



Central Indiana Woodworkers

Working wood, making a difference!



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Family Gathering: Good Food and Show & Tell Contest

Our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 21, 2022** will be our annual **Family Gathering** held at the **Carpenters Union 301 Hall starting at 7:00 PM.** (No coffee and cookies will be served this month.) Members are encouraged to invite their family members to come and join the fun and get to know other club members better.

First item on the evening's agenda will be a **Dessert and Appetizer Pitch-In.** Members are encouraged to bring a favorite dessert, appetizer, healthy snack, or other savory delight to share. Flatware and napkins will be provided by CIWW, but bring a serving spoon or spatula if your food item requires one.

Second agenda item is for members to vote on the annual **Best of Show & Tell Contest.** All members are invited to bring in up to three items to enter in this show. More details about the contest are found on page 2 of this newsletter. Rockler Gift Cards will be awarded to the top projects in the seven main categories, and a 'Best of Show' will be awarded as well. This contest will give you and your visiting family members a chance to see some of the best work being done by those in the club.

Plan now to join us for this special Family Gathering as we celebrate another successful year ***working wood, making a difference.***



Bring your family, along with your favorite dessert, appetizer, healthy snack or savory delight...rumor has it that holiday calories don't count!



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Upcoming Events

Best of Show & Tell Contest

All members are invited to participate in the annual **Best of Show & Tell Contest**. During the meeting, members will cast their votes for the top project in each of seven woodworking categories, namely **Furniture, Scroll Saw, Carving, Turning, Digital Woodworking, Toys, and Shop Jigs and fixtures**. Members will also cast their vote for the **Best of Show & Tell** for the year, which will result in the top prize of a \$ 40 Rockler gift card going to the project which earns the most votes overall. First prize awards of \$ 20 in gift cards will go to winners in each of the categories. And winners will have a chance

to display their items at the upcoming Woodworking Shows in January.

Members may enter three items, but only one item per category. Items shown during Show & Tell segments earlier in the year do not count for this contest: all entries must be newly completed. All entries must be present at the 301 Hall to be considered. The cutoff time for entries will be at 6:45 PM the evening of the meeting.

For more information, contact Pat Meyer at paddymey@aol.com



All members are invited to vote for the best project in each of the seven categories, as well as for the overall Best of Show & Tell project for 2022.

Seven Categories:

1. Furniture
2. Scroll Saw
3. Carving
4. Turning
5. Digital Woodworking
6. Toys
7. Shop Jigs and Fixtures

**Plus vote for
Best Show & Tell
Project for 2022**

Return of the Woodworking Shows

After a two-year absence, **The Woodworking Shows** are scheduled to return to the **Indiana State Fairgrounds on Friday January 27th thru Sunday, the 29th**. In the past, this event has been helpful for sharing the CIWW story and this year will be no exception. The Scroll Saw, Turning, and Carving Special Interest Chapters are already working on plans to give periodic demonstrations during the three-day event. Volunteers will be needed to setup, tear down and operate the booth, so watch for an email blast to arrive in your inbox sometime in December.



Festival of Trees

The CIWW entry in the **Festival of Trees** at the **Indiana Historical Society** was decorated in early November and it looks fantastic. The tree highlights the tremendous talent and camaraderie of our members, as evidenced by the number of ornaments and toys contributed for our Christmas display. **Thank you** to all who took time to make one or more special ornaments for our tree! **Special thanks** goes to the Festival of Trees committee, including **Patty Bledsoe, Jacque Beck, Darren Collar, Tom Meeker, and Gary Lucas**. They went above and beyond in making our participation in the Festival of Trees event a huge success!



November 11 - January 7th
Indiana Historical Society

As a tree sponsor, Central Indiana Woodworkers received a discount code for all members to purchase reduced-price tickets to the event. The discount code is **FOT37** and is a \$5 discount on the ticket price which is normally \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. **Please share our discount code with all your family and friends.** The sponsor who has the most code redemptions, will win a \$1,000 credit towards the 2023 Festival of Trees!

Finally, there will be a **Festival Of Trees People's Choice Tree Trophy**, awarded by ArtMix, for the best decorated tree in the show. We encourage all members to cast their **VOTE** for our tree, **#37**. You can enter your vote as you are leaving the venue, or you can vote online [here](#) (Please limit your choice to only one vote per family member!) Get the word out and make your vote count for CIWW!

