



**Ed Eich, Manager**



**Kathy Villani  
Assistant Manager**

## Stained Glass

### Stained Glass Group Update

Formal classes are over until September but many of our students continue to work on their projects throughout the summer. Here are some projects that have been completed recently:

Barbara Duncan completed the Basic Stained Glass class and created a butterfly: (See picture far right below.)

Roy Hoffman completed the Advanced Caming class and created a glass panel using lead came instead of soldering copper foil: (See center picture below.)

Bob O'Brien completed the Intermediate class and created an Iris panel using copper foil/solder and framing with came: (See picture on far left below.)



Great job, everyone! If you are interested in making some decorative glass pieces of your own, please plan to sign up for fall classes in August/September. If you'd like to get a closer look at what we do, come to the shop on Friday mornings between 9 and 11 am. We'll be happy to show you what we're working on!



## Special Projects and Website

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

### *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 period May 12 – June 8, 2019:

Special Projects Accepted:	34
Special Projects completed:	38
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$ 1027.82

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Items Sold	191
Total Contributions:	\$ 2108.08

Thanks to all VWC members who contributed their time and talents in working on these Special Projects and Pre-Made items.

### *Website:*

We are planning to post pictures (maybe videos) of the new shop’s construction progress.

If you have an idea of how to improve the website please send your suggestions to [woodshop@thevwc.org](mailto:woodshop@thevwc.org).



## Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

## Still burning!!!

Glad to report that a few people have expressed interest in working the front desk, but we still need more!  
**FOR A GREAT DEAL OF NEXT YEAR WE WILL NEED COVERAGE AT THE FRONT DESKS AT BOTH LOCATIONS!**  
Working the front desk is a great way to really know what’s current with the Shop. It takes some training, but

it is a rewarding task for someone who enjoys working with people, has pride in our Club and likes to contribute to making it the best club of all. I know that there are a lot of members who meet that description; so, please step forward and contact me – Anne Bell - at 352-350-2416.



### Member Merchandise

**Steve Eikenberry**

All Merchandise has been re-organized, and sales are being tracked in the same manner as lumber sales. Recently Bob Behrens and I agreed all disc sandpaper should be in merchandise. I have assumed his stock he previously kept in the tool crib. Now all disc sandpaper is only available through merchandise. We held a merchandise fire sale at the May Turners Meeting. Much of our stock that we wish to remove from inventory was sold. Thanks to John Herega for managing the sale in my absence. Figure 8 hand sanding pads (for disc sandpaper) are now back in stock and available. Thanks to Bob Behrens for creating cabinet pockets for organizing and storing lathe gouges for sale.



### Library

**Mary Ann Main**

No update this month.



### Education

**Deb Larouere**

- Education is a critical part of the VWC Experience. More skills on the part of more members yield a safer environment, less mechanical damage and better and better projects for individual Woodworkers. Overall a better experience for everyone.

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- In anticipation of an influx of new members, additional help is needed to assist with classes including Certification. Many new members have little or no woodworking experience, but they want to learn. (They see how much for you're having!) Talk to John Herega or Dick Besler to help out with Certification, the first step for all new members. Talk to Debbie Larouere or Bob Matthews about other skill or project topics. Current Instructors are looking to be sure they have a back-up to cover classes if they have to step away for a bit. Talk to them to offer your help.
- Also looking for "Make it and Take it" workshop ideas and Instructors for shorter, skill builder project classes that will be easy, fun and build confidence and safety as well. Especially looking for Instructors for classes in Jewelry Making, Box construction and Picture-Framing and Wood Piercing and Embellishing.
- So maybe you don't quite have the skills to Instruct; but how about helping out? Don't have the time or empty calendar to take on a set schedule? We're flexible. How about being part of a team or extra eyes for safety, or helping out on a rotating or occasional basis? We need your help and you'll have some fun and meet new people.
- The Carvers are working on new opportunities for members to give carving a try without investing in any equipment. Carving is one skill you could share with older grandkids that would come with 'souvenirs' and rewarding memories of the time you shared. Learn how now. Watch for more info or see Steve Mendelsohn, Bill McGinnis, Pete Bankowski or Dominic Attali.
- CNC Classes are also being revamped and streamlined to include better experiences for upcoming students and speed the process to User Certification. Watch for sign ups or See Lowell Sundermann.



### IT (Information Technology)

Current efforts revolve around daily support of existing IT systems such as the Front Desk and Electronic Doors. New PC for Front Desk arrived and has been installed. Development efforts continue to take place for the systems we will need when we have a second wood shop location. A new electronic door system has been developed, expect it to be a more reliable platform than current Windows based product. Planning to install and test live in June/July timeframe. Discussions are ongoing with The Villages about how we may use Maxgalaxy or provide them data needed to better understand woodshop utilization.



