

Newsletter

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September 2008

Meeting Review: August 2008

President Tom Sharp welcomed to our quests and collected “fines” from all members who had neglected to wear their badge.

In August FVWWC member **Doug Olson** took us all on another “**Virtual Shop Tour**” of his workshop and that of fellow **FVWWC** members **Frank Snyder, Don Bouchard and John Winton**. It was extremely interesting, informative, entertaining...And without all the travel time and cost of fuel!

Each of the hosts did a great job of escorting us through the PowerPoint tour of their shop and it is always interesting to see how others set things up or accomplish huge projects in less than spacious accommodations.....*Or, in John Winton's case, manage to make create a bushel of chips from a blank the size of a bar of soap!!!*

Kudos to Doug and all for a really great show. We look forward to another one in the not too distant future.



In September we will have **FVWWC** members **Mike Brady & Mike Bridger** showing us the basics with “**Hand Tools: Buying, Using & Restoring and Much More!**” They will cover layout tools, chisels, saws, and methods of work with hand tools.

As co-leaders of **FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG**, these fellows take the use of hand tools very seriously. You will learn why one uses them, how to use them and how to keep them in good working order.

See you there!

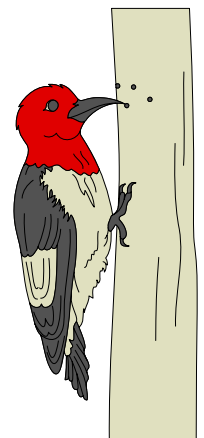
Project 2008 Update: Birdfeeders

Ron Gilkerson reported at the August meeting that we had received an initial order of 10 each for the approved Birdfeeder designs.

Members Glenn McDonald, Alan Blotch, Matt Gauntt, Stan Anderson and Rich Russell stepped forward to volunteer to build them.

Member Don Bouchard has volunteered to deliver them to the buyer in Rockford as needed. First shipment has been made and we are anxious to find out how the public responds to our creations.

Ron will give us an update at the September meeting on the progress of this fundraising project for 2008.



FVWWC Events Calendar

Sep 2nd.... Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets
 Sep 2nd.... Tue ... 6:30 p.m... FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets
 Sep 2nd.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: Mike Brady & Mike Bridger present "Hand Tools: Buying, Using & Restoring and Much More!"
 Sep 15-20 "Gathering of Woodcarvers" 2008 - Sandwich, IL
<http://www.camperjohn.com/gow>
 Sep 16th...Wed....9:00 a.m... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: Red Apple Restaurant - 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL
 Sep 20th... Sun "The Woodcarvers Fair" with Ol' Don Burgdorf- Sandwich, IL - birdcarvergene@aol.com
 Sep 28th... Sun ... 9:00 a.m.... "Valley Carvers' Show" - starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL - bkwoodart@sbcglobal.net
 Oct 7th Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: Rich Rossio presents "New Turning Tricks for Turners New & Old"
 Oct 25-26...S&S..... "Artistry in Wood" - Wheaton, IL - woodwizzards2@comcast.com
 Nov 4th..... Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC General Meeting: "Bird Carving" with Bud Knoedler
 Dec 2nd.... Tue ... 7:30 p.m... FVWWC Christmas Party & Toy Drive 2008

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

August's Regular Monthly Drawing:



1st Prize: Am/Ex \$50 Gift Cheque.....John Warwick
 2nd Prize: Bosch 5" Random Orbital Palm Sander.....Rich Russell

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 September drawings, including a **Work Sharp WS3000 Sharpening System**.

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

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

We Have A Winner...

...Ken McFee won the Special Lathe Workshop Raffle & **"BONUS PACKAGE"** of 10 Exotic Bowl & 50 Pen Blanks Compliments of Rick & Laura Rossio of L&R Collectibles & Crafts!
Congratulations Ken!!!



Thanks to everyone who participated and helped us meet our goal. Congratulations also to Bob Tamblyn, Walter Ripley, Bill Hochmuth and Matt Gauntt who won the \$25 Am/Ex Gift Cheques. Matt was the proud winner of two!

FVWWC Holds "Hands On" Hand Tool Workshop



The August 9th workshop/meeting at Jim Vojcek's was outstanding. What a great shop! Everyone shared and learned a lot about a variety of hand tool topics.

We had a good turn out and everyone got a chance to do some "hands on" work with the tools. Our focus was the sharpening of all hand tools (using methods we learned at Paul's demo), plane adjusting and performance, and some basics of tool restoration.

After the workshop we all went to Portillo's for lunch and conversation.

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.

If you are interested in the little machine that can, please join us.

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FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG Report

The Hand Tool SIG meets at 6:30, prior to the regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, at Bethany Lutheran.

Anyone interested in the use of hand tools is welcome to join us for discussion of this fascinating area of woodworking. We will learn by sharing the experiences of using and caring for traditional hand tools.

