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Wabash Valley Woodworkers Club, Inc.

WVWW Website: www.wvww.net

Club meetings are held the third Saturday of the month, September through May. Visitors are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Lafayette Christian School, 525 North 26th St., Lafayette IN. 47904.

Note: Entry is from the Brown Street entrance,

Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 18	Membership meeting, 9:00 - Noon	Restoration Sawmill and Hardwoods
June 8	Mosey Down Main, 5:00 - 9:00	Main St., Lafayette
June 11	Steering Committee Meeting	Ask SC member for time and location
August 10	Mosey Down Main, 5:00 - 9:00	Main St., Lafayette
August 18	Summer picnic	3801 S. River Rd., West Lafayette, Ind.
September 10	Steering Committee Meeting	Ask SC member for time and location
September 21	Membership meeting	Lafayette Christian School
October 5 & 6	Feast Of The Hunter's Moon	Fort Ouiatenon
October 8	Steering Committee Meeting	Ask SC member for time and location
October 19	Membership meeting	Lafayette Christian School
November 16	Membership meeting TBD	Lafayette Christian School
December 14	Membership meeting - Youth build	Lafayette Christian School

May Membership Meeting

The May 18 membership meeting will be held at Restoration Sawmill and Nursery in Americus. The address is 9637 East 800 N, Lafayette, IN 47905. They can be reached via old SR 25.

We will do quick announcements and have the club elections at the meeting beginning.

The meeting will be a walking tour around their various areas (Sawmill, air drying, kiln, milling, wood shop, firewood...). We will then reconvene for a question and answer session.

Restoration Sawmill sells kiln dried hardwoods. They also have a full range of milling drying, and woodshop capabilities. They can mill and dry your own lumber for you or turn that lumber into finished products. You can give them a log and receive a table back. Check out their website (<https://www.restorationlafayette.org/sawmill/>) for their current hardwood inventory.

The coffee service will be available. There will be **NO** show and tell or auction.

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars now. The WVWW annual picnic will be held on August 18. Rick Miller will again host the picnic at his home. Friends and family members are welcome. Please bring your favorite covered dish or desert. The club will provide hamburgers, brats, buns, condiments, plates, utensils, napkins, tea and water. Bring your own beverage if you prefer something other than tea or water. Details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Website Help Needed

We need someone to help with the WVWW web site. This does not need to be a club member. Once the web site is set up the anticipated workload would be about one hour per month. If you know anyone that has expertise setting up and maintaining a web site please contact Ed Schools at wabashwoodworkers@gmail.com or turndoozie@gmail.com.

Note from the President

As we approach our final club meeting for the year, we will be wrapping things up at Restoration Sawmill & Nursery in Americus. This is an amazing place with an amazing mission, “changing lives through meaningful work”. Oh sure, when you go you will discover a wonderful facility filled with all kinds of services to saw, mill, dry, and even buy lumber, but it’s so much more than that. At its heart it is a place where men who have gone through addiction and incarceration can come to get a new lease on life. They learn a trade, provide a service, and are introduced to Christ in the process. The sawmill has an amazing story and is more successful in helping men rehabilitate than most programs. It got me thinking. The sawmill uses woodworking to create a positive impact in the lives of others. Sometimes it’s the simple things, the giftings we have such as woodworking that gives us opportunities to bless others. All of us have something to offer. Perhaps it’s a little wisdom. Maybe it’s some knowledge. It could be a special skill. I would ask you to consider how woodworking could be an avenue for you to pour these things into others and hopefully make their lives a little better. In my time at WVWW I have had the pleasure of meeting everyone and I am amazed at the talents you guys have. We are truly blessed and gifted in our hobby and at our club. So I invite you to come to Restoration Sawmill and to check out what they do there, but even more so I would invite you to consider how you can give back to the community and the people in your lives through woodworking. Thank you!

Earnestly,

Brad Stroetz, Club President

Mosey Down Main Street

This year we again plan to participate in the ‘Mosey Down Main Street’ events in downtown Lafayette. The dates are Saturday, June 8 and Saturday, August 10 from 5:30 to 9:30 in the evening. We will split the event into two - 2 hour shifts. Set up starts at 5:30 and the second shift starts at 7:30. Working the booth involves handing out newsletters or club contact cards, answering questions about the club and signing interested guests to receive the newsletter.....and then selling items that have been donated.

To supplement the clubs operating budget, we plan to offer club member’s donated items for sale at the event. We are asking the membership to please consider donating some of your custom created items to be sold as a fund raiser for the club. Appropriate items may include turned items, boxes, puzzles, pens, scroll work, toys etc. No large or heavy items please. What is not sold in June will be sold in August. Unsold items may be returned at one of the Fall meetings or can be used at future Moseys.

To donate your items, please bring them to the May Club meeting on May 18th or contact one of the below members to arrange for a pickup at your convenience.

Joe Newlin 765-491-4071 emilyjoe6202@gmail.com

David Dunlap 559-304-4223 davidedunlap@yahoo.com

Bruce Borrer 765-430-9760 bborrer19@gmail.com

It would be helpful if you could indicate a suggested selling price for your donations.



Pro Presenter

This year's pro presenter was Erik Curtis (<http://encurtis.com/>). Erik Curtis is a well-regarded woodworker and an entertaining YouTube content provider (YouTube channel ENCuris). The morning portion of the presentation focused on design and the elements of design. In the afternoon session Erik gave a hand tool demonstration while building a box.



2024 – 2025 STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Our May Meeting will be the Club’s Annual Meeting which includes the election of next year’s Steering Committee representatives. Below you will find the recommendations for next year’s committee. You will be voting for your selections at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to have nominations from the floor as well.

_____ I VOTE YES FOR THE ENTIRE SLATE BELOW

		YES	NO
President	David Dunlap	_____	_____
Vice President	Nelson Howell	_____	_____
Past President	Brad Stroetz	_____	_____
Secretary	Dave Gretencord	_____	_____
Treasurer	Lane Kirby	_____	_____
Communicator	Ed Schools	_____	_____
At Large	Dan Bollock	_____	_____
At Large	Bruce Borrer	_____	_____
At Large	Sean Sasser	_____	_____

WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS:

NAME _____	OFFICE _____
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WABASH VALLEY WOODWORKING STEERING COMMITTEE

2023-2024

The following are the WVWW Steering Committee members. If you have suggestions or information, please contact one of the Committee members.

The Steering Committee normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Members are welcome. Contact a Steering Committee member for the meeting location.

Bruce Borrer	765-430-9760	bborrer19@gmail.com	At large, past president
Lane Kirby	765-543-4001	lkirby@tdsdrive.com	Treasurer, door prizes, auction
David Dunlap	559-304-4223	davidedunlap@yahoo.com	Vice president
Randy Milliken	765-476-6759	randy@milliken.org	At large, audio/AV
Joe Newlin	765-491-4071	emilyjoe6202@gmail.com	At large
Ed Schools	517-896-0878	turndoozie@gmail.com	Newsletter editor, Communications
Dan Bollock	765-479-2006	blueforthesky@aol.com	At large
Brad Stroetz	574-808-0007	brad@stroetz.com	President
Dave Gretencord	260-403-4745	dustywood@comcast.net	Secretary

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Wabash Valley Woodworkers' Club Membership Application –
Dues for new members, \$40.00.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Street: _____ Check #: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone #: (____) _____ Significant Other's Name: _____
E-mail address: _____
Specific areas of interest _____
Specific areas of knowledge _____