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Stained Glass

Ed Eich, Manager

Karin Williams, Assistant Mgr.

The Rolling Acres Friday Glassers - Ed Eich and Gary Wright will be away for the summer, and Karin will be in the shop on the first Friday of each month. Formal classes will resume in September. Students may continue to work on their own, but are reminded to purchase all glass and supplies used for their projects.

The Brownwood Monday Glassers – classes will continue through the summer, with occasional days off for Karin and Pete. Our new storage cabinet has been constructed and will be moved into place soon. The mini-grinder has been repaired with a new bit, and will be back in service.

We are very fortunate to receive more donations of glass and supplies. They will be shared with both locations for the use of all students.

Each shop has various projects in all shapes, sizes and colors being created by our members.

Courses are scheduled so you can work at your own pace and level of skill.

There is always room for new artists to learn this craft, so stop in and see what we are making, and join us in the fun!

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Website

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

Nothing new to report this month. However here is a hint for those that cannot/don't want to remember your password (Villages ID) for login. The following steps should ONLY be implemented on your home computer and never on a computer open for public use.:

1. On the Login Panel, check the "Remember Login" check box
2. When you leave the website, do NOT log out, simply close the browser
3. Thus, the next time you access the website at <http://www.thevwc.org>, you will be "automatically" logged on.

I encourage each member to "click around" our website as it is not possible to describe all of the features currently available. As with anything on the website, please send any suggestions for new features and/or improvements to the website to the webmaster as woodshop@thevwc.org.



Administration – Front Office

Kathy Villani, Manager

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION!

Please pick up your name tags if you have not already done so. There are a small number still at the Rolling Acres shop; most (more than 150) are at Brownwood. At

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Rolling Acres, you will find them on the wall on the right side of the kitchen area. At Brownwood, they are on the wall to the left as you enter the break room on the second floor. Please note that name tags are intended to be taken home with you, not stored at the shop. When you take yours off the shelf, please do not return it to the shelf as we do not have room to store 1300+ name tags! FYI, name tags are ordered at the end of each month for the new members who completed their certification class that month and for other members who ordered a new name tag so look for yours in the second week of the month after your certification or order. You should be wearing your name tag whenever you are in the shop so please come and pick yours up ASAP.

When you are scheduled to be a monitor and check in at the front desk, you will not see a type of work of "Monitor" and you do not need to select any type of work. The computer system has you scheduled as a monitor and will record your check-in as "Monitor" automatically.

Remember that the Brownwood shop will be closed for canopy installation from June 16 thru June 22. It will reopen on Thursday, June 23. Rolling Acres will be open during this time so if you are certified at Rolling Acres, please make use of that shop for your projects. If you are not certified at Rolling Acres but wish to be, come to the Rolling Acres shop on Thursdays between 11:30 am and 2 pm to attend an orientation session to earn your Rolling Acres certification. It's a good idea to be certified at both shops so that you can work and attend classes at either shop.

In addition, both shops will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Brownwood Monitor Training is rescheduled to Monday, July 11.



Steve Eikenberry

No Report this month

Member Merchandise

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Education

Deb Larouere

Happy Summer! Be sure to add a little fun to yours!

Classes are still running, though fewer, because Instructors are taking well-deserved vacations. Find out which ones and when by heading to the green Education tab on thevwc.org website. The **Available Classes** tab shows which are open now. The **Course Catalog** lists descriptions and details for all Courses. Remember to click your browser's **REFRESH** button for latest version. They change frequently. New classes always in the works!

Instructors and Mentors are always needed. If you've got a few hours and a favored skill or project, we've got a few students. We especially need skilled Members to lead:

- New Member Safety & Equipment Training (contact Richard Masterson) short sessions
- Woodworking 101 – Wall Shelf Project – Could you just do one? We've made more than 80 this year and we still have a waitlist. Students are super appreciative. Your time is a great investment into the life and safety of our Shops.
- Make it & Take it – Short 1 or 2 session projects to teach a single topic, machine or skill. Beginners love these. They fill fast.
- Skill Clinics and Demos – 1 or 2 hour experience to inspire or provide info or practice. Please share what you are good at
- Tutors for Turners - help beginners with guided practice after Introductory classes.

