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Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

Stained Glass Group Update

Stained Glass classes and studio continue on Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am at the shop. From beginners to experienced stained glass crafters, everyone is welcome to join us. We have a plentiful supply of glass as well as all of the tools needed to make beautiful glass creations. This month (October), we have pink glass and a pattern for a Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon sun catcher. These can be completed in just a few hours. We also have patterns and glass for seasonal decorations for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Come on and give it a try!



Special Projects, Website and CNC

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

No report this month.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

FRONT DESK NEWS

OCTOBER 15th – we will start accepting 2019 dues of \$55 on this date. **Each member MUST appear in person at the front desk and show their VILLAGES ID when paying dues.** You will also pick your 2019 monitor duty dates at that

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time if you are NOT exempt from monitor duty. Remember, doing monitor duty is a requirement of your membership. It would be helpful if you bring your personal 2019 calendar with you so you can check dates.

AGE exemptions from Monitor Duty - requirements:

You must have been a member of the woodshop for 5 consecutive years – 2014 or before.

You must have been born prior to 1/1/1939 and show a valid driver's license, Florida ID, or passport that shows your date of birth.

TOOL CRIB MONITORS – If you have a medical reason and must do your monitor duty in the TOOL CRIB, please pay your dues early so that you will have a good selection of Tool Crib shifts available.

VILLAGES WAIVERS – **if you have NOT signed a Villages waiver since October 1, 2018 the side door keypads will NOT work for you.** Until you sign the Villages waiver you are considered restricted from the shop. Any restriction will keep the keypads from working for you.

CHECK/CASH – WE DO NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS – If you do not want to leave extra 'change' as a donation to the shop, bring a check if you plan to purchase something – or pay your dues!



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

No report for this month.



Library

Mary Ann Main

No new items to report for the library at this time.

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Education

Deb Larouere

Course sign-ups are ongoing for the Fall 2018 Term which ends in December. Course Descriptions and the Calendar are available both at the shop and on-line. Students must sign up at the shop.

To find a master list of all Course Descriptions and openings still available in this term's classes, go to the website site at theVWC.org

There is an ongoing effort to make this section of the VWC website more user friendly. (Thanks, Hans!) It's a process. You can Login with your email and Village ID # if you wish, but as of now can still check courses without it. The two pages below are likely all you need as of right now.

If you are *undecided which class* would suit you and want to see Course Descriptions for all of the classes this term:

- Hover your mouse over the green "Education" tab at the right side of the menu bar on the main page. Click on "*[Class Catalog](#)*."
- On the left side of that page there is a "Click Here". When you click it, a master list of all classes this term, including detailed descriptions, prerequisites, etc. will appear. You DO NOT have to print the report to see it.
- Use the scroll bars at the bottom and at the right sides of the table to scroll down and over to what you're interested in. Keep scrolling down to see the whole list.

If you *already know* which class you want to sign up for but want to check dates and openings:

- Hover your mouse over the green "Education" tab at the right side of the menu bar on the main page. Click on "*[Available Classes](#)*".
- On the left side of that page there is a "Click Here". When you click it, a master list of all classes that still have openings will appear. You DO NOT have to print it to see it.
- Use the scroll bars at the bottom and at the right sides of the table to scroll down and over to what you're interested in. Keep scrolling down to see the whole list.

If you would like to teach or take a class that is not offered this term, especially if you are or have spoken with a potential Instructor, please let Bob Matthews or Debbie Larouere know. Requests for Instructors and classes for Winter - Spring 2019 will go out in October.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

Nothing new to report.

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Conway Williams, Manager

Toys

The Toy Department is moving into our busy season!

My thanks to all the members of the Toy Team, both elves and painters who continue to make this program a success!

We have participated in one external community activity in September. We went back to Toys on the Square on September 13th at Lake Sumter Landing. We had a good night with toy sales of \$234.00 and \$70.00 in cash donations.

Our next Toys on the Square will be Thursday October 11th at Brownwood Paddock Square (our first at Brownwood)!

I will be talking to the Entertainment Department later in October to work on our 2019 calendar.

Please come out and support the Toy Team at the town squares this fall!

Also, we have agreed to participate in Hoedown Days at the Polo field on Saturday February 9th 2019.

Since our last report, toy production activities have continued at a steady pace.

