the collectible image, now available in a reissued poster from Fine Woodworking.

by *Fine Woodworking* editors

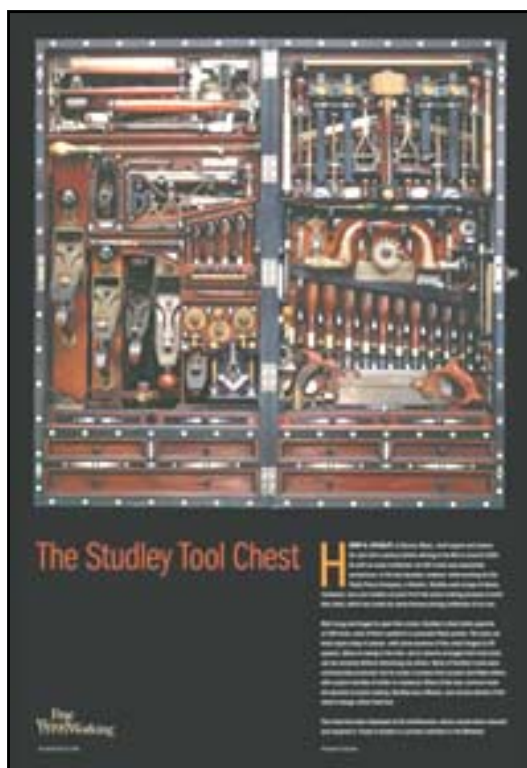
In July 1988, the back cover of Fine Woodworking magazine featured an awe-inspiring object: the vintage 19th-century tool chest of master carpenter and stonemason H.O. Studley. If the workmanship in the tool chest is any indication of the maker's talent, then the craftsmanship of Studley must have been a wonder to behold. The chest created quite a stir among our readers, and when we later created a poster of the chest, it quickly sold out.

Poster back by popular demand

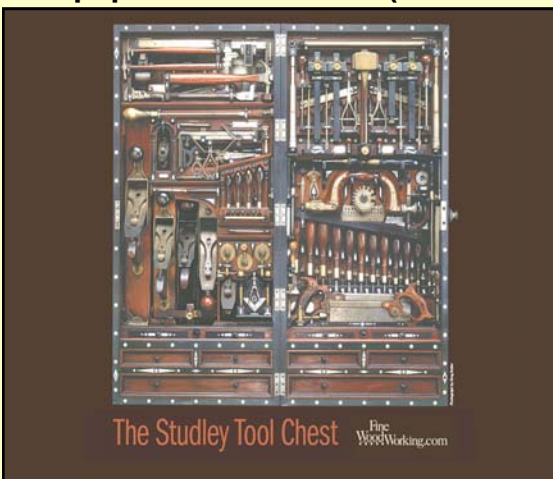
Fine Woodworking has reissued the poster with an updated image of the tool chest, which shows off some recent repairs to the inlay and replacement vintage tools added to the tool chest by its current owner.

Download wallpaper for your desktop

You can also enjoy the H.O. Studley tool chest on your computer desktop with our free downloadable desktop wallpaper. To set the image as the backdrop on your computer screen, find out the resolution of your monitor under display settings.



Wallpaper Screen Sizes: (click on the size appropriate for your monitor) *



640x480

800x600

1024x768

1152x864

1280x768

1280x960

1280x1024

* Available online at
<http://www.taunton.com>

The history of H.O. Studley and his tool chest

Massachusetts piano maker Henry Studley built his magnificent tool chest over the course of a 30-year career at the Poole Piano Company. The chest lived on the wall near his workbench, and he worked on it regularly, making changes and adding new tools as he acquired them. Using ebony, mother-of-pearl, ivory, rosewood, and mahogany -- all materials used in the manufacture of pianos -- he refined the chest to the point that now, more than 80 years after his death, it remains in a class of its own.



Packing more tools per square foot than seems physically possible, piano maker Henry Studley's unrivaled tool chest also manages to be beautiful in the process. The chest stands as perhaps the most exquisite example of 19th-century tool-chest craftsmanship.

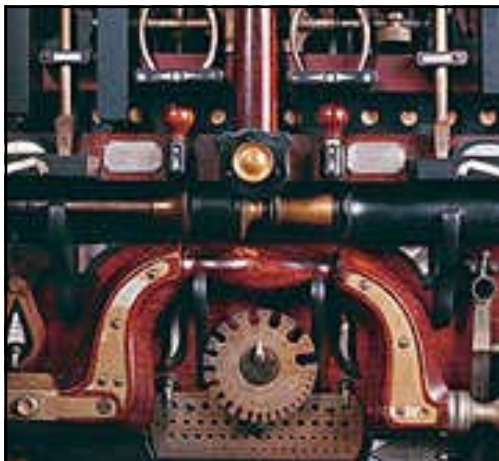
Considering how many tools it holds, the famous chest is really quite small; when closed, it is just 9 in. deep, 39 in. high, and just more than 18 in. wide. Yet it houses so many tools -- some 300 -- so densely packed that three strong men strain to lift it.

