



# NIAGARA WOODWORKING CLUB

## Newsletter

June 24, 2024

### COMING EVENTS

#### June 27th Meeting:

Membership Appreciation Dinner -and- Annual Swap-Trade-&-Sell event. Dinner is free for paid-up members. Guest fee is \$20.00.

#### No Meetings in June & July

#### Meeting Dates for 2024-25

- September 26th
- October 24th (not 31st - Hallowe'en)
- November 28th
- December - no meeting.

- January 20, 2025
- February 27, 2025
- March 27, 2025
- April 24, 2025
- May 29, 2025
- June 26, 2025

#### No meetings in July & August.

#### - Every Meeting -

- **Show-and-Share** Members bring current projects. Each time you bring an item to share you earn a ticket for the end of year draw.
- **Twoonie-Draw** for lucky member each meeting.



Nineteen members attended the May 2024 meeting to share their projects made under the rules of the annual 2 x 4 Challenge.

Each project was made from all or part of a construction grade 2x4 with a maximum length of 8 feet. Fourteen projects were entered.

The creativity and skills of our members are varied and the array of projects was amazing to see. Such talent and woodworking skills! The results are simply terrific. Judging was carried out by a secret weighted ballot where each member voted for their personal choice of projects for three awards:

- Winner - \$50 Home Depot Gift Card - Virgil Parvu (Tanbur musical instrument);
- Runner-up - \$10 Tim Hortons Card – Tim Sutton (wall hanging fixture with garden plant pot holders);
- Honourable Mention to Alan Rundle (wooden box and scroll saw figures done on a treadle scroll saw).



**Our Club is a community of shared knowledge and skills. Let us know if you have an idea for a meeting or an event.**

### Niagara Woodworking Club

Meetings at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May, and June at the North Pelham Community Hall, 1710 Maple Ave., Fenwick, ON.



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Virgil Parvu crafted this Tanbur, a musical instrument that is found in Turkey and Azerbaijan through to Afghanistan. The hollow music box has lovely tonal resonance and the fit and finish are superb. All of this from a single 2x4! Virgil's project was the 2x4 Challenge winner.

Wayne Smith, Treasurer presented Prizes to the winners.



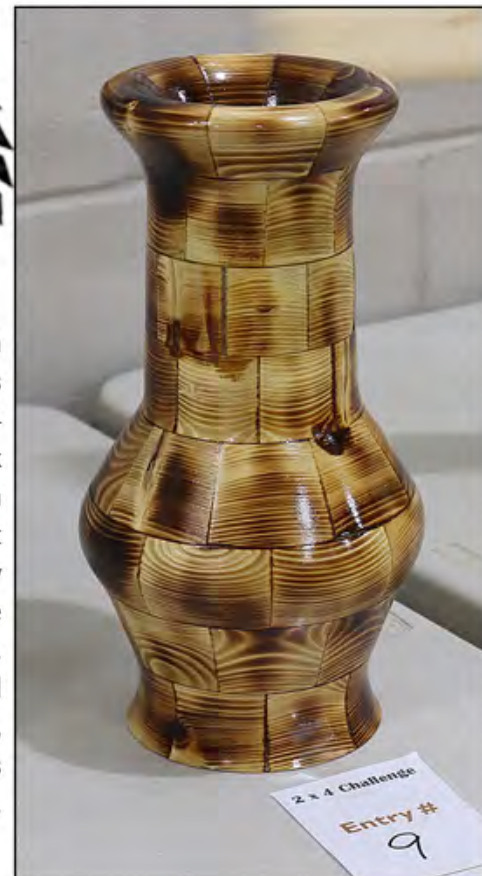
Tim Sutton's Wall Plant Stand and decorative Screen took Honourable Mention. The interior lattice work is done in Japanese Kumiko-style woodwork.



Alan Rundle created a box by cutting narrow strips for the frame. Remaining wood was used for ten different creations made with an 1890s treadle (foot) powered scroll saw. The figures are cut in 3-D using the compound cut technique



Dave Smith used small blocks cut from his 2x4 to make the block for turning a stunning vase that highlights the many pieces in the turning blank. A torch was used to bring out grain. Finally, a gloss finish was applied.

