



Ed Eich, Manager



**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass

Stained Glass Group Update

Our Glass Box class is coming to a close and we have Roy Hoffman's beautiful glass box as a result:



Great job, Roy!

Karin Williams and Gary Wright have completed the repairs of 3 stained glass parrots brought in by a Villages resident. Karin and Gary did an outstanding job of repairing and cleaning the birds and their customer was thrilled with the results. He made a substantial donation to the VWC for their work. Thank you both for a job well-done!

Formal stained glass classes end in May but we will continue to meet on Friday mornings, 9 to 11 am, at the shop to work on our projects.



Special Projects, Website and CNC

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 April 8 – May 10 2019:

Special Projects Accepted:	56
Special Projects completed:	48
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$ 1936

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Items Sold	47
Total Contributions:	\$ 551.53

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

Website:

We have initiated two new features on the website:

- a. Membership Directory and Profile Management which permits you to communicate with other VWC Members and locate any of our members in the directory. A set of instructions is available on the website.
- b. VWC Discussion Forum which permits for members to initiate and participate in discussions pertaining to VWC Shop and Club operations, as well as woodworking techniques. A set of instructions is available on the website.

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

Fire!!!

Now that I have your attention, I want to plead with you to consider working at the front desk! I recognize that the new shop will not open tomorrow, but it will be here before we know it, and **WE NEED COVERAGE AT THE FRONT DESK OR WE WON'T BE ABLE TO OPEN!** 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

The old saying, "It takes a village" is certainly true. I want to thank and acknowledge those people who made my transition into merchandise successful. Mike Borfitz provided the necessary approvals for shop access purchasing power, and insured my proposed changes were appropriate. John Herega provided good history and advice as I reduced inventory. Bob Bell was generous and kind in explaining the merchandise computer operations several times until I finally understood the system. Dick Hartley was most helpful in redesigning the sales application program to help me better track inventory and items sold. Bill Pappas was helpful setting up shop computer access and email for me. Harm Borfitz kindly gave up a Sunday morning to help with inventory counting. And finally, Anne Belle spent countless hours helping with inventory, coordinating the sales application changes with Dick Hartley, teaching me how to use the sales application, redesigning the merchandise sales system at the front desk so we can now track if sales are actually paid, telling me who to contact for different tasks, and taking care of many other small tasks and changes to make the transition smooth and efficient. She was an invaluable partner and teacher to me. If I've left anyone out, please know you are still appreciated.

As of April 30, I believe all tasks have been completed to fully ingrain me into merchandise sales, and I now feel like I can run merchandise with some confidence. There have been changes for better efficiency, and membership education will be necessary as we go forward.

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- many inventory items were discontinued and donated to education, turners, maintenance, or the tool crib.
- Merchandise catalogs have been revised, and are now 11 pages, down from the previous 25 pages.
- Physical merchandise has been sorted, organized into cabinets according to genre, placed in separate bins with lids, and should be much easier to find for sales.
- Signs and labels have been placed on the cabinet doors, and on the bins inside the cabinets to help identify what product is in what location.
- Sales people were reduced to better control sales technique and inventory waste. They also received new instructions on the use of sales slips.
- Similar to lumber sales, we'll attempt to have merchandise sellers in the shop during set hours on most days. This is still a work in progress.
- We are now able to compare sales to paid receipts (thanks to changes Anne provided) so we can track unpaid receipts and remind buyers to pay their bill.
- Special orders have been discontinued, except for instructors who need certain items for their classes. Instructors should talk to me directly for their needs. I am happy to help a member find the best place to order a special item, but the shop will no longer make the purchase for them.
- At the May Turner's Meeting, we will have a 50% off sale of close out merchandise items. John Herega will run the sale since I'm gone in May.
- I'm still thinking of ways we can better promote the items we stock. And I'm open to suggestions as we go forward...know my door is always open to listen.



Mary Ann Main

No update this month.

Library



Deb Larouere

No update this month.

Education



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 is being built for install on May 12. New Enterprise class printer was approved by BOD and purchased, installed in the office area. The printer can handle higher volumes needed for training documents. We now have 501 c3 status with Microsoft and will be able to take advantage of special pricing they have for Non-Profits for their Microsoft Office Products, we are working out how to use these products as it requires a change in current processes. 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.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

Nothing new to report.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

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

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We will participate in Toys on the Square on Tuesday May 21st at Spanish Springs. This will be our last show before the summer break. We will restart the program again at Brownwood Paddock Square on Thursday September 19th.

We have now met our commitment to provide toys to Healthy Families of Florida organization for their 2018-2019 fiscal year by providing them 833 toys with a donation value of \$14,046. Further, we agreed to provide them a minimum of \$13,170 worth of wooden toys in support of their 2019-2020 fiscal year which will start in July 2019.

We received a donation of \$150 from the POA for our participation in Hoedown Days back in January. They have asked us to participate again next year.

