

Ed Schools profile

I got my love of woodworking from my 8th grade woodshop class in 1968. I can't say I was very good at it. I tried to make a chessboard from maple and walnut using only hand tools. The only power tool we could use was a 90 pound belt sander that weighed just about what I did. The first time I turned it on and made contact with my chessboard the sander cut a large groove in the chessboard as it flew out of my hands and across the shop. That disaster notwithstanding, my 8th grade class sparked a long time interest in woodworking. Unfortunately it was another fifty or so years before I had the space and time to seriously pursue it.

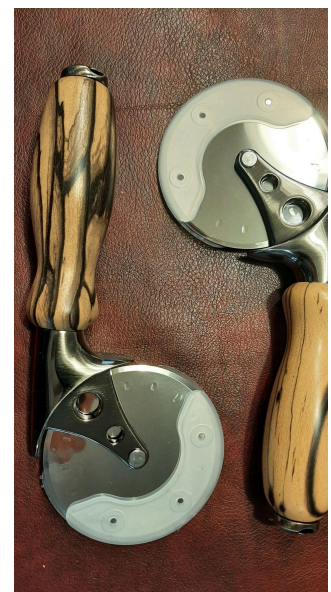


My wife Lise and I moved to West Lafayette in late 2019. I wanted to meet other woodworkers to expand my knowledge and skills. My sister-in-law knew Dan Bollock who in turn steered me to WVWW. Since joining WVWW I have taken on producing the newsletter and serving on the steering committee. WVWW is a deep well of knowledge. My WVWW involvement has seriously upped my woodworking knowledge and skills. Seeing what other woodworkers produce is invigorating.



My shop is a 12' X 24' shed with its own breaker box behind our house. The shed is one of the main reasons my wife wanted this house. It got my dust out of the garage and I no longer blow the circuit breaker her computer is on.

I enjoy most aspects of woodworking, mostly making things for family and friends. I have become their go-to person for cutting and charcuterie boards. While the boards are relatively simple to make, I always try to do something challenging with each one.



My furniture making has been limited to a few benches and a stand for my wife's hammered dulcimer. Two benches were converted church pews that presented some interesting challenges. The pews had

nothing flat or square to give one a reference point. I have recently taken up woodturning and took a great week-long turning course at the Marc Adams School.

