

The Villages Woodworkers Club

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Presented to membership at the July 10 meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center



Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

Stained Glass Group Update

Classes and Stained Glass Studio (working on your own) continues throughout the summer months. We meet on Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am. We have the glass, tools, and supplies needed to make wonderful creations from simple sun catchers to complex boxes and lamp shades so come on and join us! Here are some of the recent projects completed by our members:

Betsy Abromaitis with her beautiful lampshade



Gary Wright with the magnificent peacock panel he designed himself.

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Special Projects, Website and CNC

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

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 period of June 12 Through July 7

Special Projects Accepted:	78
Special Projects completed:	107
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$4994
Total Hours Worked	328

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins:

Items Sold	329
Total Contributions: \$	3461

Website:

We have initiated a new series of pages on the website to provide our members with the most recent progress in designing and establishing the second shop, reference <http://thevwc.org/Our-Shop/Second-Shop>



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager



URGENT - HELP NEEDED

With the opening of the second woodshop, we will need a minimum of 15 people to staff the front desk. The desk must be staffed for the shop to open.

Qualifications are:

- Working knowledge of computers in general.
- Ability to work with people.
- Full- time Village resident.

The training period extends over several months; therefore, we would like to train new staff at the front desk of the current shop. ***We can't wait until the new shop opens to train new staff.*** Our staff generally work two or three half day shifts per month once trained.

For a real "good time," contact Anne Bell at (352) 350-2416.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

Nothing to report.



Library

Mary Ann Main

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No report.



Education

Deb Larouere

Target date for posting of fall classes online is August 20.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

We recently received a supply of plywood and hardwood bringing our lumber inventory to its proper level. The wood bins are stocked.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department continues to work hard to achieve our 2018 Goals

We participated in no external community activity in June. We have contacted eight of our clients from last year to see if they are willing to take delivery of their toy orders for 2018 prior to the Christmas Season. They have all agreed to take shipments starting in July. We will be starting to assemble those orders right after the 4th of July Holiday.

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

- We produced 686 toys for the month.
- We have added another 177 thru the 6th of July.

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- Which means we were 1134 toys ahead where we were at the end of June last year.
- We have now produced 4930 toys in 2018 thru July 6th.

There were no shipments to Clients in June

We have made two shipments already in July.

- 300 toys to operation Shoe Box with a Donation value of \$900.00.
- 40 toys to Children's Home Society of Florida with a Donation value of \$800.00.

We will start working on shipments to two local elementary schools the following week.

- 179 Toys to Belleview Elementary with a Donation value of \$1838.00.
- 187 Toys to Villages Elementary with a donation value of \$2054.00.

We fulfilled our commitment to the Children's Home Society of Florida for their Fiscal year 2017-2018, which ended June 30th, 2018, by providing them with 1017 toys with a donation value of \$14,108.00.

We have already started on our commitment for their 2018-2019 fiscal year which started on July 1st 2018, with the shipment above.

In support of the VWC expansion into the new location, the Toy department has created a subcommittee made up of, Conway Williams Chair, members: Kelvin Comer, Spike Durant, Ron Gammon, Frank Kosa, Ron Lessard, John M Scott and Dick Steele.

We will be back at Lake Sumter Landing town square on Thursday September 13th from 5-8:30, for Toys on the Square. As has always been our practice we have 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.

TURNERS GROUP:

The July and August meetings will be suspended.

Tuesday August 21 anyone interested in honing a particular skill, wanting 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

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Tuesday August 21 at 4:00pm.inthe woodshop. Please contact John Herega no later than August 14 to insure we have the instructor(s) and all necessary tools and 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 Part III)

Serious injury can result from kickbacks which occur when a work piece binds on the saw blade or binds between the saw, rip fence or other fixed object. The binding can cause the work piece to lift up and be thrown toward the operator.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONDITIONS THAT CAN CAUSE KICKBACKS

- Confining the cutoff piece when crosscutting or ripping.
- Releasing the workpiece before completing the operation or not pushing the workpiece all the way past the saw blade.
- Not using the riving knife/splitter or not maintaining alignment of the riving knife/splitter with the saw blade.
- Using a dull saw blade.
- Not maintaining alignment of the rip fence so that it tends to angle toward rather than away from the saw blade front to back.
- Applying feed force when ripping to the cutoff (free) section of the workpiece instead of the section between the saw blade and the fence



WRONG



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CORRECT

- Ripping wood that is twisted (not flat), or does not have a straight edge or a twisted grain.

HOW TO MINIMIZE OR PREVENT INJURY FROM KICKBACKS

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- Avoid the previous conditions.
- Do not use the miter gauge and the rip fence in the same operation unless provision is made by use of a facing board on the fence so as to allow the cutoff section of the workpiece to come free before the next cut is started
- As the machine receives more use, check the operation of the anti-kickback pawls. If the pawls do not stop the reverse motion of the workpiece re-sharpen the points
- Where possible keep your face and body out of line with potential kickbacks including when starting and stopping the machine.
- Support the work properly and hold it firmly against the gauge or fence.

MORE ON TABLE SAW SAFETY NEXT MONTH



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Nothing to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Certification has started up again on 7/26 with 5 new members.
Monitor training will be 7-11 and 7-18 this month due to holiday.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Nothing to report.



Maintenance

Dave Adamovich

Efforts have been directed at identifying the equipment, and floor space needed to accommodate the equipment, for the new shop.



President

Mike Borfitz

Work continues to support the second shop. After the Town Meeting and email messages we had many members step forward to help on subcommittees. To that end, we have formed 16 subcommittees. They cover everything from Design to Office Administration. Some have met already; for others meetings are premature at this time. We are awaiting the transfer of the land from the developer to the district as well as a contract that spells out responsibilities for all involved. VWC will be responsible for the purchase of the equipment for the site. We will do that with money in savings at the Club and a long-term, low rate loan/line of credit from the District (much like the way the wood shed was built.)

I am happy to let you know that the Board voted to allow 20 more members into the Club. They have all been contacted and are in the process of paying fees and attending the certification classes.

Last month I pleaded for someone to offer to lead the Special Olympics Christmas tree effort – So far I have no offers. The same is true for the raffle items and door prizes for the Christmas party – again, no offers. It would be a shame to cease these activities, but the already busy members can do only so much.

And, as long as I'm begging, the Club really needs a historian. I have notebooks full of old information and yellowed newspaper articles that tell the rich history of our Club. Preserving that history seems the right thing to do. Can someone help?

Thank you!!

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