

The Villages Woodworkers Club

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Presented at the VWC Meeting held on June 12 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center



Ed Eich, Manager



Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager

Stained Glass

Stained Glass Group Update

We will continue to offer both stained glass classes and studio time throughout the summer. The group meets from 9 am to 11 am every Friday. Stop by to speak with the instructor du jour (there are 4 of us) to learn about the group and how to get started with us. We have plenty of glass and tools so please come and join us!



Special Projects, Website and CNC

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

No report available.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager



I am looking for members willing to work the front desk! A good working knowledge of the computer, a desire to contribute to the Shop and a willingness to work with me are all desirable traits! The Front Desk is so integral to the smooth workings of the Woodshop. Please consider the position and contact me at apbell06@embarqmail.com or call me at 352-350-2416. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

Nothing to report.



Library

Mary Ann Main

Purging of the books and magazines is done for now. All books are housed in the two tall cabinets on the right as you enter the library. The index will be updated for the current inventory of books.

Most of the patterns are in one of the filing cabinets and a plan is needed for the best way to file or store these patterns so they can be used. Any suggestions for this are welcomed.

Still have not heard from the member who is transferring our remaining VCR tapes to DVDs. Will follow up on this.

Still need to determine what options there are for us to have access to magazine content on DVDs on online and any costs involved.

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Remaining tasks:

- Update book index
- Create magazine index
- Find options for online or DVD access to magazines
- Create DVD index (when DVD copies are returned to the shop)
- Review patterns and create a plan for filing them



Education

Deb Larouere

Fall classes are scheduled to run from September to December with sign ups planned to begin by August 20th. The schedule should be available online about a week before that. (All teacher info and requests are due July 3.) Members are encouraged to ask instructors and other skilled members to put your desired classes on the schedule. This includes familiar favorites and any new classes you'd like to see. If you let them know now they'll be better able to gauge student interest early. Members not currently on the instructor roster who are interested in starting a new class should talk to any current teacher or Debbie Larouere.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

The wood bins are stocked.

Now that we are in the slow time, we will be ordering less often. It might be two or three weeks between orders; so, if you have a special order please plan accordingly



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department continues to make excellent progress toward our 2018 Goals

We participated in one external community activity in May Toys on the Square at Spanish Springs on May 23rd, where we collected \$39 regular donations and \$75 in toy sales for a total of \$114. My thanks to all the Toy Team members, Ron, Mike Custard, and Spike Durant who donated their time and efforts to this activity.

Our Toy production activities continued at a brisk pace in May.

- We produced 783 toys for the month.
- Which means we are already 983 toys ahead where we were at the end of May last year.
- So far in June we have produced an additional 256 Toys
- This brings our year to date total production to 4323.

Our shipments for May included two to The Children's Home Society of Florida and one to Rimes ELLC.

- They contained 210 toys.
- Their donation value was \$2969.
- This brought our year to date shipments to 1706 toys with a donation value of \$13,934.

We will be back at Lake Sumter Landing town square on Thursday September 13th from 5-8:30. As has always been our practice we will suspend operations on the squares for June, July and August.



Board of Directors, Safety and Turners

John Herega, Chairman of the Board and Manager of Safety and Turners

BOD: REMINDER; anyone interested In serving on the Board of Directors can contact the chairman of the nominating committee – Frank Giaconne, or Mike Borfitz, Jim Spallone, John Herega, any current board member or officer.

A member must be an active VWC member in good standing for a minimum of one year.

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TURNERS GROUP:

The June, July and August meetings will be suspended, however on Tuesday August 21 anyone interested in honing a particular skill, wants to learn a new technique, or would like to work one on one with an instructor. (Larnie Myself, Steve Yovan, or Ray Roberts etc.) join us then at 4:00pm. Please contact me beforehand to insure we have the instructor and any materials that may be needed.

APPARELL

There is a limited supply of woodshop caps available, both carvers and general membership, see John Herega or front desk personnel.

VWC apparel, shirts and hats are available at Custom Apparel 3451 Wedgewood Lane, Buffalo Ridge Plaza, rt.466. Aprons, smocks, respirators, dusk masks, safety glasses and side shields are available in the shop. Inquire at the front desk or contact John Herega.

SAFETY

TABLE SAW SAFETY (Continued.)