Hopefully, everyone takes the opportunity to go to the **Indiana Historical Society** over the holiday season to see the 75 decorated trees for the **Festival of Trees** display. The event runs from **November 11, 2022 – January 7, 2023**. They are closed on Mondays. Parking in the Historical Society's lot, next to the building, is free with admission. Check their website for hours, www.indianahistory.org. The Indiana Historical Society is located at **450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202**.

*Festival of Trees Committee:
(Back) Jacque Beck, Darren Collar (Front) Patty Bledsoe,
Tom Meeker (Gary Lucas
not in picture)*



Get Involved:

2022 Pick & Pack Details

Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd are CIWW's biggest days of the year as we come together and pack up toys that will be delivered to children in Central Indiana over the holidays. Jacque Beck reports that in 2022, our members created **over 10,775 toys and gifts for kids** which will be distributed with the help of 41 community-based agencies.



As usual, this is an 'all hands on deck' event for our members to come and help us make a difference in Central Indiana. Here is how you can help:

On **Friday, December 2nd**, we need a dozen or so members who can help load up boxes of toys from storage and set them up at the venue in preparation for Saturday's event. Mike Robards is the

coordinator for this part of the process, so if you have questions, give him a call...he'd love to have some help from our strong-backed members! His number is **(317) 416-9755**.

On **Saturday, December 3rd**, starting at **8:30 AM**, donuts and coffee will be served for all volunteers. Then, at 9:00 AM, we start packing. We should finish by 12:00 PM, at which time there will be **pizza and drinks served to all volunteers**.

The venue for Saturday's packing will be at **Talon Test Laboratories, 915 Western Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46241**. Everything will be done indoors. (See map next page for parking instructions for volunteers and drivers.)

If you have additional questions, reach out to our Vice President of Charitable Activities, **Jacque Beck** at **317-674-5986**

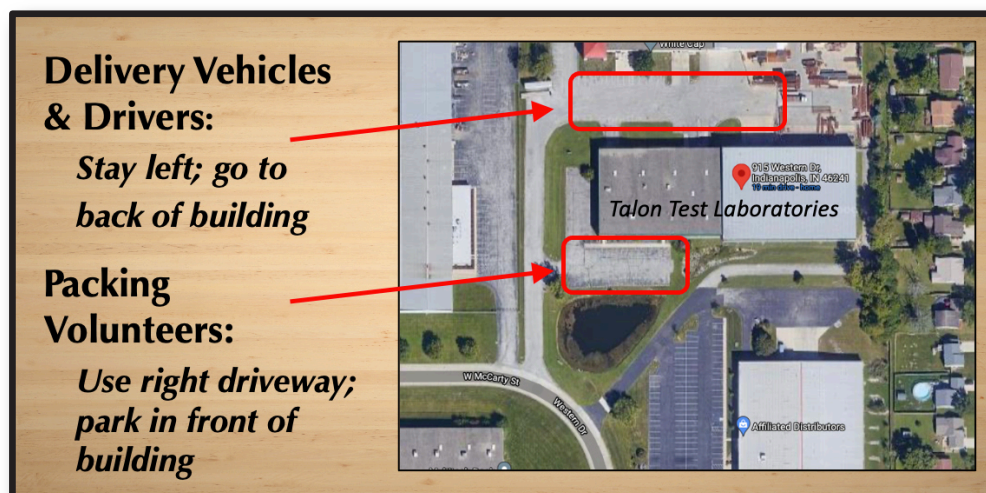
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on next page)*



Directions: Talon is located just west of I-465 on the west side of Indianapolis. You can get to it from either US 36 or Washington Street. **From US 36**, go South on Girls School Rd. Turn left (East) onto W. McCarty St. You will see the sign for Talon Test Laboratories at the bend in the road on your left. **From West Washington St.** Exit from I-465, go west on Washington St. and go to High School Rd. Turn right, go north to W. Morris Street, and turn left. Go until you see Western Dr and turn right. You will see Talon Labs at the bend in the road on the right.



Delivery drivers should park on the north side of the building (driveway on left), and other volunteers should park on the south side of the building (driveway on the right.)



Toy of the Month

For those who want to work on creating something for our **Toy of the Month** program for next year, we are offering one item to keep you occupied during the holiday break. The primary Toy of the Month we're promoting is a simple **Passive Speaker Box** for a cell phone. This unique design, by **Mike Penna**, uses 1/4" hardwood to make a simple box, with a hole to hold the phone and amplify the audio. The hole can be made to custom fit specific phone types. **Plans will be available at the December meeting** and no extra parts are needed.