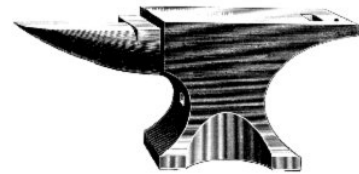
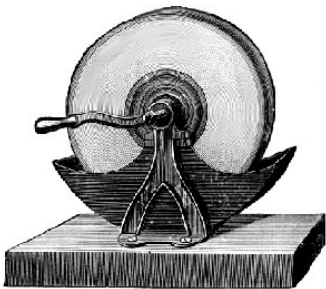
FVWWC members and guest are invited to stop by and join our group.

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Sharpening Workshop July 2008 with Paul Jablonski & Karl Scogin

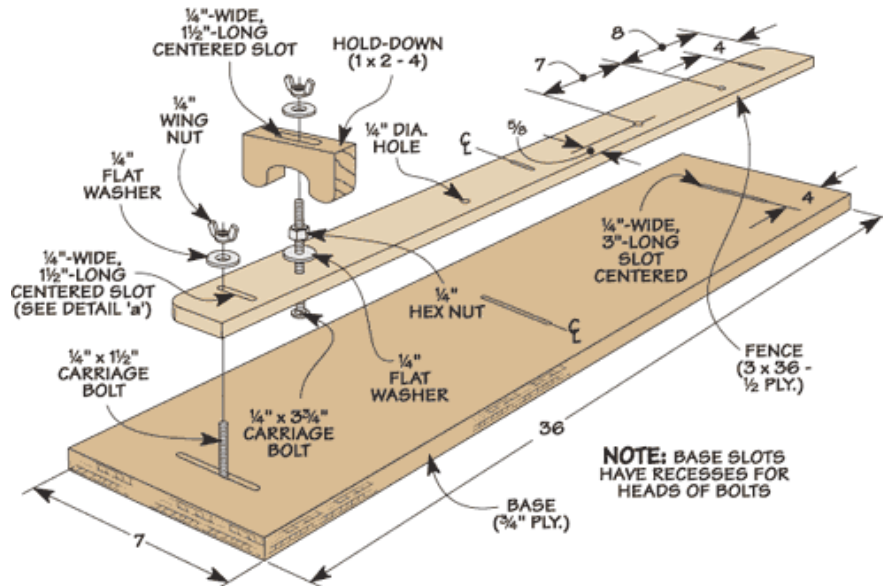


Adjustable Taper Jig

I recently needed to cut some tapered pieces for a project and didn't want to invest in a manufactured jig. So I built the simple jig you see in the photo above.

It doesn't take much material to build the jig. You probably have just about everything you'll need lying around your shop.

Best of all, it's accurate and can accommodate a wide variety of workpiece sizes. It also works great for ripping a straight edge on rough lumber.



The base of the jig is a piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood with three long slots used to attach an adjustable fence. Each slot is recessed on the bottom so the head of a carriage bolt sits out of the way (see detail 'a').

An adjustable $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood fence sits on top of the base. It has slots to match the slots in the base for adjusting the angle of the taper. And four holes in the fence accept $\frac{1}{4}$ " carriage bolts for the hold-downs.

I made the four hold-downs from 1"-thick hardwood (see detail 'b'). A slot at the top allows you to quickly position and then tighten them down with a wing nut.

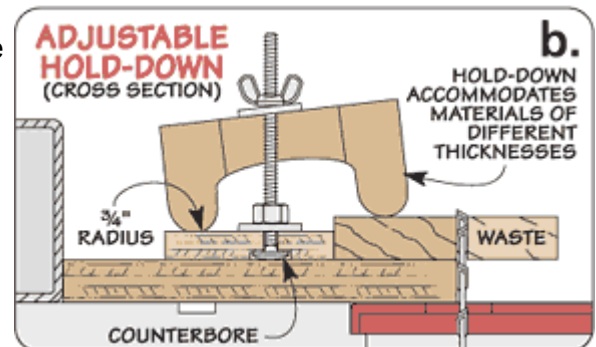
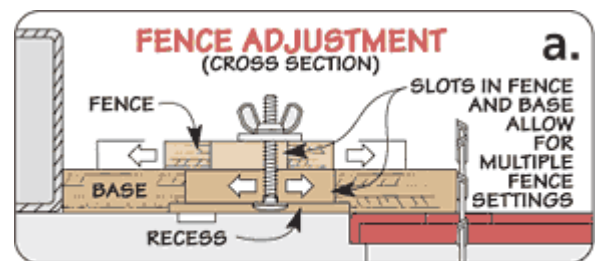
To use the taper jig, adjust the fence to the desired taper and lock it in place. Then swing the hold-downs over the workpiece and tighten the wing nuts. Finally, set the rip fence of the table saw so the blade lines up with the edge of the jig. Then simply push the sled along the fence. That's all it takes to cut perfect tapers every time.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber

Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

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



We're Having a Party... ...And You're Invited!

Each holiday season Gail Madden invites representatives from three local organizations to accept our donations of toys and other items. *No one is required to bring a donation* but we do hope all members will attend the festivities and share the fun. The December meeting, like every meeting, is for all members. This is a party so many also bring a guest but no one is excluded.