- A. Operator Position:
 - Maintain a balanced stance.
 - Keep your body under control at all times
 - Do not stand in line with the sawblade or work piece and do not allow anyone else to do so
- B. Using the proper blade will minimize risk associated with a particular job **For example – using a crosscut blade for ripping can cause binding and kickback!**
- C. Check the saw blade for cracks or missing teeth. Do not use a cracked or dull blade or one with missing teeth or improper set.
- D. Always use the splitter (or riving knife), blade guard, push stick and other safety devises for all operations where they can be used.
- E. On operations such as dadoing or molding the blade guard cannot be used – use feather boards, fixtures, hold-downs and other safety devises Use extreme caution – open, exposed blades are **MEAN!**
- F. Reinstall the splitter and blade guard immediately after completing the operation that required their removal
- G. Make all adjustments to the machine and operational setup with the power off.
- H. Never remove the table insert with the blade running
- I. Use the proper table insert!
 - Standard
 - Dado
 - Zero clearance
- I. Never use a standard insert for a Dado
- J. Use a zero clearance insert when cutting very narrow strips that may fall into or jam between the blade and the insert
- K. Do not attempt to saw boards with loose knots or nails or other foreign material on the surface.

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- L. Do not attempt to saw twisted, warped or bowed stock unless one edge has been jointed for guiding purposes prior to sawing.
- M. Do not attempt to saw long or wide boards unsupported where spring or weight could cause the board to shift position
- N. Keep hands clear of the blade area.
- O. Do not reach past the blade to clear parts or scrap with the blade running
- P. Never reach OVER the blade.
- Q. NEVER SAW FREEHAND**
- R. Avoid awkward operations where a sudden slip could cause your hand to contact the blade
- S. Familiarize yourself with the location of all controls and adjustments and use of accessories, such as the miter gauge and rip fence.

MORE ON TABLE SAW SAFETY

NEXT MONTH.

WHATS NEW?

For those of us that like to keep a photographic record of our projects, works of art or turnings, we have purchased a small portable photo booth, when open the booth measures 24" X 24" X 24"

It is self-contained and consists of foldable sides, red, white, blue and black, changeable backdrops, two lights and a camera holder (it will not support a cell phone without an adaptor). When collapsed the accessories are stored in three pockets located at the front. It is stored in the library under the computer table, next to the computer.



TOOLS EXPLAINED

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting a freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard earned calluses from your fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh sh__!"

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

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HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principal....It transforms human energy into crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VICE GRIPS: Generally used after pliers, to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw used to good aluminum or wood into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool used to test the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but also can be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips head screws.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you need to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to male hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

SON-OF A-BITCH TOOL: (A personal favorite) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "Son of a **Bitch!**" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often the next tool that you will need.

Hope you found this informative.



Carvers

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Pete Bankowski

Nothing to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Certification for 20 new members complete. Monitor training scheduled for 6-20.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Our *Pens for The Military* project has been a great success. Our members produced 117 pens for Veterans Day and 383 for Memorial Day(144 made the week of May 21) for a total of 500 pens. All have been shipped. Thanks to all the members who contributed, especially to Ron Gammon who has been producing 24 pens per month. Also, a big thank you to Elliot Schantz for heading up this endeavor. His dedication and zeal helped us make this project a real success.

However, we are not done. We will continue to make pens for this project and our next deadline will be **Veterans Day 2018. Our Goal....500 pens.** Remember, every **forth Tuesday** the group meets to make pens....Elliot can use all the assistance possible, so please mark your calendars. Also, if you prefer to make pens on your own for this project, please see Elliot. He can provide you with the materials and instructions.



Maintenance

Dave Adamovich

The right mindset

WORK WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

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To do great wood working, it is not necessary to own the latest tools, aids, jigs, and gizmos. Instead, be creative: Find a way to accomplish your goal with what's at hand. Successful problem-solving is an essential skill in woodworking.

LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS

We all learn through our own experiences. But most importantly, we learn from the experiences of others, whether through books, magazines, videos, woodworking classes, or others experiences to expand your woodworking knowledge and save yourself from making blunders.



President

Mike Borfitz

This past month has been all about gathering data on the second Shop and working towards making it a reality. There's a lot of work ahead and we know that we can't please everyone on every topic, but we're working to put the past fourteen years' experience in the first shop to good use! The project will require a lot of committee and subcommittee work. Please think about participating in this exciting endeavor!

Along the same line, I am looking for someone interested in leading the effort to create and/or oversee the creation of the Special Olympics Christmas tree.

In addition, we need a person willing to work the raffle and door prize part of the Christmas party celebration. Please, please contact me to help in these areas!

Thank you!!