



**Ed Eich, Manager**



**Kathy Villani  
Assistant Manager**

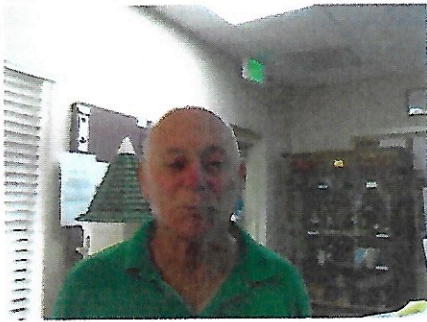
### Stained Glass

Our group's mission is to enhance the artistry of wood with stained glass.

- We offer stained glass skill-development classes to allow group members to work toward fulfilling our mission. Classes include:
  - Basic – learn glass cutting, grinding, foiling, and soldering techniques without limits on outer dimensions.
  - Intermediate – continue development of glass-cutting, grinding, foiling, and soldering skills within a specified dimension (i.e., within a frame of lead came).
  - Advanced – Caming – continue development of skills from 2 prior classes with the addition of the use of lead came in lieu of copper foil.
  - Advanced – Lampshade – develop the skill of angle work required in the making of a lampshade.
  - Advanced – Glass Box – develop the skill of seaming glass at 90 degree angles, improve precision cutting/foiling/soldering.
  - Stained Glass Studio – Upon satisfactory development of all stained glass skills, students select their own projects and now have the skills to use stained glass to enhance their wood projects.
  - Wood and Glass Project – a new class will be added in 2018 that will create a project made of wood and glass suitable for sale at the town squares (along with Toys) and/or donation to the club for the Christmas Party raffle.
  - Classes are ongoing throughout the year and students may sign up for class at any time. All 6 classes meet at the shop on Fridays from 9 to 11 am. Students will begin with either Basic or Intermediate classes, depending on their prior experience.
- We have added 5 new members to the Stained Glass group in 2017, bringing our membership to a total of 14, including 2 instructors.

Show-and-Tell – The beautiful piece pictured below was made by Gary Wright. The stained glass bird is framed in 8 sections of cherry wood, splined, and finished with decorative walnut on the outer rim. The frame is removable to allow for repair work and/or glass cleaning as needed.





### Special Projects, Website and CNC

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

#### Special Projects:

We are always in need of VWC Members to assist in working on Special Projects. Any member can select a Special Project from the **Green Binder** at the front Desk. Simply choose a project, ensure that you have entered your name on the sheet in the "Assigned To" space and then proceed to fulfill the requirements. When you have finished the project, put a piece of purple tape on the project and store it in the Special Projects Area of the Shop AND notify the Front Desk that you have finished the project. Many projects will require less than one-hour to complete.

The following are statistics for the month of October:

Special Projects Accepted: 97

Special Projects completed: 81

Total contributions to the VWC: \$2323.00

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Total Contributions: \$2389.00

#### Website:

This is just a general reminder that each member must ensure that the Front Desk is notified any change to the member's email address to ensure that club communications are sent to the correct person.

Each members Monitor Schedule and Education Schedule is available on the website under the Members Lounge tab, <http://thevwc.org/Members-Lounge>. Members can also find a comprehensive calendar of events, including detailed listing of education courses, under the same tab.

As always, if you have an idea of how to improve the website please send your suggestions to [VWCWebMaster@outlook.com](mailto:VWCWebMaster@outlook.com).

**WANTED** – Photographer to take pictures of Members projects displayed during the Show and Tell for both General Meetings and Turners Group Meetings as well as other VWC activities. These photographs will then be entered onto the website for display under the Media tab.

#### CNC Machine:

The CNC Steering committee has met several times during the past month with the purpose of developing a standardized set of methods for the machine operation, as well as planning for education courses currently scheduled for the spring of 2018. We are investigating a "Makerspace" designation from our software supplier, Vectric Co. (<http://www.Vectric.com>). This would permit many members to design CNC projects without the need of each member having to expend monies for the software. More on this subject as we finalize arrangements, hopefully within the next six weeks.





## Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

### 2018 DUES - \$55

Dues payment for 2018 is well under way. The 2017 calendar year ends at the end of December therefore members who have not paid their 2018 dues will not be allowed in the shop. Therefore the last date in December to pay dues is December 30<sup>th</sup>, as the 31<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday and the shop will not be open.

However members will still have an opportunity to pay dues throughout the month of January, 2018 and will then be able to use the shop.

Any member who does not pay dues by January 31<sup>st</sup> will no longer be a member and will be required to rejoin the club as a new member if they wish to come back in. This includes payment of the Initiation fee of 150 and taking the certification class again.