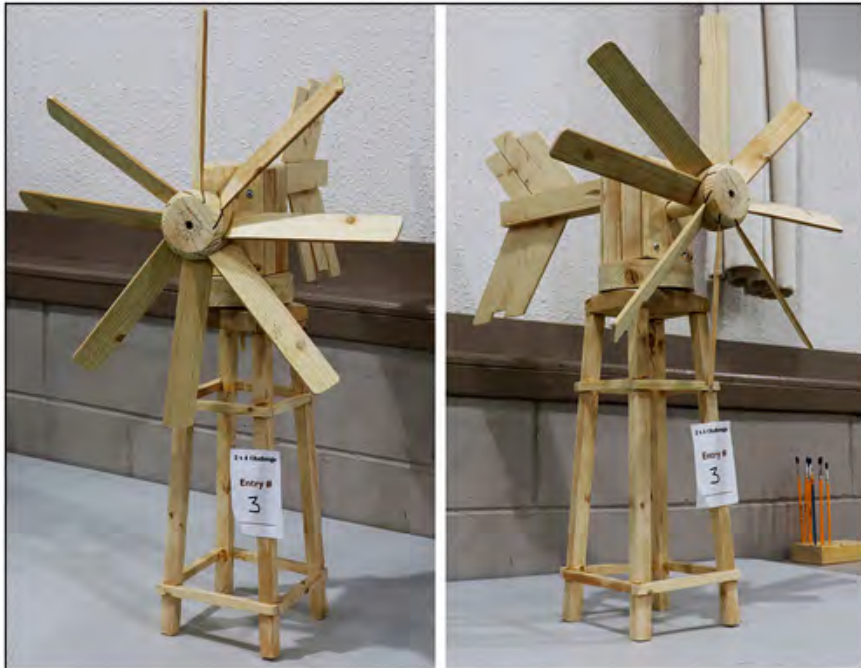




Bogdan Topielski created an octagonal box with precisely fitted corners. The top is free form art shapes all created with a hot pipe.



Howard Prout's entry is a nicely constructed utility box with lid and clasp. Howard used box joint corners for sturdy side connections.



Jim Deuxberry incorporated some engineering into his 2x4 project. His windmill blades turn and the head pivots into the wind on a swivel mount with a bearing raceway. Incredibly, the bearings are also made from the 2x4.!



Jim Pozzobon created an elegant piece of furniture with gracefully curved legs. The round seat and shelf add strength and beauty.



Bob White created a key rack using all hand tools including a coping saw.



Rob Stevens, a paddle making expert, crafted a long, narrow Greenland Kayak paddle from an 8' 2x4.



Joanne Rundle's entry, her first woodworking project, was created with a Dremel tool kit.



Jeff Heatherington took on the challenge of creating a broad, edge-banded base as the essential component of his mobile, steering wheel desk. He plans to add features and will keep us updated on his progress.



Joe Sebastianelli entered two projects. On the left a lovely turned candle holder. On the right a turned vase and small pedestals for wooden shaving flowers. Great creativity.

## June 27, 2024 - Final Meeting

Our final meeting of the 2023-24 year will be held at the North Pelham Hall starting at 6:15 p.m. This is a dinner meeting (free for all paid-up members). Guest fee is \$20. Registration closed for this event on June 15th.

This is also our **Tool Sale/Swap** event. Tables will be set up to show your items. Please bring your own signs/price labels. Some cash in the wallet will help you take home a treasured new-to-you tool.

**Awards** will be presented to the three members who topped the voting in the challenge events of the year: Toy Challenge; Bird House/Feeder Challenge; and 2x4 Challenge.

We will also gather club input and ideas for the coming year.



### ***Growing and Improving Our Club! YOU can help.***

***We need your thoughts, suggestions and input to ensure that the Niagara Woodworking Club meets the needs and interests of our members. We also need to grow the club and develop additional community outreach.***

The June end-of-year meeting is always a special one. We will have a great meal, chance to socialize, and opportunity to buy/sell/swap some tools at the barter tables (or out of your trunk if it is too cumbersome to carry in).

This is also the meeting where we gather input from members to plan for the coming year. It is your chance to put forth your thoughts and ideas about programs for the year and how to improve the Club itself.

A general discussion will be held to: • review this past year, • suggest program topics and challenges for the coming year, • recommend presenters for specific topics. • improve involvement in the club by members, • and suggest how we can continue to grow.