For every tool, Studley fashioned a holder to keep it in place and to showcase it.

Miniature wrenches, handmade saws, and some still unidentified piano-making tools each have intricate inlaid holders. Tiny clasps rotate out of the way so a tool can be removed. In places the clearances are so

tight that the tools nearly touch. The chest, which hangs on ledgers secured to a wall, folds closed like a book. And as the chest is closed, tools protruding from the left side nestle into spaces between tools on the right side. Amazingly, despite being so densely packed, the tools are all easily accessible.

Studley was well into his 80s when he retired from the piano company. Before he died in 1925, Studley gave the tool chest to a friend. That man's grandson, Peter Hardwick, loaned the chest to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. in the late 1980s and later sold it to a private collector in the Midwest. That owner again sold the tool chest to another private collector, where it now resides.



Almost lost among the tools but no longer obscure to history, the name of the maker, H. O. Studley, and his Massachusetts hometown of Quincy are engraved on small plates just above his brace. Scraps of ebony, ivory, rosewood, and mother-of-pearl left over from his work as a piano maker gave Studley raw material for his tool chest and many of the tools it contains.

Lon Schleining contributed to this article with an excerpt from his book **Treasure Chests: The Legacy of Extraordinary Boxes.**

Photos: Randy O'Rourke

2nd Annual Milling Demo

By Invitation Only!!!

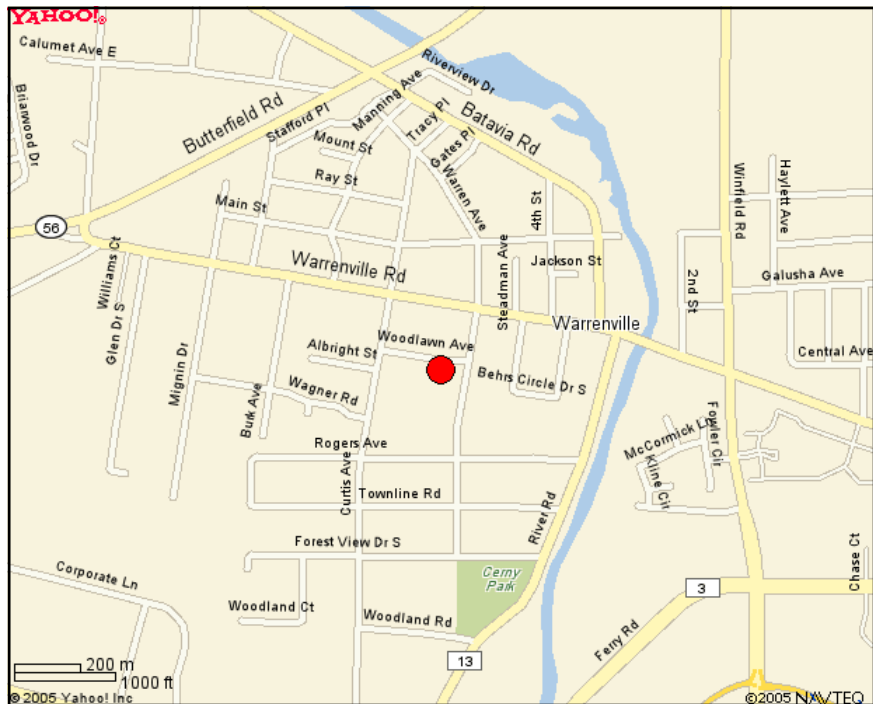
Saturday - October 21st
9:00 a.m.

On Location at:

Carstens Millworks
28W530 Woodlawn Ave.
Warrenville, IL. 60555

Watch nice Cherry logs get turned into gorgeous, usable lumber!

Gary Carstens, owner/operator, is doing a Wood Milling Demo for members of both FVWWC and the DuPage Woodworkers. Due to limited parking, he requested the demo be limited to club members only but members are welcome to carpool and bring a friend or two!