The Elves and Painters continue their hard work!

- They produced another 707 toys in April.
- This gives us a year to date total toys produced at the end of April of 4117 toys which is 833 toys ahead of last years' record pace.
- So far in May we have produced an additional 317 toys.

On the shipping side we are making good progress.

- In April we made 5 shipments totaling 756 toys with a donation value of \$3,677.
- This brings our year to date toys shipped, at the end of April, to 2586 toys with a donation value of \$15,291.
- So far in May we have shipped an additional 40 toys with a donation value of \$ 800.

The Toy Department continues to work closely with the Woodworking Technology Department on education, training and certification on both the CNC and Laser Engraver. Toys now have two certified operators on the CNC machine Harry McIntyre and Kelvin Comer, and three certified operators on the Laser Dennis Drazhowski, John Gioe and Conway Williams. There are other members of the department have taken the course and are working toward certification.



Safety and Turners

John Herega, Manager of Safety and Turners

TURNERS GROUP

The turner's group monthly meeting will be held in the wood shop Tuesday May 21, 2019 promptly at 7:00PM in the shop. Please bring a show and tell item.

This will be the last meeting before the summer break. There will be NO TURNERS MEETINGS DURING JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. Regular meetings will resume September 17, 2019

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We will be trying something different this month. Instead of a demonstrator we will conduct a clearance sale, see below for list of items for sale at half price. In addition we will welcome a Swap/Sale of turning tools and/or supplies between members. Anyone having tools, pen kits blanks they would like to sell or trade please bring them to this meeting. Refreshments will be available, bring your beverage of choice.

TURNER SUPPLYS HALF PRICE SALE

MYLAND SANDING SEALER – 500 ml
MYLANDS FRICTION POLISH – 500ml
BLOXYGEN
ODIES OIL – 9oz
CORN ON THE COB HOLDERS
SANDING DETAILER – pkg of 4
15/64” CARBIDE CUTTER
VARIOUS HSS CUTTERS
NOVA SOFT JAWS
MATKING TOOL
DIAMOND SHARPENER – CREDIT CARD SIZE
MISC PEN KITS

We will have turning blanks available at full price.

Anyone interested in demonstrating a wood turning item or technique contact John Herega at herega@hughes.net, leave a message at the front desk or call his cell phone number.

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 we 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.

PENS FOR TROOPS:

We thank all who contributed to the “Pens for Troops” program. We completed the 1,000th pen this month.

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.

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 Memorial Day Holiday, the next Safety Committee will be TUESDAY MAY 28, at 9:30am in the library. The Safety Committee meetings will be suspended during June July and August. Any member wishing to join the safety committee is welcome to attend the meeting(s).

ERGONOMICS?

WHAT IS ERGONOMICS?

- It is the study of work – and it is important because learning how to work smart will keep you from having the kinds of injuries that can happen over time.
- Your body is like a tool that you use in the shop – care for it and use it wisely and it will last a long time. Put too much strain on it and you can damage it.
- Ergonomics became popular during and after World War II when too many pilots crashed planes because they hit the wrong controls and became tired and uncomfortable sitting in cockpits that did not fit them very well.
- Scientists discovered that by designing the cockpit to fit the pilots better and putting the controls in more convenient locations there were fewer plane crashes.
- Nowadays ergonomics applies to all kinds of work, trying to make it safer and less stressful on the body
- There are six risk factors – conditions that can increase your chance of getting injured – that you need to be aware of:
 1. Vibrating Tools or Machines:
Holding tools such as sanders or chainsaws that vibrate, or sitting in trucks or other kind of equipment that vibrate, such as forklifts.
 2. Repetitive Movements:
Repeating similar movements with the same muscles for long periods of time, like hammering, sawing, or using a screwdriver.
 3. Excessive Force:
Lifting, pressing, gripping, pinching, pulling or pushing more than you can handle.
 4. Awkward Postures:
Bending twisting, or extending your back, neck, shoulder, wrist, or knees.
Roofing is an example of a job that often requires this kind of awkward posturing
 5. Contact Stress:
When the pressure or jolt from a tool or machine creates a concentrated force on the body. Like kneeling, pounding with your bare hand, resting your forearm on the edge of a table, or having the handle of a screwdriver digging into the palm of your hand
 6. Temperature Extremes:
When a worker has to work in very hot or very cold temperatures.
Both conditions can make your muscles get tired sooner.

NOTICE

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



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Nothing to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Tomorrow 5/15 will be the last day this month to make monitor training . Certification is scheduled for all day on 5/23. The shop will be closed to other members **with the exception of monitors**. We are still looking for certification instructors so we can try and schedule some summer certification days.

Anyone interested in helping with certification, please contact me at 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

Update...”PENS FOR THE TROOPS”.

* Last session (4/23/2019) 8 pens were completed.