An alternative **Toy of the Month** for the holidays would be any of the animals from previous years which can be found on the [Make Sawdust](#) page on the website. Review the animals listed, download the plans, and reuse any of the templates you already have in your shop. Mike Robards will have a collection of assorted parts available at the back table during the December meeting.



Special Interest Chapters

Join one today!



Turning Special Interest Chapter



The **Turning Special Interest Chapter** meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 17th, 10:00 AM** at the **Carpenters Union 301 Hall**. The turners will be set up for their annual Christmas open turning event. There will be several lathes available for members to use to practice turning skills. Members should bring their favorite Christmas treat to share. We will keep the lathes running as long as members want to turn.

At the last meeting, **Brian Lyles** gave a very informative demonstration on Bespoke or Kitless fountain pen making. The video of the November meeting will be available on the CIWW webpage soon.

The **Turning Special Interest Chapter meetings** are regularly held on the **3rd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM, at the Carpenters Union 301 Hall**.



*Brian Lyles demonstrates
kitless pen making on the
Robust Sweet 16*

Scroll Saw Special Interest Chapter



The Scroll Saw SIC meeting for December has been cancelled to avoid holiday conflicts.

At the November meeting, Scrollers discussed personalized ornaments, where to get patterns, and advice on using Inkscape to produce ornament patterns. Also, the design of snow gauges and the new edition of Designs for Charity Ornaments, by Scroll Saw Village was discussed. This collection of over 500 patterns is free, but they ask that you make a donation to your own favorite charity. It can be downloaded from the [Scroll Saw Village website](https://www.scrollsawvillage.com/).

At our next meeting, on January 16th, 2023, Patty Bledsoe will cover scrolled and carved jewelry with Celtic designs. (See photo at right)

Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 PM, at Gary Lucas' shop, 4855 W 72nd St., Indianapolis. If you would like to be on the scroller's mailing list, email Gary at: glucas4@hotmail.com



(Top) Personalized ornaments created by Scroll Saw SIC members (Bottom) Patty Bledsoe will demonstrate how to make Celtic jewelry in January.

Furniture Special Interest Chapter



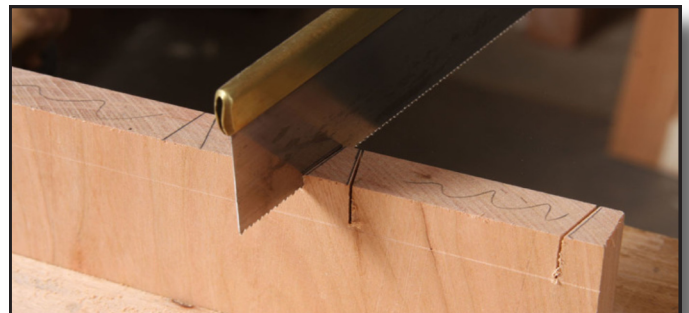
The **Furniture Special Interest Chapter** will be meeting **Saturday, December 10th between 10 AM and 12 Noon** at the **Carpenters Union 301 Hall**. (This meeting would normally be on December 3rd, but because of Pick & Pack, the meeting has been moved forward one week.)

Members who completed the Gottshall Block challenge are encouraged to bring in their work to share with the others. Roger Poer has a special gift to all who join in the fun. Also at this meeting, **Bob Sartoris** will demonstrate **Hand Cut Dovetails** and will have supporting video from **Rob Cosman** to share as well. (This is the session postponed from October.)

In other news, the **Furniture SIC** is changing leadership in January when **Mike Hamilton** steps up to take over the reins from **Roger Poer**. Mike currently hosts a weekly toy-building workshop at his home shop in Plainfield for members living on the West side of Indy. Meanwhile, Roger Poer will be transitioning back into his leadership role with **CIWW's Basic Woodworking Series** which will resume in 2023.

To help Mike make plans for what furniture-makers want to learn, we've created an online survey to give him valuable feedback. Even if you are currently not a part of the Furniture SIC, would you take a few minutes to let us know how this group could help your woodworking skills? Especially as it relates to tools and techniques that go beyond just furniture. You can find the survey here: [Click to access the Furniture SIC Survey](#)

Furniture SIC meetings are open for all CIWW members to attend. There is no need to sign up in advance, just show up with your questions or curiosity, and learn all you can!



