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Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

Stained Glass Group Update

Stained Glass Classes have begun again (as of September 7). It's not too late to sign up if you'd like to join us. Classes meet on Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am. We offer various levels of classes from beginner to expert. We have all the tools and supplies you'll need to get started along with an excellent selection of glass.

Here's one of the recently-completed projects – Rick Hart's Iris panel:



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.

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The following are statistics for the period of July 10 Through September 9

Special Projects Accepted:	130
Special Projects completed:	99
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$4136
Total Hours Worked	275

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Items Sold	316
Total Contributions: \$	3284

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



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

ONGOING

We are interested in finding members who would be interested in being part of the Front Office team at the new woodshop.

I would like to get the team together early, with training beginning in the spring of 2019.

Please contact Anne Bell at (352) 350-2416 if you are interested.

We will need about 20 members for this important job.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

WE WILL START SIGNING VILLAGES WAIVERS EARLY

TO BEAT THE OCTOBER 1ST RUSH ~~~~

YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO SIGN THE VILLAGES WAIVER (Activity Release) this year.

LEAVE THE COMPLETED WAIVER WITH THE FRONT DESK PERSON.

The waivers will be entered into the system on September 30th so that you can enter the shop immediately on October 1st.

OCTOBER 1, 2018

NEW WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE YOU ENTER THE SHOP.

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PLEASE WATCH THE CHECK-IN MONITORS. A MESSAGE WILL BE DISPLAYED IF YOU NEED TO SIGN A WAIVER.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED A WAIVER YOU MUST COME TO THE FRONT DESK TO DO SO.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER BY THE SIDE DOORS UNLESS A WAIVER HAS BEEN SIGNED.

OCTOBER 15, 2018

DUES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR 2019

DUES ARE STILL \$55.00

YOU WILL SIGN UP FOR 2019 MONITOR DUTY WHEN PAYING DUES.

MEMBERS ARE QUALIFIED FOR A MONITOR DUTY AGE EXEMPTIONS IF:

You are 80 YEARS OF AGE (**BORN BEFORE 1/1/1939**)

AND

HAVE BEEN A VWC MEMBER FOR 5 YEARS -- **JOINED IN 2014 OR BEFORE**

**ALL OTHER MONITOR DUTY EXEMPTIONS WILL HAVE BEEN
TURNED IN BY THE DEPARTMENT MANAGER.**

**NEW THIS YEAR!!! YOU WILL SELECT EITHER 'ROLLING ACRES' OR 'EISENHOWER' AS YOUR
SHOP FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.**

You may select the same shop or a different shop for each.

- a) The shop where you will fulfill your MONITOR DUTY requirements.
- b) Your preferred shop for the MAJORITY OF YOUR WOODWORKING.

This selection can be changed later. We will use this information when planning for the new shop.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

The only thing new is that we have gotten a new supply of metal Bottle Stoppers in.

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Library

Mary Ann Main

I am currently working on simplifying the Book index and am relabeling the colored labels.

The PDF link on the Library PC for "WOOD Magazine" by Better Homes and Gardens opens a startup PDF but none of the links work. IT thinks we will need to re-download the pdf, but when IT attempted to do this they were asked for an id and password, which I do not have. If anyone has any information about how this load originally occurred, please let IT know so they can attempt to reload it.

No update on the status of converting old VCR tapes to DVD's.

We really need volunteers to help with the following tasks:

- Researching subscription requirements and costs for our magazines
- Review and recommend indexing options for our magazines
- Review and establish a filing system for our patterns



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.

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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

We have received a recent supply of lumber and are fully stocked including wormy maple and sapele for your turning needs.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

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

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 no external community activity since May, but that doesn't mean that we haven't been busy!

Since our last report for the end of June, Toy production activities have continued at a steady pace.

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- We produced 898 toys in the month of July
- We produced 409 toys in the month of August
- We have now produced 6060 toys in 2018 through the end of August. This puts us 1109 toys ahead of where we were at that time last year.
- We have also produced an additional 170 Toys through the 5th of September.

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

- We shipped 1226 toys in the month of July
- We shipped 593 toys in the month of August
- We have now shipped 3524 toys to clients in 2018, with a donation value of \$27,191.00

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.

Our Harry McIntyre has been among the first to complete training and successfully run several different projects on the CNC machine. Working with Lowell Sundermann and Jerry Leinsing , Harry was able successfully convert our method of making our Alligator pull toy with it's critical placement of three axles and two rotating balls into a highly repeatable result that significantly reduced our rework. They then took what they learned there and applied it to our turtle pull toy. Further, we standardized the blanks used to produce the two toys so that we can make either toy from a single blank design. Since then Harry and Lowell have also added three puzzles that have significant numbers of hole to the program. Great work!!

The shop has also 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. Once Lowell and Jerry have had an opportunity to put 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 machines' amazing capabilities.

Recently I received a call from the Villages Entertainment Department saying that they are making changes to their Market Nights at the Town Squares starting October 1st 2018!

The good news is that since we already have confirmed dates through the end of the year we still have those dates in place. However, where we are going to be located has changed!

The Villages is instituting Market Nights at Brownwood Paddock Square on Thursday nights. Further, they are rescheduling Market Night at Lake Sumter Landing to Wednesday night and will no longer have Monday Market Nights at Spanish Springs. After October 1st 2018 there will be one market night per square per week.

So.....here's what it means to our Toys on the Square for the balance of 2018.

- Thursday September 13th is still at Lake Sumter Landing
- Thursday October 11th is now at Brownwood Paddock Square
- Thursday November 8th is now at Brownwood Paddock Square
- Wednesday November 21st is now at Lake Sumter Landing
- Thursday December 13th is now at Brownwood Paddock Square

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We will continue to start setup at 4pm and need to have our booth set up by 4:45pm. We will start to tear down at 8:30 and need to be off the square prior to 9:00 pm.