The Bulletin Board at Rolling Acres is a mess! It's supposed to be a communication hub for information about classes, last minute openings and other opportunities to learn and get/give help on a project. If you could help keep it up to date, you are really needed, please. Whether you want to let your creativity shine or will just keep it relevant and neat, doesn't matter. Let's talk soon!

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If you've got a skill and some hours, you can help someone. Share it!



IT (Information Technology)

Bill Pappas

The Woodworking Machine Certification management application is nearing completion. This application will facilitate a process to manage who has access to select machines that have been deemed as needing special training/certification before a member is allowed to use them.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

Species of the month: Rosewood

Characteristics... Color: The heartwood of Brazilian Rosewood ranges in color from chocolate to violet-brown, and often has irregular black and golden-brown streaks. It is typically straight grained, but can be waxy, and has a medium to coarse texture with a medium luster. The wood has a gritty feel and is oily to the touch. Brazilian Rosewood is particularly beautiful, and highly prized.

Properties... The wood is rated high in all strength categories except stiffness, which is low. Consequently, it has a very good steam-bending rating. Due to its hardness it is a difficult wood to work and has a severe blunting effect on cutters. Depending on the stock being used, planing, boring, molding, mortising, turning and sanding can range from being easy to difficult. Gluing

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can be tricky due to the density and oil content of the wood. Pre-boring is advised for nailing and screwing, and with care the wood can be brought to a high polish.

Seasoning... Brazilian Rosewood dries slowly and is sometimes prone to checking and splitting, but exhibits little degradation on kilning, It is a very stable in use.

Durability... The heartwood is very resistant to fungus and insect attack. Preservative treatment is not normally required.

Typical uses... as one of the worlds most prized woods, Brazilian Rosewood is used for fine furniture and cabinet making, turnery, carving, sculpture, shop and bank fittings; musical instruments, including piano keys, classical guitar bodies and violin bows; shuttles and handles. It is also sliced for decorative figured veneers used in cabinetwork, marquetry and panelling.

Origin... Brazil, typical height is 125 feet with a trunk diameter of 3 to 4 feet. The specific gravity is .85

Availability... we do not normally stock Brazilian Rosewood but we can get it from Amazon Exotic Lumber on a special order basis. It can be very pricey wood, about \$30 a board foot.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

Since our last report, the Elves and Painters are continuing to work hard to produce the toys to support our client's 2022 requirements.

On the shipping side, in May we only made three shipments of 598 toys with a donation value of \$3,890. Thus far in June we have already made two shipments of 440 toys with a donation value of \$2,000. This brings our 2022 shipping totals

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to 3,480 toys with a donation value of \$20,300. We are working on two more shipments for June which will have another 458 toys and an additional donation value of \$5,000

As we look at the production side of the ledger, we continue to have equipment issues, the delivery of our replacement for our large horizontal sander is now scheduled for delivery in mid-June! We were still able to produce 710 toys for May, bringing our total produced so far this year to 4,783 toys.

The Toy Team was at Brownwood for our Thursday May 5th session and had a very successful evening. We had total Toy sales of \$360.00 and donations \$52.00. We had a number of Shop members show up to see our display and talk, including our President. We also had a number of visitors who stopped to talk about the Toy project and other things that we do to support the community. As usual, we will take the next three months off and return in September on Thursday the 8th, again at Brownwood Paddock Square.

I am pleased to announce that we have just exceeded our commitment to The Children's Home Society of Florida by providing them 972 Toys with a donation value of \$13,668 for their 2021-2022 fiscal year which ends this month. Starting in July we will be working on our commitment for their 2022-2023 fiscal year.