## Lumber

**Stephen Yovan, Manager**

Lumber species of the month.... IPE, an exotic tropical hardwood from Brazil ( aka Brazilian Walnut, Ironwood, Diamond Decking )

Characteristics..... Reddish brown in color turning to a shady grey if exposed to sunlight  
Very dense hardwood (will not float) and 8 times the hardness of California Redwood.  
Extremely durable, sturdy, very smooth, tight grain, naturally resistant to rot and decay,.  
Care-free, looks great, and will last a life time (>75 years)

Common uses..... Outdoor patio furniture, high end patio decks, Adirondack chair,s  
drawer slides / runners for cabinets, benches

Availability ..... About 35 board feet in stock at \$6.50 per board foot



## Toys

**Conway Williams, Manager**

**The VWC Toy Department is on target for another successful year.**

We participated in Toys on the Square on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Spanish Springs. Despite having Scooter the DJ for the evening's entertainment, it was the hot weather that cause the low attendance and a meager financial performance. We had toy sales of \$201.00 and only collected \$14.00 in donations for a total of \$215.00. This was our last show before the summer break. We will restart the program again at Brownwood Paddock Square on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Elves and Painters continue their hard work!

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- They have produced 4881 toys through the end of May, which puts us 814 toys off last year's record pace.

On the shipping side we are still making good progress.

- Through the end of May we have shipped 3361 toys with a donation value of \$20,474.

The Toy Department continues to work closely with the Woodworking Technology Department on education, training and certification on both the CNC and Laser Engraver. Dennis Drazhowski, our primary Laser operator has departed for the cooler weather of the north and now Marty Drucker and Ron Lessard have stepped into the puzzle production role after recently completing training. We continue to improve and refine our puzzle process as we gather more experience on the laser.

Jo Harlos, our Painting manager has added five new members to her crew to replace some of her seasonal workers who have also departed.



### Safety and Turners

**John Herega, Manager of Safety and Turners**

#### **TURNERS GROUP**

The turners' group meetings have been suspended for the summer. There will be no meetings JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. Regular meetings will resume September 17, 2019

There are some turning tools/supplies available at half price. (See below.)

#### **TURNER SUPPLIES HALF PRICE SALE**

BLOXYGEN

ODIES OIL – 9oz

CORN ON THE COB HOLDERS

SANDING DETAILER – pkg. of 4

VARIOUS HSS CUTTERS

NOVA SOFT JAWS

MARKING TOOL

Anyone interested in demonstrating a wood turning item or technique this coming fall/winter, contact John Herega at [herega@hughes.net](mailto:herega@hughes.net), call (732-546-6946), or leave a message at the front desk.

We try to bring in demonstrators from local clubs and surrounding areas for the turners meetings and we are looking for demonstrators that are new to the group. Additionally, we are looking for members who would be willing to demonstrate their skills or techniques. We would love for our very talented members to share their

talents with us. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. Anyone interested, please contact John Herega.

### **APPARELL**

We recently re-stocked tan smocks, Bucket Boss and Duluth aprons; as expected, there is a slight increase in price. The dark grey Arsenal aprons are no longer available.

Aprons, smocks, respirators, dusk masks, safety glasses and side shields are available in the shop. 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.

### **SAFETY**

The Safety Committee meetings have been suspended during June, July and August. Any member wishing to join the safety committee is welcome to attend the meeting(s).

## **YOU'RE RETIRED – WHAT'S YOUR RUSH**

How many times have you heard this phrase? While it is true in general, it certainly is true when you are working with woodworking machinery.

- TAKE YOUR TIME!
- THINK THE JOB THROUGH BEFORE TURNING ON ANY POWER TOOL OR BEGINNING ANY TASK WITH A HAND TOOL.
- KNOWLEDGE: Be sure you have the knowledge to operate the tool/machine properly. If unsure, seek assistance from an instructor or a member that you are confident can give you the proper instruction.
- ACTION: Do you know the proper actions needed to do this job safely?
- EQUIPMENT: Do you have the proper equipment, personal protective equipment, guards and safety equipment in place and in working order to do the job safely?

### **NOTICE**

Any member that is interested in serving on the nominating committee for candidates for the Board of Directors and club officers, or would like to be a candidate for the above offices, please contact John Herega.





## Carvers

### **Pete Bankowski**

During this coming winter season, I along with Steve Mendelsohn, Bill McGinnis, and Dominic Attili, are going to setup carving & sharpening lessons.

When we have the criteria on the lessons, we are going to work with Deb Larouere to get these classes added to the curriculum.



## Certification & Monitor Training

### **Dick Besler**

Our next certification date will be June 27th. If we have enough instructors, we are planning July 18 as the session for next month.

Thank you to all the instructors for all that you do in sharing your expertise and time in this valuable step to keeping our shop safe.

Anyone interested in helping with certification, please contact me at [rbes01@embarqmail.com](mailto:rbes01@embarqmail.com) or 609-915-6532.

