

Newsletter

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Meeting Review: June 2009



Tom Sharp, president, welcomed all our members and guests to the meeting.

Our speakers in July were **Bill Gullberg**, of the **Windsor Chairmaking Academy** in Kirkwood, IL and his wife.

Our friend **Dave Smith**, from Hardwood Connection in Sycamore, will be our guest speaker. He will show us how to design and construct a chess board.

Hope to see all of you there!



In August we will welcome our old friend from Hardwood Connection in Sycamore, IL

Dave Smith.

He will show us how to design and construct chess boards.



What a great idea for yourself or holiday gifts!!!



07/24/2009

FVWWC Members,

At some of our past meetings I have mentioned that a group of us were working on revising our constitution and its by-laws. Attached you will find a copy of this revision. This revision was developed by a small group through a number of long nights discussing how the organization is run and how it should be conducted in the future. The outcome was to meld some of what the constitution presently says, how we actually conduct business, and the manner in which it should be conducted in the future. In the end, those that toiled through the revision are very pleased with the results.

Please review the new constitution and its by-laws. During the announcement time of the upcoming August meeting, I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding it. At the conclusion of those questions we will vote to replace the old constitution with the new one.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Matt Gaunt, Mike Madden, and Ron Gilkerson, for the hours they put in on this project and their input. I would especially like to thank Jeff Sandkam for his input and for diligently writing up the changes voiced throughout all the meetings and for incorporating them into our new draft. Without the wisdom, time involved, and care these gentlemen provided during the process of developing this revision, it never would have come to fruition.

Regards,
Tom Sharp
President, FVWWC

FVWWC Events Calendar

Aug 4th Tue6:00 p.m....FVWWC Shopsmith SIG Meets

Aug 4th Tue6:30 p.m....FVWWC Hand Tool SIG Meets:
Riving Demo: Riving is the splitting of logs along the natural fracture lines instead of ripping with a saw blade.

Aug 4th Tue7:30 p.m....FVWWC General Meeting: *TBA*

Aug 14-16 *Details on pg 6*....WIA Conference: St. Charles, IL

Aug 20-23 1st INDIANA WOODCARVERS SUMMER CAMP - Bremen, Indiana

Sep 1st..... Tue7:30 p.m....FVWWC General Meeting: Glenn Doering, DeWalt/Porter Cable/Delta

Sep 27th .. Sun9:00 a.m....Valley Carvers Expo
 Woodcarving Show - Starved Rock State Park Lodge, Utica, IL

Sep 28th .. Tue DailyGOW 2009 - Sandwich Fair Grds
<http://www.camperjohn.com/GOW/GOW09/index.html>

Oct 6th Tue7:30 p.m....FVWWC General Meeting:
 FVWWC Member Doug Olson & Friends doing Virtual Tours.

Nov 3rd Tue7:30 p.m....FVWWC General Meeting: *TBA*

Dec 1st Tue7:30 p.m....FVWWC General Meeting:
 Christmas Party/Toy Drive

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FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

July's Regular Monthly Drawing Winners:

\$50 Am/Ex Gift Cheque Rich Lentz
Stanley S2XL Laser Square ... Jim Simnick
Super Grip Gloves..... Dick Reeves
 **Art Diedrichsen**

In August we will have the Regular Raffle plus a Special Raffle for a **\$375 Full Conference pass for the upcoming WIA event!!!** See page 5 for details!

Remember, the more tickets we sell, the more items we give away so be sure to get your tickets to be part of the action!!!

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

Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman

FVWWC's Shopsmith SIG

Next Meeting: Aug 4th, 2009

The **Shopsmith Special Interest Group (SIG)** meets from **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** each month, just prior to the **FVWWC General meeting** in the **Adult Lounge**, upstairs off the **Bethany Lutheran Church** vestibule. An elevator is also available.

Share your Shopsmith experience with us and find out what the rest of us have been up to with our machines!