I am have now gotten maps of our booth location for each square and shared them with the Toy Team.

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

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



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 foe a minimum of one year.

TURNERS GROUP

The turners group monthly meetings will resume Tuesday September 18, 2018 promptly at 7:00PM in the shop. Please bring a show and tell item or 2 or more.

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

WHATS NEW?

16" Compass located in the tool crib – layout tools drawer.



2 MORSE TAPER STRONG BORE MODULAR BORING SYSTEM:



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

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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

The SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS will resume Monday September 24, 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 IV)

HOW TO MINIMIZE OR PREVENT INJURY FROM KICKBACKS (continued)

- Use a push stick or push block when ripping short, narrow (6" width or less), or thin material.
- Use push block or miter gauge hold down when dadoing or molding.



- For increased safety in crosscutting, use an auxiliary wood facing attached to the miter gauge using the holes provided in the gauge
- Never use the fence as a length stop when crosscutting.
- Do not hold or touch the free end or cut off section of a workpiece when crosscutting. On through-sawing operations the cut off section MUST NOT be confined.
- Always keep your hands out of the line of the saw blade and never reach back of the cutting blade with either hand to hold the workpiece.

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- Bevel ripping cuts should be made with the fence on the right side of the blade on the on left tilting blades and the left side on the right tilting saw so that the blade tilts away from the fence and minimizes the possibility of the work binding, resulting in kickback.

MORE ON TABLE SAW SAFETY (RIP SAWING) NEXT MONTH.



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Everyone is working diligently on their projects and every Tuesday & Wednesday lunch is decided during the morning carving.

We carvers would like to thank the crew that put the new tops on carving benches, very good job.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

All certification will be completed by September 11th. Monitor training for September will be 9-19-18..



Vice President

Jim Spallone

Our "Pens for The Troops" project is progressing quite well under the leadership of Elliot Schantz. We have produced over 600 hundred pens since the inception of the program; 500 hundred have already been delivered. Our goal for Veteran's Day '18 is 250 with 100 already produced. Thus we will need to produce another 150 pens by November 2018.

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Elliot has scheduled every fourth Tuesday from 4pm to 6pm as production nights. Through the summer we have had 14 members join Elliot on Tuesdays to volunteer their turning expertise. With our seasonal residents beginning to return to the best retirement community in the U.S., what better way to get back into the woodshop activities than volunteering a few hours on Tuesday evenings. Elliot can use all the help he can muster in achieving our goal. Pen blanks, kits and supplies are provided.

For more information please call the shop and ask for Elliot. He is there most days..



Maintenance

Dave Adamovich

No report.



Jerry Leinsing



Lowell Sundermann

Woodworking Technology

Both Jerry Leinsing and Lowell Sundermann are very honored to be asked to co-manage the newly formed VWC department : **Woodworking Technology**. As of now, this department will be involved in the management and roll out of CNC Routing and Milling and Laser Engraving and Cutting technology.

The CNC machine requires around 20 hours of classroom and hands on training to operate the machine safely. As part of the Woodworking Technology effort, Jerry and Lowell co-produced three 12 hour classroom training courses. Attendees were selected from the more experienced woodworkers in the shop this summer. Fifteen individuals attended the classes and approximately ten have achieved certification. They will be available to run projects of members who provide properly prepared designs in the design software, VCarve Pro. Training to use VCarve Pro starts now. We are offering E501 6 hours of **Introduction to VCarve Pro**, and E502, **Advanced Design using VCarve Pro**. See the Education publications.

We are in the beginning stages of bringing an **Epilog Laser Engraver/Cutter** on line. We will be interfacing to the Laser via Corel Draw. Members can provide designs generated in Corel Draw, or any program that Corel Draw will import. That means if you are already designing in another software package, it may be highly likely that we can bring your

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design into the Master CorelDraw package and then send it to the Laser. VWC has obtained an agreement with Corel Draw to own 50 licensed copies of Corel Draw under their Education Program. Normally a package retails for \$499. The cost of the licensed copy is \$50 which includes taxes.

We will be testing the Epilog Laser and software capabilities for the next 30 days. You are invited to stop by and see what is developing. See Lowell or Jerry for more details.



President

Mike Borfitz

The hottest topic remains the new shop! On August 22, I met with John Rohan (Director of Recreation) and Richard Baier (District Manager) to discuss the site plan and to bring Mr. Baier up to speed on the history of the Club. (Incidentally, as a result of our meeting, Mr. Baier and Mr. Rohan will bring the current team to tour our present building sometime soon!) The new site will accommodate a 10,000 sq.ft. building. We are working to try to maximize the number of parking spaces while making it possible to receive deliveries at the new shop. The important phase right now is to get all the approvals and permits that will allow the process to proceed. At this point, we believe that the approval process will begin in October. Completion of the project is estimated to be about a year from now.

I still need someone willing to lead the Christmas party raffle project. Two members have already made me aware of items they are working on for the raffle. I know that Alice's shoes are hard to fill, but isn't there someone who could give it a try? Thanks!

In the last newsletter I begged for a Club historian. I am happy that Max Bohnstedt stepped forward to take that job! Thank you so much, Max!

As announced a few weeks ago, we have created a Woodworking Technology group. They have already created numerous classes for the CNC machine and are in the process of doing the same for the laser. Please see their update in this newsletter.

On September 15, proposed changes to the bylaws will be posted on our website – both a copy of the bylaws and a comparison of the changes. Please take a minute to read them as we plan to vote on them at the October general meeting.