* 160 pens shipped this past month for a total of 620 for the year.

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- * The 1000th pen was completed and sent to a members grandson stationed overseas. (See below.)
- * Next turning session Tuesday 5/28/2019...always can use more volunteers...Contact Elliot Scantz.



Dave Adamovich



Glen Croteau

Maintenance/Shop Administration

New Bathroom Floors: The bathroom floors are being replaced this month and the walls will be repainted. We will be removing the hooks on the wall and likely will **NOT** be replacing them. If you usually hang your smock or shop jacket on those hooks, please place them in your storage bin or take them home. Accommodations for the monitor vests will be made in the hall outside the bathrooms. Thank you for your cooperation!



Jerry Leinsing



Lowell Sundermann

Woodworking Technology

Offering CNC training as a suite of classes over approximately a week's time frame that leads to certification will be the norm under a new class number for the fall class sessions. Students

will be allowed to opt out with a refund if they and the instructor agree they should do so after E501 or E502.

To reduce the need for refunding students, a friendly questionnaire may be introduced prior to or at sign up to make sure candidates are capable of basic computer skills. If they do poorly on the questionnaire we would encourage them to take a basic MS Windows class from The Villages Enrichment Center before taking the CNC classes. We see students short on basic skills, unable to see their computer screen, and a mouse that desperately needs a mouse pad. All of these issues can be cured in most cases, but need to be addressed before CNC training.

Original 2018 summer students that have not reached certification will need to start from the beginning if still interested in certification - their training has "expired".

Laser training will continue with updates from Bob LaVarnway.

Both laser and CNC certification will require a process of insuring the member can "fly solo" to the satisfaction of Jerry Leinsing, Lowell Sundermann, or Bob LaVarnway.

The CNC machine is showing some concern of mechanical/electronic issues, which we are working on in hopes to be able to "revive" it if it bites the dust.

It is time to invest in Vectric Aspire 3D software, the next step in 3D milling on our machine or for sure the next machine we purchase. The software is needed for either/both machines. Hopefully we can start this learning process this summer.



Chair, Board of Directors

Mike Cromwell

In my relatively new role as Chairman, I have become more aware of the number of persons that volunteer to support the operations of our Club. They work in maintenance, special projects, toys, administration, front office, lumber procurement and sales, education and certification to name a few areas where volunteers are found. Given one's involvement and perspective, your comprehension of the volunteer hours and tasks may not be completely accurate. Suffice it to say, the Club could not exist without the many members who have willingly engaged well beyond their annual dues and three monitoring sessions.

Your Club is experiencing a unique set of circumstances at this time. You will recall that we had to cap membership for a while in 2018 and that action created a backlog of applications. Then The Villages agreed with your Club leadership that a second shop location is needed. In the foreseeable, if not predictable, future the new shop will be ready for furnishing (i.e. placement of cabinetry, shelves, work tables, etc.) as well as the

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initial setting the actual woodworking equipment. The tasks associated with planning for the new shop, the training and certification of new members, and the readying of the shop once it is ready for occupancy will place quite a demand on our membership.

Please open your ears and eyes to discover when and where you might be able to make a contribution. Seek actively to become one of those who can justifiably say “I helped make this shop a reality”. President Mike Borfitz and her leadership teams will gladly welcome your offer at whatever level you choose.

Thank you.



President

Mike Borfitz

Exciting News!!

We actually have received a projected timeline for the second shop! In addition, regular biweekly meetings have been set for us to stay on top of progress and to stage our activities in sync with The Villages timeline. Those meetings begin on May 20. In addition our IT department will be working with The Villages to see how we can use and/or contribute to their newest region-wide computer application Maxgalaxy. At the meeting tonight I will share the architect’s first stab at the floorplan resulting from our continuous discussions. I am very happy to report that the building will have a mezzanine with an elevator, but that does not come without some investment on our part. Because elevators are not a common piece of equipment in recreation centers and there is sensitivity to setting a precedent that creates some expectation that they will become common, the Board of Directors agreed to fund the elevator and its installation. The benefit we get from doing so is the ability to have all (with the exception of the front office) office –type functions, training rooms, IT department, break room, a carvers/multipurpose room etc. on the second floor leaving the main floor for equipment, assembly tables, lumber and storage bins. The reason that we had to have an elevator is based on Florida law which requires that groups of 5 or more people working on the mezzanine for five or more minutes requires an elevator..... and besides, it’s a lot safer than stairs (which we also are required to have) for our population!

And oh yes.... The date that actual site work will begin is projected to be July 1 with building construction to be finished allowing us to get into it to build the furnishings and install the equipment (not a short task!) being near the end of January 2020.

There is a ton of work ahead of us! I thank all those who helped to get us to this point and I thank you for all the future work you are willing to do to make the second site a reality. There is plenty of work to go around; so, please consider being a part of it as we move forward.