Come join us for some wide-ranging discussions on everything Shopsmith.

Dave Dockstader
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FVWWC's Hand Tool SIG

Next Meeting: Aug 4th, 2009

The **Hand Tool SIG** meets at **6:30**, before the regular meeting 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 guests are invited to stop by and join our group.

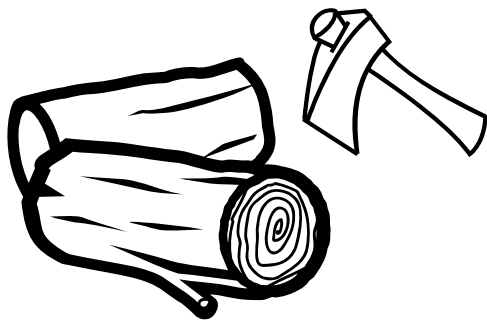
Hope to see you in there!

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August 4th Riving Demo at the Hand Tool SIG

The Mikes, Brady & Bridges, invite everyone to attend the Riving Demo during the August 4th Hand Tool SIG meeting.

Riving is the splitting of logs along the natural fracture lines instead of ripping with a saw blade. The bulk riving tools are mauls, wedges, wooden gluts, the ax and splitting hatchet.

There are a lot of reasons to consider riving and many great articles online on the subject, including this one:

<http://www.greenwoodworking.com/Home/RivingArticle>

Just A Word of Thanks...

...to the FVWWC members who helped get ready for the **DuPage Woodworkers Annual Auction** on the 25th and to all who attended the sale and helped make it the success it was!

We had a good sized crowd and, from all reports, there was a good time had by all.

Thanks also to the DuPage club for inviting us to take part in this event...And to Rich Rossio for his excellence as our auctioneer.



Woodsmith Tips

Weekly tips from the editors of *Woodsmith* and *ShopNotes*

A File For Tight Corners

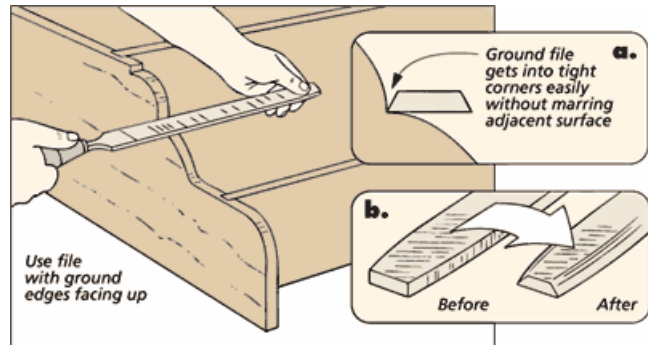
When smoothing curved profiles, I like to use a fine-cutting file to get into the inside corners that my sanding drum can't reach. But the thick square edges of the file can get in the way and sometimes even damage the workpiece. So rather than abandon this method, I simply modified the tool to fit the job.

As you can see in the drawings at right, I ground a bevel on both edges of the file to give me more clearance in tight corners. You can make this modification with just a few minutes work at the bench grinder. But you want to be careful to not let the file get so hot that it loses its temper. Keep a container of water close by to quench it and this won't be a problem.

Good woodworking,

Ted Raife

Editor, *Woodsmith*



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2009 Kane County 4-H Judging

Every year the Kane County 4-H holds a number of competitions for the youths in at the Kane County Fair. These include the traditional livestock, agriculture, cooking, sewing events and a fantastic woodworking competition.

For the last few years FVWWC has sent volunteers to judge the contest. This year **Ron Gilkerson, Alan DeRoss, Howard Van Valzah & Dave Burk** stepped up to do the honors and enjoyed meeting the youths and seeing their creations.

If you would like to be considered for next year, feel free to contact **Doris Braddock**, 4-H Community Worker, dbraddoc@illinois.edu or call her at **630-584-6166** and ask her to put you on her list for 2010.