- We produced 595 toys in September.
- We have now produced 6655 toys in 2018 through the end of September.
- We have produced an additional 291 toys so far in October.

On the shipment side of the ledger we have doubled the shipment volume since our last report at the end of June.

- We shipped 912 toys in September.
- We have now shipped 4436 toys to clients in 2018, with a donation value of \$32204.00.
- We expect to make 8 shipments in October which will add another 1000 toys and over \$41,000 in donation value.

The Toy Team has also had the opportunity to get trained on and participate in production using some of the shop's newly acquired technology.

The shop has acquired the Epilog Laser Engraver that has been used to produce the Toy Department's puzzles and other toy components over the past three years. We are working on putting together a training program, the intention is to make the Laser available to members who will have the opportunity to design and execute their own projects using the machine's amazing capabilities.



Board of Directors, Safety and Turners

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

BOD:

TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE! BUT – there is time for anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact the chairman of the nominating committee – Frank Giaccone, or Mike Borfitz, Jim Spallone, John Herega, or any current board member or officer.

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

TURNERS GROUP

The turner's group monthly meeting will be held in the wood shop Tuesday October 16, 2018 promptly at 7:00PM. Please bring a show and tell item or 2 or more.

We are looking for members that would like to demonstrate their skills or techniques to the turners group, for the edification of the members. Anyone interested please contact John Herega. We bring in various demonstrators from local clubs and surrounding areas; we are looking for demonstrators that are new to the group and would love for our very talented members to share their talents with us. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome!

Following the meeting there will be a social period and demonstrator critique. Snacks will be provided, bring your choice of beverage.

WE ARE DESPERATELY SEEKING A MEMBER WILLING TO FILM THE TURNERS' MEETING DEMO'S. WE HAVE THE EQUIPMENT! IF INTERESTED, SEE JOHN HEREGA.

WHATS NEW? *Residents returning to The Villages, please check last month's (September) department report for a section on new tools now available!*

APPAREL

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

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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

The SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held Monday October 22, at 9:30 am in the library. Any member wishing to join the safety committee is welcome to attend the meeting(s). **Safety Note: Use caution when entering or leaving via the side doors! There may be a person on the other side!**

TABLE SAW SAFETY (Continued Part V)

RIP SAWING

- ❖ Before starting a ripping cut, be sure the fence is clamped securely and aligned properly
- ❖ Never rip pieces of wood shorter than the diameter of the saw blade.
- ❖ Never reach behind the blade with either hand to hold down or remove a piece with the saw bland rotating.
- ❖ Make sure the splitter/riving knife is properly aligned. When wood is cut along the grain, the kerf tends to close and bind on the blade and kickbacks can occur
- ❖ Always use the saw guard, splitter/riving knife and anti-kickback pawls.
- ❖ If the workpiece does not have a straight edge and cannot be straightened using the jointer, attach an auxiliary straight edge board against the fence.



NO



YES

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- ❖ Or draw a straight line (or lines), then using a band saw cut, follow the lines; then joint the edge.



- ❖ In ripping use one hand to hold the board down against the fence or fixture and the other to push it into the blade between the blade and the fence.



- ❖ If the workpiece is narrower than 6" or shorter than 12" use a push stick or block to push it through, between the fence and saw blade. **MOVE THE HAND SERVING AS A HOLD-DOWN A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE BLADE** as the cut nears completion
- ❖ Always push the workpiece completely past the blade at the end of a cut to minimize the possibility of comeback.

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- ❖ For very narrow ripping where a push stick cannot be used use a push block or auxiliary fence.
- ❖ At all times when ripping boards less than 6" in width use a push stick or block BETWEEN THE BLADE AND THE FENCE. NEVER PUSH THE BOARD THROUGH THE BLADE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BLADE. To avoid kickback maintain control between the blade and fence.



WRONG



RIGHT

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- ❖ Never use the rip fence beyond the point where the carriage is flush with the end of the rails.



RIGHT

WRONG

MORE ON TABLE SAW SAFETY
(CROSSCUTTING)
NEXT MONTH.



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Nothing new to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Certification dates (10/18, 10/25, 11/11 and 11/18) have been set to train the additional 20 members. All are reminded that monitor training is required for all members, including those with exemptions, every two years.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Nothing new to report.



