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Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

We have the largest number of students we've had in three years in our stained glass classes. Two instructors have been added to handle the classes. We have added two grinders and an additional saw as well as new and different glass for the class projects. Projects being worked on include sun catchers, rectangular hanging panels framed in bevels and wood, glass boxes, and lampshades.

Our newest class, Embellishing Glass for Others, has had a very good response. The intention of this class is to make wood and glass items that can be sold or donated for the benefit of the club. We have 2 students who are working on wood and glass coin banks. Several additional members have expressed interest in taking the class.

Come and join us on Friday mornings – there's always room for more! We have all the tools needed to get you started!



Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

Special Projects, Website and CNC

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, 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: 105

Special Projects completed: 95

Total contributions to the VWC: \$2371

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Total Contributions: \$3415

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Website:

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

As always, if you have an idea of how to improve the website please send your suggestions to woodshop@thevwc.org.

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.

WANTED – Website computer application support. This person would assist in the maintenance and operation of our website. Suggested skills are in HTML, SQL database or general familiarity with website operation. Programming skill in Microsoft C# program language would be helpful.

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 have received "Makerspace" designation from software supplier, Vectric Co. (<http://www.Vectric.com>) for a yearly contract of \$99. This permits many members to design CNC projects without the need of each member having to expend monies for the software. A rough draft of the operating procedures and proposed course work is now undergoing final testing.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

There are a few seats available for the AED class on FEBRUARY 21st (Wednesday).

It will be held at the shop from 7pm – 9 or 9:30 pm.

If anyone wants to take the class, contact Anne Bell at 352-350-2416 and your name will be put on the roster.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

We have received the order from Craft Supplies.

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We now have plenty of Marble Cheese Tiles. CA glue in 2 oz. is now available in all three mediums (Thick, Medium and Thin) as well as CA Accelerator. Included in the order are Cheese Domes that can be used with the projects from Andy's P702 Wood Epoxy Cheese Board class and Large Cheese Knife kits are also now available.

We going to be ordering Salt and Pepper mill mechanisms; so, if you need any, put in a special order at the front desk so that we can include your needs with our order.



Library

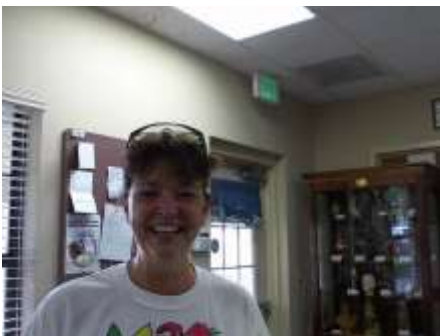
Mary Ann Main

Due to the flu, progress has been slow in the library. Materials will continue to be removed and placed near the break area in the carvers room each week for members to take if they like.

Materials being removed are as follows:

- books not directly related to woodworking
- books that duplicate topics on the shelf
(We will keep two or three books on a single topic.)
- magazines older than 1990

A request is being submitted to have new electrical run so the computer equipment can be moved closer to the entrance of the library.



Education

Deb Larouere

Nothing to report.


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Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

Wood department update

- 1) Just received full load of birch plywood 4x8 and 5x5 in all thicknesses
- 2) Have full complement of all hardwoods in stock except for a few exotics
- 3) Have two boards of poplar 19" wide and 3' long at a discounted price 



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department a busy start to 2018.

We participated in three external community activities:

- Toys on the Square at Lake Sumter Landing on January 11th, which was a rain shortened event when collected only \$118.00 in sales and donations.
- Colonial Days at Brownwood on January 19th which was a cool but dry day and we had a better day collecting \$618.00 in sales and donations.
- Hoedown Days at the Polo Field on January 27th where we assembled almost 250 pocket cars and totes in the Kids Korner. We also collected donations of \$175.00.

My thanks to all the Toy Team members who donated their time and efforts to these activities.

Our Toy production activities also started back up in earnest in January. We produced 836 Toys (which included 150 Pocket cars and 100 Totes for Hoedown Days) compared to 436 produced last January.

There were no client shipments in January. We will start those in earnest in February. We will be focusing on our commitment to the Children's Home society of Florida.

We will be back to Lake Sumter Landing on February 15th for Toys on the Square from 5-8:30pm. Our Toys on the Square will move to Spanish Springs town square in March for our Spring season.



Safety and Turners

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

BOD:

Welcome to **new Board members:**



Alvin Corenblum



John K Scott



Michael Cromwell

And thank you to the out-going members for your service the past three years



Bernie Harkins



Bill McGinness



Frank Giaccone

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Discussed accident involving the failure of someone, WALKING AWAY FROM A BAND SAW WITHOUT SHUTTING OFF THE MACHINE, causing an injury another while setting up to use the saw. Be certain to turn off, and clean up the machine and clean up the machine and surrounding area.

TURNERS GROUP

Next meeting – February 20, 7:00PM sharp in the shop, please bring items for show and tell. The demonstrator is yet to be determined.

The bearings have been replaced in the Stubby lathe and it is back in service. HOWEVER, temporarily it will not have vacuum capability. It appears the current method of introducing vacuum may have been the cause of the bearing failure. A better method is being investigated. Need turners to volunteer to aid in the turners area

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during the Spruce Up Weekend, as well as volunteers to aid Elliot Schantz in turning benches for the veterans project.



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

(A report that probably all the department managers would like to have! (Included here for the last paragraph!)

Having tremendous time here in Hawaii. Seeing some spectacular places on the following Islands, Oahu (Honolulu) Pearl Harbor, the Big Island and Hawaii Volcanoes Nat'l. Park, Kauai and Maui.

Went to a beautiful store selling lots of wood carvings of bowls, chairs etc. These articles were all made from Koa wood which is grown in Hawaii only. I am not sure if the woodworkers are aware of Koa wood but it has beautiful full grain; cost of this wood, which depends on grade, is from \$40.00 to \$100.00 per board feet.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Eight members are awaiting certification. Four are scheduled for 2/22 and four for 3/1. Reminder that monitor training for February is 21st and 28th.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Nothing to report.

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Maintenance

Dave Adamovich

Nothing to report.



President

Mike Borfitz

Our records show that we currently have 884 members and 28 volunteers which means that we lost about 73 members as the year changed; however, we welcomed 130 new members in 2017 which puts our 2018 base number about 57 above the January base number of last year. **Additionally we have over 60 names on the waiting list.** The Board will review the status at the March meeting to decide whether to open membership up to a finite number.

The IT committee has tested the electronic key system on one of the side doors with success. They are in the process of ordering a duplicate system for the other side door. When installed, these systems will allow a person to check-in through the side doors, but not check out. When a person keys in his/her ID number, the system will check our database to see if that number is a legitimate member and unlock the door. If a person goes out to the parking lot and returns through the same door, the system will do the same checking as before and unlock the door again. Checking out will only happen at the front desk.

Under the leadership of Nancy Blackmore we made **\$1,259.68** at Colonial Days! Thank you, Nancy!

Our second year in the Kids Zone of Hoe Down Days was very successful too (as reported by Conway)!

The Club has also opened up the opportunity for Village residents who are veterans to obtain an urn at the cost of a donation. This will actually “kick-off” in March. We are putting in place the requirements (e.g. proof of service etc.) and a system to aid in not allowing this opportunity to be abused.