Attention Carvers...

...Patrick Flynn, Sales Rep for Great Lakes Basswood, division of G&G Lumber Inc. of Florence, WI, has **Basswood, Diamond Willow, Cedar poles, Butternut** available!

You can contact him for pricing and availability at: 906-779-5402 till the 18th, on his cell phone: 906-282-4158 or email him anytime at greatlakesbasswood@charter.net or look him up at the 1st Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp on August 20-23 in Bremen, Indiana.

www.counciloakwoodcarvers.com

P.S. He sent us some of his Basswood for Silent Auction!!!



Last Chance Special Raffle for FVWWC Members ONLY

The marketing department of for the **WIA conference** in August have awarded us **1 (one) Full Conference pass valued at \$375!**

The tickets will be our usual \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and we will also be pulling for a number of smaller prizes too!!!

Don't want to take chances? The WIA folks have also issued the following discount for FVWWC Members - go to www.woodworkinginamerica.com to register with these codes:

Full Conference	\$325pp	save \$50	Code: 809FV
Friday Only	\$150pp	save \$25	Code: 809FVFr
Saturday only:	\$150pp	save \$25	Code: 809FVSa
Sunday only:	\$ 75pp	save \$15	Code: 809FVSu

Charlie

August 14-16, 2009
Pheasant Run Resort • St. Charles, IL

WOODWORKING
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Furniture Construction and Design Conference 2009

Woodworking in America Events provide in-depth explorations of subjects important to woodworkers and are brought to you by two of the most trusted names in woodworking information—**Popular Woodworking** and **Woodworking Magazine**. Presented by leading experts in the fields of woodworking, tools and furniture, our Conference sessions are useful and informative (and also a ton of fun!) for woodworkers of all skill levels and interests. In addition, our Marketplace area lets you try out the newest woodworking tools, talk to their makers and find the right equipment for your workshop.

Furniture Construction and Design

Expand your knowledge and understanding about the most important American furniture styles—18th Century, Shaker, Arts & Crafts and more—and build the joinery skills you need for each style. You'll also get hands-on training with Google SketchUp, a popular FREE drafting program, to give your design skills a huge leap forward. Join our world-class line-up of speakers and become a better designer and builder in just three days.



About the Conference

This is your exclusive chance to receive face-to-face instruction from some of the best woodworkers in the nation.

Expert Speakers

Join acclaimed furniture maker **Thomas Moser** for a keynote speech about the art and technique of his exceptional creations.

Top Toolmakers

Test drive some of the world's best tools at the event **Marketplace**, where top toolmakers will be on hand to discuss and share their wares.

Registrations now being accepted at:
www.woodworkinginamerica.com

Please Note: Registration is via online only for this event!

21st ANNUAL VALLEY CARVERS EXPO WOODCARVING SHOW



**Sunday, September 27th, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
STARVED ROCK
STATE PARK LODGE**

(Interstate 80 to Rt. 178, Utica exit, then 4 miles South)

- FREE ADMISSION -

**Raffles of woodcarvings by local
artists & more!!!**

For more information contact:

Bob or Karen Wills
(815) 634-3086
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(815) 339-2163

Council Oak Woodcarvers Club

invites you to attend the:
**1st INDIANA WOODCARVERS
SUMMER CAMP
AUGUST 20 - 23, 2009
BREMEN, INDIANA**

<http://www.counciloakwoodcarvers.com>



Intarsia Workshop with Bob & Karen Wills Saturday, October 24th, 2009 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bosch Training Center
901 S. Rohlwing Rd, Unit C in Addison, IL
(Maps will be provided)

Cost is only \$35 for whole day!

**Class size is limited to 12 members and, as
always, it is "First Come - First Served"!**

If you are planning to attend, please, let me know a.s.a.p. and I will make a note of your intentions. **As of now there are only 5 (five) seats available for the 24th!!!** Don't want to be left out? Contact me and arrange to mail your \$35 fee directly to me to insure your place in class.