Maintenance/Shop Administration

Dave Adamovich

Glen Croteau

In an effort to keep people safe and equipment working, **the keys to the shaper** and the **track saw** will now be kept in Maintenance. As there is a Maintenance person now available on all shifts, seek him out to use either of these pieces.

To all responsible for banging the vacuum system, **if the drum is empty when you open the top, try to bang it anyway. If no sawdust is released after that, please contact a maintenance person** because the line is likely plugged.



Jerry Leinsing



Lowell Sundermann

Woodworking Technology

Training and implementation of the CNC router and milling machine and the laser engraver and cutter continues.

Notice that there are more operators using the CNC Router for personal and shop projects. As more 'snowbird' members arrive and see the activity, the need for designers and operators will begin to rise.

Two cycles of E501 – introductory Design – Vcarve Pro for CNC; and E502 - Advanced Design – Vcarve Pro for CNC have been completed. Nine students completed E501 and most continued to complete E502. As designers they can complete designs and submit them for milling by any of seven certified operators. Names will be released shortly.

Hans has recently installed the design products on more computers in the Inner Office and has made it possible to download clipart from VCarve.

We are off to a good start with the laser. Jerry is busy learning and documenting while Lowell is getting up to speed trying an assortment of projects to get some hands-on experiences in order to be able to make reasonable decisions to implement this interesting woodworking device.

Additionally Conway Williams, Jr. is learning how to run jobs that were being done by Brian Pressly – previous owner of the laser we purchased.

The club has agreed to pre-buy 50 copies of Licensed CorelDraw at a special \$50 price tag since we qualify being a 501(c)(3) Educational Entity. These copies will be sold to members, first come first serve. CorelDraw is considered the default interface software for Epilog's Laser so we have also elected to standardize on this product. Even though other design programs can be used, we will only be able to offer design assistance on CorelDraw.

Members can prepare laser projects by designing in CorelDraw or any of the many software packages that CorelDraw will import. That said, if you do not know how to use CorelDraw, your file will have to be printer-ready once imported.

We have been very fortunate to have been made aware of several members who have used CorelDraw in their past lives. We have discovered a club member who is an ex-Navy instructor and worked with CorelDraw in his business after the Navy. Jerry, Lowell and Bob LaVarnway have met. Bob is working on a lesson plan to teach the basics of CorelDraw; enough to do basic projects on our laser. Jerry is working on specific tutorials that can be used by departments such as turning and pens that will hopefully cut down the learning time because the tutorials are tailored to what they want to make. If you have any project ideas, please share them with Jerry. We hope to have a couple classes in November; more will follow after the Holidays. Stay tuned.

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President

Mike Borfitz

Second Shop- Since the last report, the Design subcommittee has been working feverously to gather information on the complete utility load at the new shop, the specs of the desired equipment, the floor space that it occupies and detail enough to give the Village personnel enough data to go before the Sumter Landing Community Development District (SLCDD) Board. That meeting, which I have been asked to attend, will take place on October 18. We seek approval by that group to accept the land the Developer has offered for the second shop and to assume the responsibilities for constructing the building and funding the effort. That will allow us to sign the papers on the proposed three way partnership. After approval by SLCDD, we will need to go to the Project Wide Amenities Council (PWAC) to get their agreement to the on-going responsibility for utilities and external building maintenance. Of course along with these goes the work to obtain the necessary county permits etc.....BUT, we are moving and about a year from now we should have the building and be able to begin to work on the inside - furnishing it with equipment, tools, tables, storage areas and all! By the way, some of the data shared with The Villages for inclusion to the package for the SLCDD is that we will be contributing over \$74,000 of wood and 3700 man-hours of work just to make the needed furniture!

New Members- The Board of Directors voted to open the membership up to 20 more members. Anne Bell and Disk Besler are working to get those folks on board as soon as possible. That brings our membership total to 943 with more than 200 still on the waiting list!

Christmas Raffle - I am so happy to report that Ron Badami has agreed to chair the Christmas raffle! Be on the alert! He will tap you on the shoulder soon! Thanks, Ron!

Special Olympics Christmas Tree - Along the same line, Sandy Fuller and Julie Sullivan will be working the Special Olympics Christmas tree. Thank you so much!