Carving Special Interest Chapter



In addition to speaking at our November meeting, **John Engler** led a special class for several of our local carvers. Pictured here are some of the final projects produced during John's extremely valuable sessions.

There is a wood carving seminar, March 13-17 2023, in Missouri. John Engler will be one of many guest lecturers for this seminar. For more information, go to their website to get the details go to:

www.Ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com

The **Central Indiana Woodcarver's roundup** will be held June 1st to June 3rd, 2023.

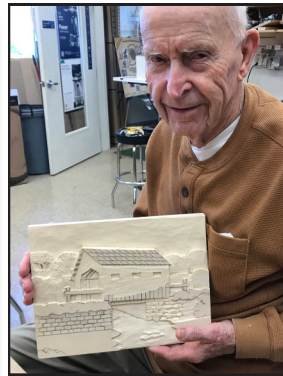
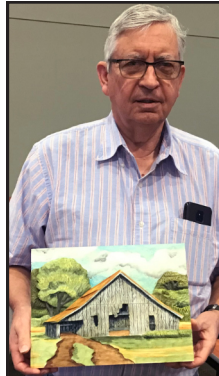
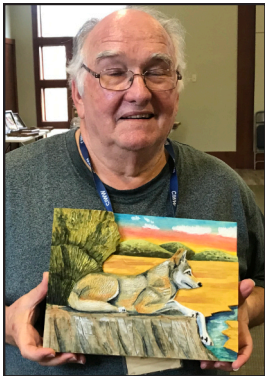
Information is available at

www.centralindianawoodcarvers.org.

Our regular **open carving sessions** continue every **Saturday at 9:00 AM to Noon at Woodcraft**, and **1:00 to 3:00 PM at Rockler**. On the **1st and 3rd Mondays**, we will be carving at **Lincoln Lodge, 1750 E 54th St., Indianapolis, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. All members of CIWW are welcome to attend and participate in any of these open carving sessions.



(Right) John Engler led a series of three workshops on relief carving for CIWW's Carving SIC members. They are showing their work below.



Digital Woodworking Special Interest Chapter:

The Digital Woodworking SIC met via Zoom in November with SIC leader Matt Porter giving an informative introduction to Laser Engraving and Cutting. His helpful PowerPoint presentation explained the different types of lasers on the market, and some of the purchase considerations for those thinking about adding this type of tool to their shop. All CIWW members can access this PowerPoint by subscribing to the Digital Woodworking SIC Forum on the website. Alternatively, you can download this, and Matt's past presentations here:

[Introduction to CNC Laser Engravers.pptx](#)

[Introduction to CNC.pptx](#)

Matt will be having foot surgery in December so the next meeting of the Digital Woodworking SIC will be pushed into **January of 2023**. The Digital Woodworking SIC is open for all members to attend. Their meetings are scheduled for the **2nd Saturday of each month, currently via Zoom**.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for the Zoom sign-on information, send an email to Marketing@CIWW.org



Holiday Gift Ideas for Woodworkers

Back by popular demand is our list of holiday gift ideas for woodworkers! Updated with all new suggestions for 2022, we hope this list helps you share with your spouse or children what you really want this year!

What follows are a list of items, all of which can be purchased in the \$ 10 to \$ 250 price range. Most of these can be found either locally in your favorite woodworking supply stores, or ordered online. Our suggestion is for you to go through our list, put a tick beside all the items you would

be interested in receiving, and then share this page with anyone who asks what you'd like for the holidays. (A digital version will include hyperlinks to the items online.)

Please understand these are not endorsements of any specific brand of product or retailer, but rather ideas which you can use as a starting point to share what might be missing from your shop. Have fun filling out this wish list! And have a great holiday break putting these new gifts to use!



