



Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

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. We have patterns and glass for seasonal decorations for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Many of them only take a few hours to complete. Come on and give it a try!



Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

Special Projects, Website and CNC

Nothing to report.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

INTERESTED IN WORKING AT THE FRONT DESK?

CONTACT ANNE BELL AT (352) 350-2416 for more information.

We need at least 15 new front desk staff by the time the new shop is opened.

Raffle tickets will be on sale until December 8th at the front desk.

Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

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Dinner reservations for the Christmas party are on sale at the front desk for \$15 each. The cutoff date for reservations is November 30th.

Each member may purchase 2 tickets. Dinner entrees are 10oz. Prime Rib, Tuscany Chicken, Salmon, and Eggplant Parmesan. Additional information is available at the front desk.

2019 DUES are still \$55. Your current year's membership is valid until December 31st. If your dues are not paid by that time you will not be allowed in the shop. You will have an opportunity to pay your dues through the month of January 2019. Once paid, you may again use the shop. If dues are not paid by January 31st you will no longer be a member.

We have welcomed 59 new members as of November 9, 2018. We will not be holding any more certification classes in 2018. There are 264 active members on the waiting list.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

Nothing to report.



Library

Mary Ann Main

- Research continues regarding our magazine subscriptions and acquiring online access to the materials. I have been provided information from the treasurer to help in this task.
 - The DVD's that were copied from VCR tapes are available in the cabinet near the computer. An updated DVD index is being developed.
 - Shelving is being cleared to provide Education with open storage for their class materials.
 - The book indexes are still being updated.
- All tasks should be completed by the New Year.

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Education

Deb Larouere

The Education Department is working on the 2019 Class Schedule at this time. Members interested in taking a particular class might want to let the instructors know of their interest now so that enough spots in the class will more likely be offered.

There are still spots available in classes this term. Look on line under the Education tabs to see which spots are open.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

We will be having our annual drawing for thanksgiving turkey (s)

All VWC members who purchased lumber from Oct 1 - Nov 10 are automatically entered in the contest.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department is moving toward another record year in 2018

We participated in one external community activity in October. We had our first to Toys on the Square on October 11th at Brownwood Paddock Square. We had a good night with toy sales of \$209.00 and \$122.00 in cash donations.

We will be participating in 2 Toys on the Square in November, the first is at Brownwood Paddock Square on Thursday the 8th (WAS CANCELLED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER) and the second is at Lake Sumter Landing on Wednesday the 21st.

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

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

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- We produced 1,122 toys in October.
- We have produced 7,777 toys in 2018 through the end of October.
- On November 6th we produced our 8000th toy for 2018, the first time we have ever achieved that level!
- We have produced 430 toys through November 9th, bringing our annual production to 8,207.

My sincere thanks to all the Elves and Painters who make up the TOY TEAM for a job well done!

On the shipment side of the ledger we have significantly increased our volume.

- We have shipped 1,130 toys in October.
- We have already shipped an additional 533 toys in November.
- We have now shipped 6,203 toys to clients in 2018, with a donation value of \$47,810.
- We still have 3 more large shipments to make by month end, with another 500 toys and an additional value of over \$5,700.00!

The Toy Team continues to get trained and use some of the shop's newly acquired technology.



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, 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 November 20, 2018 promptly at 7:00PM in the shop. 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. :

WHATS NEW

#2 MORSE TAPER STRONG BORE MODULAR BORING SYSTEM:

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The strong bar system is a series of 3" sections, or extensions, when needed for pepper mills or starter bores for deep hollowing for hollow form vessels.

It is constructed of thick $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter steel and mounts directly into the tail stock which means there is no need for a Jacobs chuck. It can be used with any $\frac{3}{8}$ " shank Forstner bit or any other type of drilling tool with a standard $\frac{3}{8}$ " shank. It is modular and can extended (5", 8" & 11") simply by adding extensions to the standard assembly



1. Thread extension section into taper adaptor and secure in place by tightening together using a $\frac{5}{8}$ " wrench and tightening the set screws. **NOTE;** When disassembling make sure to loosen set screws before un-threading sections.



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2. Thread Forstner Bit holder extension and secure in place by tightening together using a 5/8" wrench and tightening the set screws. **NOTE;** When disassembling make sure to loosen set screws before unthreading sections.
3. Insert desired bit into the
 4. Forstner bit holder and secure in place by tightening both set screws in Forstner bit holder.



5. Insert assembly into tailstock of lathe and firmly seat assembly into tail stock. **WARNING:** Failure to seat assembly into taper firmly may cause the assembly to rotate when boring.



Above: System with all extensions and Forstner bit installed in tail stock.

When disassembling, be careful not to lose any of the set screws; return to the tool crib.

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

Due to the holidays the November and December SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS will be suspended. The next Safety Committee will be Monday January 21, at 9:30 am in the library. Any member wishing to join the safety committee is welcome to attend the meeting(s).

TABLE SAW SAFETY (Continued Part VI)

CROSS CUTTING

- Crosscutting must **NEVER** be done freehand.
- Do not use the fence as an end stop unless an auxiliary spacer block is clamped before the blade area. This will permit the cutoff piece to come free of the block before cutting starts.
- Length stops should not be used on the free end of the workpiece in the cutoff area.