It is a Pot Luck, non-formal but a fun, tasty nibble feast of just about anything that you can stick on a toothpick or perch on a plate! Bring a dish to pass and eat up!!! Coffee, punch, plates, napkins and utensils are furnished by FVWWC, along with meat, cheese & veggie trays. May not be haute cuisine but, if you go home hungry, it will be no one's fault but yours! No time to cook? Do Deli, Drive-thru or such but show up - even if *empty handed!*

Speaking of empty handed, that excuse won't work for toys either. Folks who make the toys do so because they like doing it and donating them is just a really neat outlet for their talent. Think of it as an excuse for folks to "play" with toys all year long with no one asking "why?". How cool is that? Most items produced are fairly simple designs. Toy cars or doll beds do not have to be elaborate to make a child's holiday.

Operation Christmas, Bolingbrook & Romeoville, **Batavia Access**, Batavia and Carol Stream's **Humanitarian Service Project** representatives will be there to collect our donations. These organizations also appreciate paper products & canned goods.

We hope everyone will attend our Christmas Party and share the fun, food and the company... *...It just won't be the same without you!*

-- LGC

Membership Drive 2009



Renewals for 2009 start in September and must be submitted no later than 01/15/2009 to insure you don't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer!

See **Larry Maher**, our Membership Chairman, to renew or mail your check/MO for \$30.00 to:

FVWWC

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Batavia, IL 60510-1041

NOTE: Membership/Renewal form available on club website:

www.fvwwc.org

Coming in September...

...Another Special Raffle!

We will start selling tickets for our next Special Raffle at the September meeting for a **Tormek T-7 Sharpening System!**



A number of attendees to the workshop in July requested the Tormek as our choice for top prize in our next Special Raffle.

Remember, you do not have to be present to win so get your tickets early to avoid being left out! They are \$5 ea or 5 for \$20 and the sooner we reach our goal, the sooner some lucky member will take home a new "toy"!!!

Show & Tell

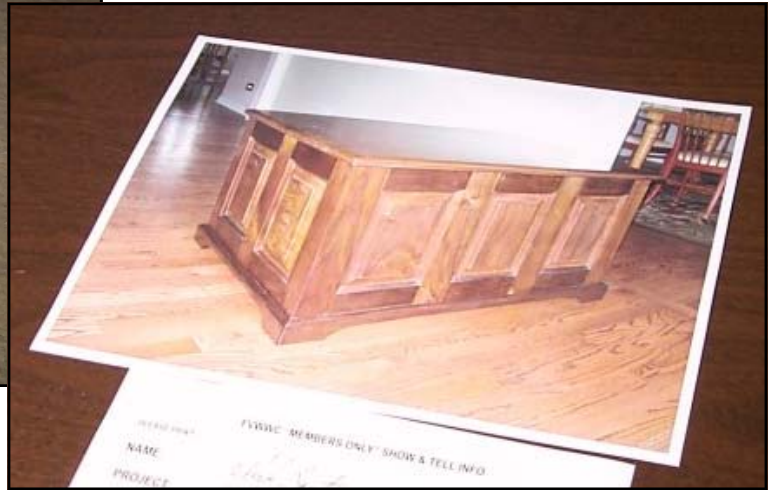
August 2008

August's display was, again, smaller than usual but interesting as always.

Participating Member were:

- **Rich Rossio: Segmented Turned Vase** of 20 various Exotics with a Deft finish.
- **Nick Rentas: Blanket Chest** made of Walnut finished in General Finish & Arm-R-Seal.
- **Fred Rizza: Walking Stick** made of Ipe with Oil Stain & Deft finish.

See you all again next month!



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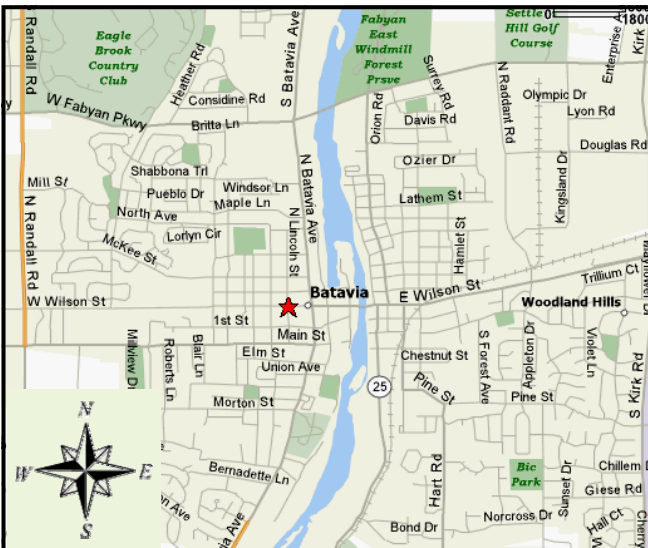
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1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

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Visitors Always Welcome!

FVWWC Agenda

Tuesday, Sep. 2nd, 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

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