**Plastic
Center Finder: \$ 7**
[\(Link Here\)](#)

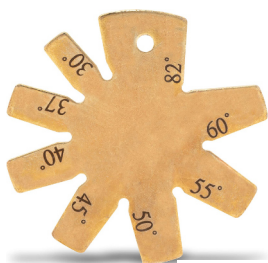
For Turners:



**Round Center
Finder
Compass: \$ 12**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



**General Tools
Angle Protractor: \$ 10**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



**Woodturner's
Tool Roll: \$ 16**
[\(Link Here\)](#)

**Sorby Slim
Parting Tool: \$ 44**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



**Beginners Pen
Turning Kit: \$ 60**
[\(Link Here\)](#)

**Savannah Steel
Angle/Bevel
Gauge: \$ 14**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



Double Caliper: \$ 45
[\(Link Here\)](#)





For Furniture Makers:

Magnifying Splinter Tweezers: \$ 10

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Centering Ruler: \$ 12

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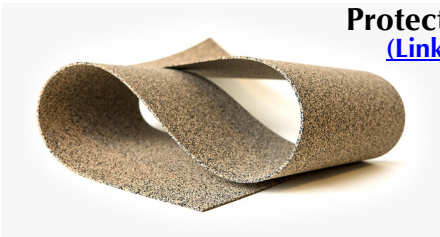
Saddle Square: \$ 17

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Crubber Vice Jaw Protector: \$ 22

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Bench Dog Safety Set: \$ 25

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Dovetail Guide: \$ 36

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Dozuki Back Saw: \$ 51

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Wonder Pup: \$ 40

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Magswitch Featherboard: \$ 62

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For Scrollers:

French Curve Set: \$ 8

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Scroll Saw Sanding Belt Set: \$ 13

[\(Link Here\)](#)



Blade Storage Tubes: \$ 15

[\(Link Here\)](#)



Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts Magazine: \$ 25

[\(Link Here\)](#)



Blade Lubricant Stick: \$ 13

[\(Link Here\)](#)

Dust Masks: \$ 32

[\(Link Here\)](#)





**Flexcut Slip Strop
w/ Compound: \$ 19**
[\(Link Here\)](#)

For Carvers:

**Pfeil Spoon
Bowl Gouge: \$ 45**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



**Flexcut Palm Handled
5-Gauge Basic Set: \$ 95**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



**Power Smart
HEPA Cordless
Shop Vacuum: \$ 55**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



Worksharp Tool Sharpener: \$ 230
[\(Link Here\)](#)

**PSI Woodworking Tabletop
Dust Collector: \$ 250**
[\(Link Here\)](#)



Dave McNeely Memorial Fund

CIWW lost a long-time member, leader and friend when Dave McNeely passed away after several months in and out of the hospital. Dave served many years on the Board of Directors and his influence can be seen in how the club functions today. Over the years, Dave created hundreds of toys in his shop and passed along his love of woodworking to many new members. At his wife's request, CIWW has set up a Memorial Fund in his honor and is taking donations to be used for a special purpose, to be decided in consultation with his family.

To date, CIWW has received donations totaling \$3,330. There is still time for members to make contributions to this fund in Dave's memory. Donations may be made in one of two ways. First, by **sending check to Roger Poer at 7529 W 200 South, New Palestine, IN 46163** with clear direction that it goes to the **McNeely Memorial Fund**. Second, you can bring a check or credit card to the **December general meeting and give it to our Treasurer, Roger Poer**, at the Treasurer's Table.

Treasurer's Report: 1/1/22 to 11/30/22

Cash in Bank 10/31/2022 \$111,797.63*

Income: Year to date

Membership Dues	\$ 12,455.00
Donations, others	\$ 3,458.54
Members Sales	\$ 6,992.54
Donations-ISF	\$ 3,917.72
Auction	\$ 2,677.34
ISF-All	\$ 20,678.11
Consulting Fees	\$ 27,484.43
Other and Interest	\$ 493.89
Income	\$ 78,157.57

A-V Equipment	\$ 749.34
Business Insurance	\$ 1,493.92
Charitable Contributions	\$ 995.49
Office & Credit Card	\$ 3,451.39
Depreciation of Equipment	\$ 1,946.23
Meeting/ Workshop Exp	\$ 10,979.52
Fund Raising Expenses	\$ 725.90
IN State Fair expenses	\$ 7,445.59
Toy Program-Material/Com.	\$ 8,494.76
All other Expenses	\$ 1,718.73
Expenses	\$ 38,000.87

Net Income (YTD) \$ 40,156.70

Cash in Bank 11/30/2022\$108,345.69**

**\$733.22 from Turners (CICAAW) Dedicated Funds

**\$1,530.14 from Carvers CCC dedicated funds

**Includes \$10,753.57 Rainy Day Fund (CD)

**Merchants Bank CD \$10,029.77, MM \$40,032.90

Total Non-dedicated funds \$45,266.09