



NIAGARA WOODWORKING CLUB

Newsletter

March 17, 2024

COMING EVENTS

March 28th Meeting:

Wood Carving - Special Guest:

- **Barry Casement** -

Regular meeting features include
"Show-and-Share" & Twoonie Draw!

April 25th Meeting:

Wood Turning - Special Guests:

• Don Svob -and- • Dave Smith

May 30th Meeting:

-NWC 2x4 Challenge-

Guidelines are on Page 5.
Members astound with creations
from a single 2x4x8 construction
grade board. \$50 gift card prize.

June 27th Meeting:

Membership Appreciation
Dinner -and- Annual Swap-
Trade-&-Sell event.

Every Meeting:

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

- Woodcarving - A Sharp Way to Upscale Your Woodworking

Featuring
Special Guest

BARRY CASEMENT

Master Carver

7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024
North Pelham Community Hall
1710 Maple Street, Fenwick, ON



Barry Casement, internationally renowned wood carver and Past-President of the Niagara Woodcarver's Association, will be our guest presenter. Barry has worked on major commissions for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and on important architectural restoration projects. Barry will demonstrate the wide variety of carving tools from simple carving knives to special gouges and chisels. Learn about the different types of carving: whittling, Scandinavian flat plane figure carving, relief carving, and 'Treen' carving (handmade wooden household items). Sharp tools are essential and Barry will also show sharpening tools and processes. Our video-display system will ensure that you see all the fine points.



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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Meeting Report: February 2024

The February 29th meeting was well attended with 31 members and guests present. The focus of the meeting was on the projects created by Club members for the Bird House/Feeder Challenge. A complete set of photos of the members showing their projects is up on our Facebook page.



Jim Pozzobon - Winner
Wayne Smith Presents Award



Colin and Jameson Van Soelen
Runner-up Award
Wayne Smith presenting.



Jim Deuxberry - Hon. Mention
Special Certificate Award

Photos of Bird House Projects (A complete set of member-project photos is on our Facebook page.)



Featured Workshop Project Jim Pozzobon - Rockin' Boat -

What do you do as a proud Woodworker Grandpa when you are lucky enough to have two wonderful grandchildren? Why - you build a fabulous "Rockin' Boat" of course. Eeve and Freddy (latest addition to the Pozzobon clan) will be treated this Easter to the best gift of love that any fine woodworking Grandpa could create. Working in his shop for over 150 hours (*impressive*), Jim Pozzobon crafted this amazing gift. Starting with a pine frame and then sheeted with Birch plywood in 1/8" and 1/4" thicknesses, Jim based the one-quarter scale rocker on his own Lund fishing craft. Details match Jim's fishing boat in every respect: floor carpeting, padded seat, steering wheel, windshield, instruments and a scaled Honda motor all add to the realism. The elevated decks open for storage. Finished with eight coats of acrylic spray paint, sanded between coats, and ultimately topped off with a clear semi poly coat. The final touch was matching decals created by a friend. **Simply A-W-E-S-O-M-E work, Jim!**



Young Freddie Pozobon's 1/4 scale Lund "Rockin'Boat"



Mini-boat frame.

Pozzobon Clan: Jim's son Christopher, young Evelyn, Mom Angela, and proud Grandpa Jimmy with young Freddie!



Console details



FROM THE VINTAGE TOOL TRUNK

Our monthly meetings feature a Show-and-Share segment. Virgil Parvu had us all intrigued with this item from his collection of vintage tools. It is a rare Dremel MotoTool, electric coping saw, that is not often seen today.

Research led to the following interesting details:

- Dremel was founded in Racine, Wisconsin in 1932 with a rotary 'engraver' tool, the forerunner of today's tool.
- The Dremel company struggled during the Great Depression of the late 1930s.
- Post World War 2, Dremel noted a growing interest in "hobbies" and looked for ways to diversify the business.
- A huge jigsaw puzzle craze led to new stamped cardboard puzzles in the 1930s, yet wooden jigsaw puzzles and shaped wooden puzzles for children (farm and zoo animals) were still much sought after.
- In 1947, Dremel decided to entice woodworkers with an interest in making wooden puzzles by producing an "electric, hand-held scroll saw" as an economical entry point.
- The device was first advertised in 1948 for Christmas sales.
- Dremel increased production in 1950 but regular scroll saws pushed the device to the sidelines.
- Amazingly, an updated version of this saw is still available through a select few Dremel distributors.



**Virgil Parvu - Dremel MotoTool
Feb. 29, 2024 Meeting**





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2 x 4 Challenge

All fully paid members of the Club are invited to take part in the 2 x 4 Challenge. Final projects must be presented at the Club meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Contest Guidelines:

1. Your projects must be built from a single construction grade 2 x 4 no more than 8' in length.
2. You can build anything or everything that you want, as long as it is constructed from the 2 x 4.
3. Multiple items can be built using the same 2 x 4.
4. Your project does not have to use the entire 2 x 4.
5. Screws, nails, dowels, and dominoes are all accepted forms of joinery.
6. Any finishing method is allowed (Poly, Shellac, Stain, Paint, Wax, etc.).
7. No other materials are allowed. Any use of leather, metal banding, plywood, knobs, etc. will result in disqualification.

Voting: for the best projects will be done by club members present for this meeting using a three-place ranked ballot system..

Prizes: Winner: \$50.00 Home Depot Card
Runner-up: \$10.00 Tim Horton's Card
Honourable Mention: Special Certificate
Each member who enters will earn one draw ticket for the June end-of-year prizes.