Remember to bring your personal calendar to with you when paying dues as you will also select your monitor duty dates for 2018. The requirement for monitor duty is three four-hour shifts.

If you are 80 years old **BEFORE 2018**, and have been a member of the woodshop for **5 years**, you will no longer be required to do monitor duty. Let the front desk know that you are 80 years old.

If you are exempt from monitor duty because you are fulfilling your duty by working long hours helping in another area (toys, maintenance, special project, education, etc.) the manager for that department will have told the front desk that you are exempt from the standard 12 hours of monitor duty. Only the managers of the departments can give exemptions for standard monitor duty.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving – November 23rd

Christmas – December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

New Years – December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>

### PAYMENTS AT THE FRONT DESK

Please do not write checks prior to coming to the front desk. Wait until the front desk tells you the amount to be paid.

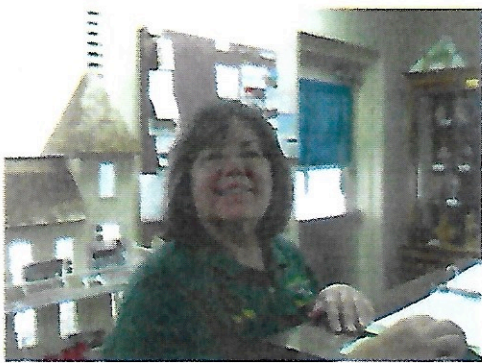
**Any questions about membership and payments should be asked at the front desk.** Prices may change and the general membership may not have the most current information.



**Bob Bell, Manager**

## **Member Merchandise**

**Nothing new to report.**



**Mary Ann Main**

## **Library**

- A survey will be going out in the next newsletter to get input from the membership regarding the use of the VWC library.
- Meetings will begin this week for the library volunteers to share ideas and plan our next steps.



## **Education**

**Deb Larouere**

Classes for Fall 2017 are underway. There are some slots still available, but students should sign up in the next day or so. Course descriptions and schedules are on the website and at the front desk.

Work on developing a schedule for Winter/Spring 2018 continues. Many favorites will continue to be offered and some new courses are being added. There is still time to add additional courses. Contact Debbie Larouere this week. Any VWC member interested in turning a salt and/or pepper mill should let Bob Bell know ASAP so this class will be added to the list for the coming term.

It is hoped that a roster of available classes will be posted on line by mid-December. Classes will begin in January and are currently scheduled through April.

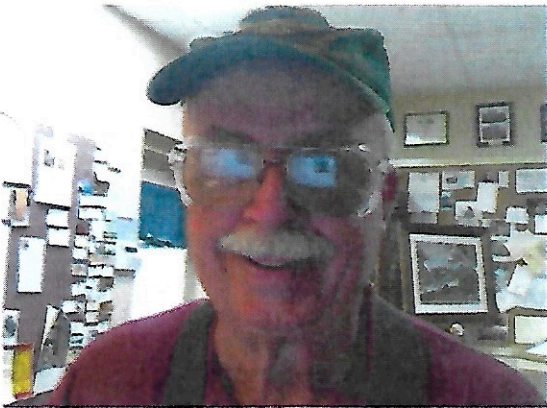




## Lumber

**Stephen Yovan, Manager**

- 1) just received 1000 board feet of poplar at \$2 per bf
  - 2) VWC qualified for two turkeys to be raffled to anyone who has purchased Lumber in the month of November .
- Drawing to be held the first week of December

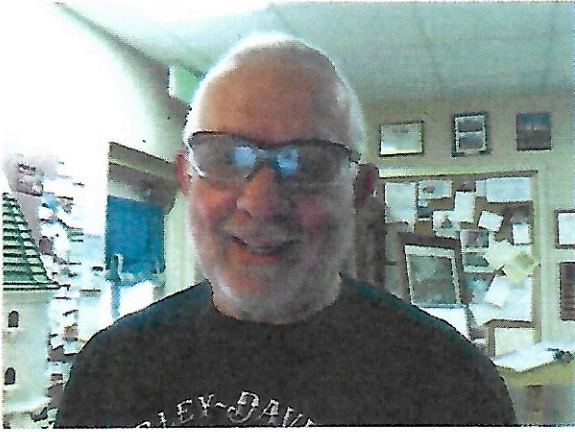


## Toys

**Conway Williams, Manager**

During the month of October the Toy Team made good progress toward our goals.

