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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

March 15	Membership meeting	Laser engraving, 35th Anniversary Celebration
April 8	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:30	Contact a Committee member
April 19	Membership meeting	Grading lumber; Radio Gaza
May 6	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:30	Contact a Committee member
May 17	Membership meeting	Intarsia; Al Crispo.

March Membership Meeting

The March meeting will include a celebration of the WVWW's 35th anniversary. Come join us for the celebration and the opportunity to talk with some founding and long time members.

The meeting will start with a presentation from Will Ellis about laser engraving. We will also have the regular Show and Tell as well as an auction. Bring something for either or both.



Online woodworking resources

There's a wealth of easily accessible woodworking information floating around the internet. Some good, some not so good. Instead of writing new newsletter articles, it seems more practical to point members to information already available. Every newsletter issue I hope to highlight some interesting information sources. These sources will cover the gamut of information formats such as videos, blogs, podcasts, etc....

Again, there is no shortage of online woodworking information. Especially videos. Do a YouTube search for "cutting boards" and you will find enough videos to keep you staring at the screen for days. Not to criticize videos. They have their place and I am a regular video viewer.

Sometimes, however, it's nice just to read a quick article. Without annoying background music, woodworkers attempting comedy, or advertisements popping up. Following are a couple sites that have short woodworking articles without having to sign-up or subscribe to anything.

Fundamentals of woodworking

A nice website with a lot of free articles and information. The site is useful to both the novice and the experienced woodworker. It is nicely laid out and easy to use, with no annoying ads and pop-ups.

<https://www.fundamentalsofwoodworking.com>

Woodbin

Woodbin started as a woodworking software reference site but it "has morphed into more of a project-based informational woodworking site". The site is easy to navigate and has a nice range of woodworking articles. It does have some ads but they are not too intrusive.

<https://woodbin.com/>

President's Message - March 2025

Good day fellow woodworkers. Another year is wrapping up for the club so that brings up the approaching May Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where we elect members to next year's Steering Committee. Your current committee is required to submit a proposed slate of officers to you at least one month prior to the May meeting. The following is that proposed slate:

- David Dunlap - President
- Nelson Howell - Vice President
- Dave Gretencord - Secretary
- Lane Kirby - Treasurer
- Ed Schools - Communicator
- Brad Stroetz - Past President
- Dan Bollock - At Large
- Will Ellis - At Large
- Sean Sasser - At Large

Now – it is important that you understand that everyone else is encouraged to throw your hat in the ring if you are interested in filling one of the above positions. Just let me know if you wish to add your name and what position you are interested in, and you will be added to the official written ballot that will be used at the May meeting. There will also be an area for write-in names on that ballot.

You may recall that earlier in the year we asked all of you to consider becoming more involved in your club in some way. That request/plea still stands. There are a ton of ways in which that could happen. If the Steering Committee looks like too big of a commitment, there are many other areas where we could use some help. Just let me hear from you and we will discuss opportunities that interest you. We would happily work with you to design a whole new initiative of your choosing if that sounds interesting.

We have some exciting plans for the coming year and will be rolling those out soon. We look forward to seeing you at the March 15 meeting where Will Ellis will be the presenter with a discussion on laser engraving followed by a fun session celebrating our club's 35th anniversary. Please consider bringing a show and tell item and something for the normal auction at the end of the meeting.

Happy woodworking and be safe out there in the shop.

David Dunlap

January Membership Meeting

At the January membership meeting Jerry Marshall demonstrated chisel sharpening. The demonstration included different techniques and equipment. He also secured a club member discount on sharpening equipment from Tay Tools.

The meeting also included a large auction of equipment secured as a donation by Dave Gretencord and donations from club members. The auction netted \$688 for the club. Thanks go out to Dave Gretencord and all members that donated auction items.



Request for Mentor Help

We have received the following request to assist two young men with 4H woodworking projects. David will discuss this at the upcoming membership meeting. If you wish to commit to helping before the meeting just send us a message to the club email (wabashwoodworkers@gmail.com).

Hello! My name is Gretchen and I have 2 sons who are currently in woodworking projects for the White County Fair. My oldest (17 years old) has been doing the woodworking project for 8 years and my 11 year old has done it for 2 years. Over the years my oldest has had several different people help him with the project. Unfortunately, it has not been consistent thus he does not feel confident in doing it by himself yet. The past 2 years we had someone who started out to be a great role model and helper for them both but in the end he was not able to provide the time needed and projects were rushed. We were directed to your club in hopes that maybe someone or several someones would be willing to help a couple of 4H boys complete woodworking projects this year. The oldest made a desk last year with walnut and maple. He would like to make a dresser this year to match his desk. We have connections to get the wood cheaper than the outrageous price I paid last summer. My 11 year old would like to make a hanging sign that spells LOVE going down and holds picture frames for his grandma. There are some guidelines for each division such as tools that need to be used but overall kids are allowed to build whatever they want. No more comparing apples to apples:(

If you know of anyone that could help us complete these projects or anyone else we can reach out to please feel free to respond to this email or give me a call at 765-491-5157.

Thank you so much for your time,
Gretchen Innocent

How to Find WVWW

Website: www.wvww.net

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561156483288>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/_wvww_2024/

YouTube: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561156483288>

Email: wabashwoodworkers@gmail.com

WABASH VALLEY WOODWORKING STEERING COMMITTEE, 2024 - 2025

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

Please note: Steering Committee member contact information can be found in the members only section of the WVWW website (www.wvww.net).

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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.

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Nelson Howell	Vice President
Dave Gretencord	Secretary
Lane Kirby	Treasurer, door prizes, auction
Ed Schools	Newsletter editor, Communications
Brad Stroetz	Past President
Dan Bollock	At large
Bruce Borrer	At large
Sean Sasser	At large

To apply for membership, please visit our website at WVWW.NET
Dues for new members, \$40.00.