Attendees will be expected to bring their own Scroll Saw, Oscillating Spindle Sander and 100 grit sanding sleeves....Cost of Wood, provided by FVWWC, is included in the workshop fee. We will break for lunch and take orders for **Jimmy Johns**, or you can bring a sack lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: *There are a few scroll saws available for use but you must reserve one with me in advance as the number is limited! One member has also offered to lend his Oscillating Spindle Sander but that, too, must be reserved in advance!*

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from one of the best so do not hesitate to enroll!!!

**Contact Linda with questions or to get
on the list for workshop at (630) 551-7653
or woodworkers@fvwwc.org today!**

Class Project: Rosebud



Show & Tell

July 2009

Matt Gauntt, MC

The July Show & Tell participants were:

- **Dave Dockstader: Snowflake Trivet** Name of Walnut and Aspen with BLOT-V (Boiled Linseed Oil, Turpentine & Varnish) finish.
- **Howard Van Valzah: Steps** made from unfinished 6x6 timbers & Iko wood railing.
- **Dick Reeves: Shadow Box** made of Quartersawn Cherry with Poplar frame finished in oil and painted.
- **Joe Popp: Folding Basket** made of Oak with Tung Oil finish.
- **John Winton: Duck Calls** made of Maple, Aspen, Apple, Cherry, Ebony, Etc. with friction polish finishes.
- **John Gesiakowski: Pens**, one of Cherry Burl & one of Padauk Euro with Myland finish and Carnauba wax.
- **Jeff Smith: Plaques & Sign** of Cedar, Ebony and one of Walnut with stain and lacquer finishes using both machines and hand carving.
- **Dave Burk: Turned Bowl** of Walnut, Cherry & Maple and a **Pen** turned from (?)Seasum, both with Poly finishes.
- **Jerry Jobe: Vanity Set** made of Oak with GF brown mahogany and poly finish.
- **Dick MacFeely & the Batavia Carvers, including our own Fred Rizza and Bud Light: Friendship Cane** made by 14 carvers of Basswood & Butternut and painted, stained and poly coated. Made as community sale item with proceeds going to the Salvation Army.

...Hope to see your creations next month!





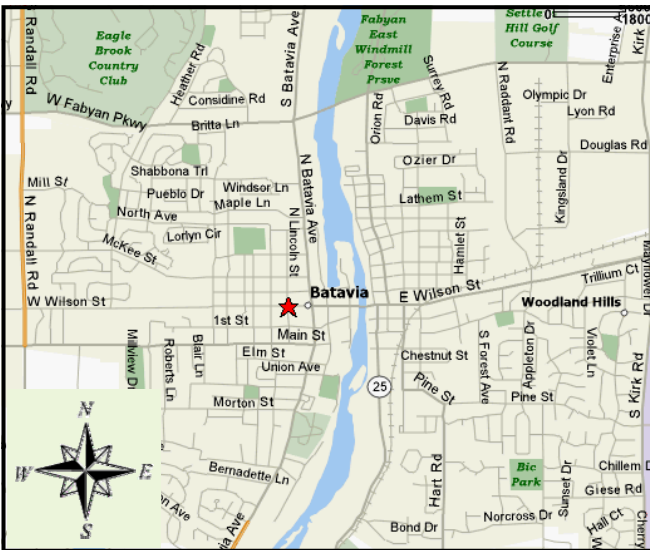
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Fox Valley Woodworkers Club

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!

FVWWC Agenda

Tuesday, Aug 4th, 2009

6:00 p.m.: Shopsmith SIG

Upstairs in the Adult Lounge

6:30 p.m.: Hand Tool SIG

Lower Conference Room



Aug 4th Presentation:

Dave Smith,

from Hardwood Connection

in Sycamore, IL



Presenting:

Chess Board Design