- We produced 630 toys, bringing our annual total to 6032 toys which is 327 toys ahead of where we were at this point last year.
- We shipped 878 toys to clients, bringing our annual total to 4719 toys with a donation value of \$39,210.00.
- As of November 7<sup>th</sup> we have produced an additional 315 toys which brings our total production to 6032 for the year. In addition, we made 2 shipments to clients which brought our total toys shipped to 5034 with a total donation value of \$40,839.00.,
- From 2012 to now, the Toy Team has provided over 37,000 wooden toys to needy children in the Tri-County area.
- Toys on the Square will have two dates in November. Lake Sumter Landing, Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 5-8:30, and Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-8:30 at Spanish Springs. Please come out and support the Toy Department and get some early Christmas presents for family and friends.



John Herega, Manager

## Safety and Turners

DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO THE HOLIDAYS;  
THE TURNERS MEETINGS WILL BE **SUSPENDED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.**  
**WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 16, 2018, 7:00PM SHARP IN THE SHOP.**

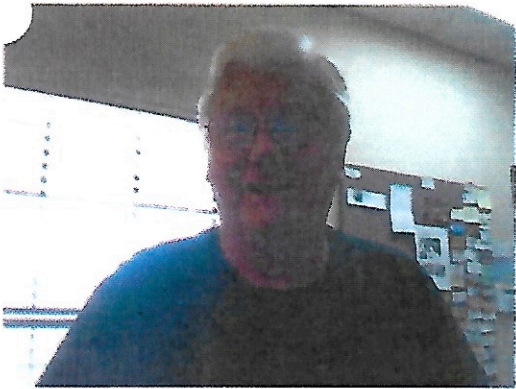
IT APPEARS WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON THAT IS MISSHAPING BOUL GOUGES.  
THIS SHORTENS THE LIFE OF THE GOUGE DRASTICALLY. NOT TO MENTION THE TIME IT TAKES TO RESHAPE IT.  
**ALL CLUB SUPPLIED TURNING TOOLS MUST BE GROUND TO THE CLUB STANDARD.**  
IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OR HAVE NOT USED THE GRINDER IN SOME TIME, ASK FOR ASSISTANCE OR,  
AT THE VERY LEAST, REVIEW THE SHARPENING VIDEO ON OUR WEB SITE,  
THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE TAKEN THE HOME STUDY COURSE YOU WILL FIND THE SHARPENING VIDEO  
ON YOUR DISK.  
THE REST OF US, PLEASE KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR INSTANCES THAT WE CAN HELP THOSE THAT NEED ASSISTANCE.

**SAFETY: ONE INJURY REQUIRING STITCHES – WHEN USING THE BAND SAWS – DO NOT PLACE YOUR HAND OR FINGERS IN FRONT OF THE BLADE!!.**

A SUB COMMITTEE OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS DEVELOPED BASIC SAFETY GUIDELINES THAT SHOULD BE  
REVIEWED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH AND EVERY CLASS.  
WE WILL BE CONDUCTING MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE GUIDELINES AS WELL AS OTHER SAFETY ITEMS. WE HOPE TO  
SCHEDULE MEETINGS TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY INSTRUCTOR  
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE ON THE SAME PAGE WHERE SAFETY PRACTICES, PROCEDURE AND USE OF  
TOOLS ARE CONCERNED,

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE USE OF FACESHIELDS WHEN TURNING AND WHEN PERFORMING OTHER  
WOODWORKING TASKS THAT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FACE AND EYE PROTECTION.**





**Dick Besler**

## **Certification & Monitor Training**

- Monitor training is scheduled for 11/15, 12/7, 12/21
- Certification training – There are 17 members scheduled and waiting
- Mentor program always looking for more participants



**Jim Spallone**

## **Vice President**

Reporting for Doug Park's (Treasurer), the Club is in good financial shape with reserves allocated for unexpected needs. We are now in the budget season and we have requested all department heads to respond to Doug Parks, Mike Borfitz or me regarding the projections recently sent out by the Treasurer. Any changes should be submitted by **Friday, November 17**; otherwise, the projection will be used as the 2018 budget for your department. The 5 Year Capital Plan (equipment and large asset purchases) is in process and will be completed by year end.



### **President**

#### **Mike Borfitz**

Our records show that as of today we have 113 new members for the year 2017. Our total membership is 957 (with 21 inactive records) and 27 non-member volunteers. We have entertained another 94 guests taking us over 1000 for the year.

I'd like to remind the membership that we have Colonial Days coming up on January 19. Nancy Blackmore has agreed to chair this event and she has come up with a new idea for the raffle items. She is planning to showcase the women in the Shop by having all the raffle items made by females.

We also have the Hoedown Days coming for which the Toy Department is busily constructing kits for assembly by the children who visit our tent.

In the IT area, we continue to examine ways to secure the side doors without completely locking them during open hours.

From the PR side, the reporter for VWC, Frank Ross, is planning on an article highlighting the items we have for our Christmas raffle.

And lastly, remember to get your dinner tickets for the Christmas party coming up on December 9.