**Again, please remember that on the days of certification, the shop is closed to all members EXCEPT monitors, “students” and instructors!**





### Vice President

**Jim Spallone**

For the Memorial Day week we did 51 pens: 15 on Tuesday; 11 on Thursday; and 25 on Friday. Thanks to everyone who showed up! Please be reminded that that we will continue to turn pens over the summer.



**Dave Adamovich**



**Glen Croteau**

Nothing to report this month.

### Maintenance/Shop Administration



**Jerry Leinsing**



**Lowell Sundermann**

### Woodworking Technology

The Woodworking Technology Department has wound up current training classes for this "school year". As mentioned before, we will be organizing a "suite" of classes starting in the fall. Members will sign up for three days of classes held in about a week period of time. At the end of this training, students can start a process of learning to operate the CNC leading to certification. Watch for the fall education catalog, and a yet to be announced technology fair to learn more about this training program. The technology fair will be a day long activity where members can watch and ask questions about the software we use for the CNC, and watching the CNC in operation. Dates and more details will follow.

We have certified a total of seventeen members to date. Five, for appropriate reasons, have been waived as published operators. This leaves twelve that all members can contact to see if they will help them with CNC projects. A list of these operators is updated and posted on the wall behind the CNC. It is preferred members will have designed their project or have asked a trained member to do the design so the operator needs only review the design details and run the project. Any member that has completed the previously titled E501 and E502 should have knowledge to do basic design work. A list of these members will be made available soon.

The Laser training continues at a healthy pace. Approximately sixty members have purchased our deeply discounted copies of 2018 Corel Draw. A personalize certification process for those wanting to run the laser will be formalized by fall.

We welcome Jerry Leinsing back to the United States after a complication of an unplanned medical procedure while on vacation in Germany. We ask you to keep Jerry in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.



### **Chair, Board of Directors**

**Mike Cromwell**

Recently had the opportunity to visit with Bob Matthews and Debbie Larouere who head up the VWC Education Department. They provided this 5-year club member with a comprehensive history of the development of the education initiative for our club. Kudos for great work done to date.

As you might imagine, that conversation led to discussing the new shop location and the attendant significant increase in members. The 'new shop' benefit doesn't come without its challenges in many areas and education is certainly one of them. So let me digress a bit to lay some groundwork. Imagine a small but growing town with a single movie theater. Over time, the demand for movie attendance has increased to the point that a new, additional theater is built. Now you can rightfully imagine that from opening day on, the town's people would expect something like a doubling of theater seats for the community. So too might Villagers think of the VWC with a new shop. But that will not be the case due to our need to certify new members. Hold that certification thought for a moment and imagine that we can safely and intelligently approve a significant number of new Club members in short order. And now consider the increased demand for shop offered education classes! I am not equating certification and discretionary education beyond the recognition that both require participation of qualified leaders and assistants.

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Bob and Debbie observed that in the early years, a number of well qualified woodworkers joined the club and offered their knowledge in teaching and leadership roles. Over the more recent years, fewer new members seem to have that background. And perhaps some that do are more reserved about offering the benefit of their skills. Thus, each of us is encouraged to consider if we might step up to this need. Please consider if you might have the capability to lead a team for certification or a class; maybe you've been in an assistant role and could now take the helm; or maybe you've been in the wings with no role but are capable of back-filling an assistant's role.

I assure you, the Education Department leadership, like the other departments I've surveyed, is well on top of their game. They have solid plans for the future of the club and a significant core team of accomplished men and women. Still, like all good programs, new resources are appropriate. I encourage you to step up to contribute to maintaining this club's record of excellence.



**President**

**Mike Borfitz**

### **Taking a Minute to Salute the Maintenance Department**

The VWC maintenance crew is full of unsung heroes. They are working in the background making sure that the equipment is in working order and that the building is ready for each of us to walk in the front door, sign in, put on our safety glasses and work on our projects. Not too long ago, the department was expanded to allow for the presence of a maintenance person during all day time shifts. I applaud this effort and ask you to let them know how much you appreciate it too. To make that easy, following please find a Maintenance Rogues Gallery to help you recognize these special members!



**Dave Adamovich**



**Glen Croteau**



**Bob Behrens**

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Tom Melovitz



Skip Banks



Walt Chekay



Brad Primeau



Frank Warren



Harold Morsilli



Charles Calkins



Brian Leininger



Cas Chmielnicki



Scott Herlick



Dan Botner



William Fitzgerald



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John Canale



Mike Cromwell



Clyde Hamilton



Will Muhleman



Michael Gilman



John Scott



Dave Makarewicz



Nick Yinger

### **Second Shop**

We are making great headway with the plans for the new shop. As we did last month, we will be reviewing the updated floor plans and site plans at the General Membership meeting. Thanks to all who are contributing their time and thoughts to making the new site a woodworking reality!