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- Do not crosscut workpieces shorter than 6".
 - Before starting a cut be sure the miter gauge is securely clamped at the desired angle
 - Hold the workpiece firmly against the table and back against the miter gauge.
 - Always use the saw guard and splitter/riving knife.
 - Provide auxiliary support for any workpiece extending beyond the table top with a tendency to sag and lift off the table.
 - Avoid using the fence to guide a piece that is wider than long. USE THE MITER GAUGE.
 - Turn off the saw and wait for the blade to stop before removing small cut off pieces. In addition to usually being close to the blade they can easily be knocked into the blade turning them into projectiles.
 - Do not cut a piece of wood that is too large to handle. Employ the help of another person or use in-feed and out-feed tables.
 - After finishing your work the saw blade should be lowered below the table. This way it cannot be bumped into and offers protection if the saw is accidentally turned on.
- ❖ No list of safety guidelines can be complete. Every shop environment is different. Always consider safety first, as it applies to your individual working conditions. Use this and other machinery with caution and respect. Failure to do so could result in serious injury, damage to equipment or poor work results.

AND THE FINAL WORD FOR TODAY

-----REMEMBER-----

"THERE ARE NO MISTAKES IN WOODWORKING UNTIL YOU RUN OUT OF WOOD"



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Nothing to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Monitor training will be 11-21 final for the month. Certification finished with 2 members having not attended at scheduled times. They will be scheduled at a later date.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Our “Pen for the Troops” project has been a resounding success; thanks in no small part to Elliot Schantz who has lead this project from the beginning. Our goal for Veterans Day 2018 was to produce 250 completed pens. We achieved that goal, producing 265 pens. To put it in perspective, last Veterans Day we produced and shipped 117 pens. A big thank you to all those members that participated in the Tuesday pen production sessions and to those that helped in the final push on Thurs. 11/8/18 and Fri. 11/9/18. A special thank you to Ron Gammon and Frank Giaccone for all their efforts through this production period. Also, a big **Thank You to PDQ** for providing lunch on Friday 11/9/18 to all of our pen turners and support staff (Elliot provided the owners with pens and they were simply thrilled that we recognized their efforts).

For this project thus far, **VWC members have produced and shipped 765 pens**: 117 for Veterans Day 2017; 383 for Memorial Day 2018; 265 for Veterans Day 2018. As a club, we are committed to supporting our troops, and this is just one of the ways we can be involved.

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Now on to the Memorial Day goal of 400 pens. We will need many more volunteers to achieve our lofty goal.

Step up and get involved.

For more information, contact Elliot Schantz at the shop. He is there most days.



Dave Adamovich

No report.



Glen Croteau

Maintenance/Shop Administration



Jerry Leinsing



Lowell Sundermann

Woodworking Technology

This department has two distinct areas of focus. The first focus is on using CNC Routing/Engraving similar to good old fashion woodworking except much more challenging, accurate and exciting. The second focus involves the Epilog Laser to render your CorelDraw artwork as a marked (burned?) image in wood or other substrates. Any awards you ever received throughout your career were most likely produced on a similar laser. Hole-in-One plaques, anyone?

Feel free to drop by either machine when it is operating and see what it is doing. The CNC router / engraver is being used for many personal projects including, cribbage boards, signs and gifts. Several shop projects are being run. Harry McIntyre continues to run critical parts for several toys and continues to add more toys that fit best to use CNC technology accuracy. Stop by and watch Harry do his magic. He adapted to this technology very quickly and is gifted when it comes to mounting devices.

The laser engraver/cutter is on line and can be seen near the front of the tool crib. Most of you saw it making crosses for the Methodist Church on US44. Actually, per Bob Thompson, we made 1,028 pieces. We would like to praise the efforts of John Gioe – a real trooper to help get the project produced. We also made about three dozen Christmas tree decorations for the Club's trees for the Special Olympics, and Baker House Christmas trees.

Training continues and courses are available in CNC Design and Operation as well as Laser Design and Operation.

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Admittedly, we are spending most of our time on working through issues on the laser machine. We know we have to experiment with and learn some settings issues to get the laser to work as desired with the types of materials we use, but that said we have put the machine to work.

Lastly, the Woodworking Technology Dept. has offered for raffle that we will take a photo of your choice and engrave it on wood using the laser engraver. We have a sample on display of what it might look like. Good luck winning the raffle. We hope you all have a joyous family Thanksgiving.



President

Mike Borfitz

Second Shop- As you have seen in The Daily Sun, the Sumter Landing Community Development District board has accepted the land for the second woodshop which means that they have theoretically agreed to build the building. We now await an official site plan in order to begin the dialog with the architect for The Village. In the meantime, the Design subcommittee continues to gather as much information as possible for the use of each area, thereby answering the questions as to utilities, adjacency preferences and special needs for each area. When we finally face the architects, we will be very well prepared.

As a result of the October 18 meeting at which the decision above was made, one of the supervisors on that council asked to have a tour of our shop. That tour took place Thursday, Nov 1. I believe that Gerry Lachnicht was duly impressed.

New Members- With the acceptance of the latest class of new members, our Club population now stands at 944. As we continue to gather information on the preference of our current members for their "home shop", we find that the responses of 469 members indicate about 62% prefer the current shop while 38% opt for the new location. As we know that most of the 264 on the waiting list are likely to prefer the new shop, the split looks to be fairly even!

Christmas Raffle and Party- Please be aware that Ron Badami has come up with a great, much shorter, way to award the Christmas raffle items AND I promise to keep the business meeting part of the party very short; so, it should be an enjoyable social evening! Hope you can make it!!

Christmas Trees - Sandy Fuller and Julie Sullivan are creating the Special Olympics tree as well as a tree that will be displayed in the Baker House. Thank you both for taking on these tasks!