Call Gary for details: (630) 393-6341 or gcarstens62@aol.com

SEE THE FINE ART OF WOODCARVING AT OUR 27th ANNUAL EXHIBIT "ARTISTRY IN WOOD"

Competition, sales, raffle of selected woodcarvings, demonstrations, silent auction, and sale of Christmas ornaments for the benefit of the Shriners Childrens Hospital and the Make A Wish Foundation.

**Featured Artist will be Art Naturalist,
Gary Cichy
Extraordinary Fish Carver**

**Presented by
NORTH SUBURBAN CARVERS**
Saturday, October 28th from 10am to 4pm
Sunday, October 29th from 10am to 4pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds
2015 W. Manchester Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60189
<www.dupagecountyfair.org>
For show information call 847-458-2919

Worth Checking Out...

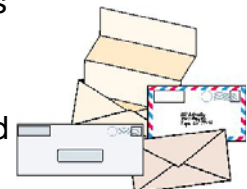
Anyone interested in old tools or just of a curious nature should check out this site an emailer (and member-to-be!) pointed out:

<http://owwm.com/>

A Voice From Our Past...

I just got a new letter from Rich DeSimone. He has just completed his newly built home just next to his old one. He and a neighborhood kid are doing his moving. The concrete on his garage floor just dried and he moved his garage stuff already. His workshop will be moved soon. He apologized over and over for not keeping his promise to come see us this year, but like the Cubs, it's now **"Wait till next year!"**.

-- Howard



Show & Tell September 2006

Okay, we had another interesting display by Members of a variety of projects:



- **Jim Vojcek: Sewing Table** in Hard Maple and Big Leaf Maple with Behlen Dye, Shellac and Minwax-Poly finish.
- **Howard Van Valzah: Serving Tray** in Walnut and plywood with Cork insert and finished with Lacquer and a **Miniature Baseball Bat** turned from Parona Pine.
- **Don Carkhuff: Hand Mirror** in Birdseye Maple with a Lacquer finish.
- **Fred Rizza: Plaque** in Butternut with an oil stain and Deft Finish.

- **Frank Wandell: Segmented Turned Bowls** of Walnut and Oak with a Linseed Oil finish.
- **Dave Van Norman: Shaker Style Candlestand** in Cherry with 1 coat of Boiled Linseed Oil and 10 coats of Satin Wipe-on Poly as a finish.
- **Alan DeRoss: Candlestand** in Cherry finished in Clear Seal-a-Cell.

Thanks, as always, for the great projects and stories... ..Can't wait to see what October has to offer!!!

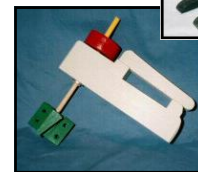


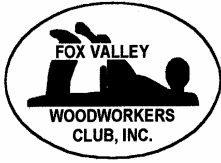
SPEAKING OF PROJECTS...

Remember our annual Christmas Toy Drive will be here before you know it!!! Have you or you and some friends started on those projects yet? If you have questions about the Toy Drive just ask Gail Madden, our Toy Drive Coordinator, for details.

Now don't forget... Participation is strictly voluntary and there is no quota or minimum donation expected. From simple to highly complex, the toys, puzzles and other items created for contribution to local organizations are well received and always appreciated.

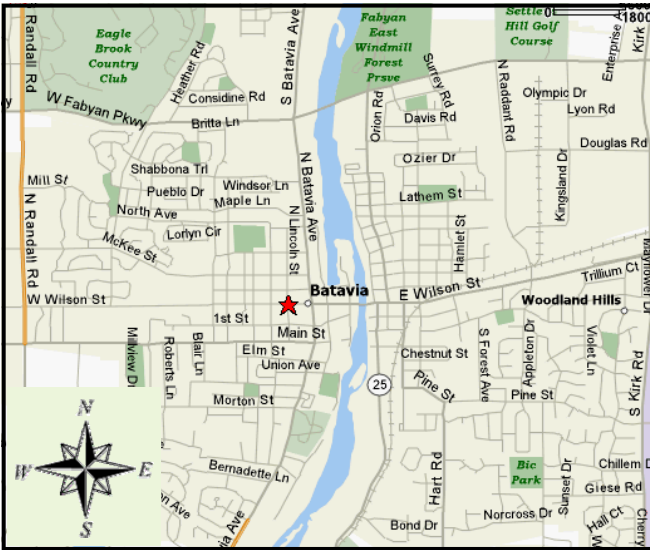
Plans are available in our library, online and in a number of magazines, the ideas and resources are endless. Why not try your hand at some toy making, you might just find it a fun and rewarding endeavor!





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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!

General Meeting Agenda:
October 3rd, 2006
Michael Obrecht -
Furniture Designer