I must report that we continue to have problems with the RA laser being able to cut the ¼ inch plywood that we use for our puzzles. We are now having to cut the speeds on 1/8 inch plywood to get that to cut through. We have worked with Woodworking Technologies on adjusting and cleaning the machine and replacing the mirrors and lens. We spent some time this afternoon working through a variety of different settings to no avail. I want to try the current plywood we have on the new laser at Brownwood as soon as it is running to see if it has the same trouble with it. If not then we need to get Epilog involved to figure out what the issue is with the RA laser



Safety, Turners

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The Turners JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED I will be out of town, traveling

The next scheduled turners meeting will be; Tuesday JULY 19, 2022 in the Brownwood shop 2nd floor meeting room at 7:00 PM sharp.

Tool sharpening:

The two 180 grit CBN grinding wheels, one on each grinder have been badly damaged and must be replaced. The 180 grit wheel on the bowl gouge grinder for has been replaced, unfortunately the delivery of the second wheel for the spindle gouge grinder is being delayed 8 weeks. Use caution when sharpening any turning tools. ALSO – do not use any foreign material ie. a piece of wood to stop the grinder wheels, allow them to stop without any assistance, the wheels are balanced and do take some time to come to a stop. By using a piece of wood to stop them the fibers become imbedded in the grit causing poor performance of the wheel.

Recently several gouges have been ground improperly and while applying too much pressure on the gouge against the wheel turning the gouge blue doesn't damage the gouge, it does however cause undue wear to the wheel, **DO NOT EXERT ANY PRESSURE AGAINST THE GRINDING WHEEL THE PRESSURE OF THE TOOL RESTING AGAINST THE WHEEL IS SUFFICIENT.**

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHARPEN ANY TOOLS UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED IN THE CORRECT METHOD(S)! SEEK AN INSTRUCTOR TO LEARN THE PROPER METHODS FOR SHARPENING EACH OF THE TURNING TOOLS.

When gouges are ground improperly and have to be re-ground, often a year or more of use is lost.

If it has been a while since last sharpening a tool please view the sharpening video available on the VWC web site.

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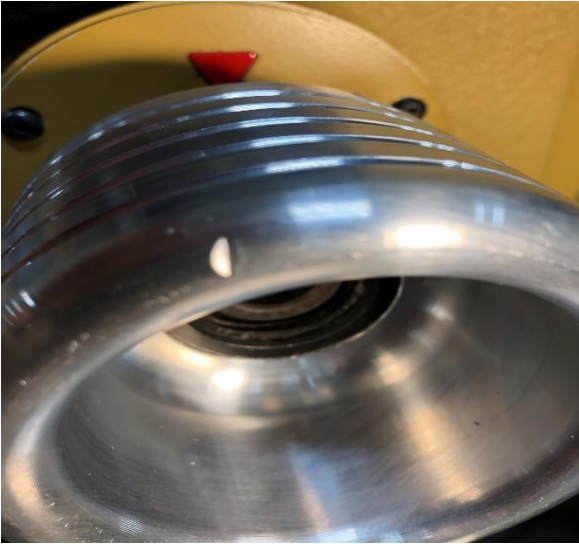
MISUSE AND/OR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE:



The wear on the face of the seals is usually caused by the chuck rotating while the workpiece is stationary and/or visa-versa. Note the debris (sawdust) on the interior

The debris in the interior of the chuck is not acceptable and should NEVER occur. This material can enter and clog the vacuum generator (venturi). The interior of the chuck must be thoroughly clean.

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The gouge in the face of the chuck can affect efficiency of the seal resulting in loss of vacuum



Applying a liquid sealer to a porous workpiece while the workpiece is mounted on the chuck under vacuum can cause the liquid to be pulled into the chuck and the vacuum venturi which can reduce the efficiency of the vacuum generator.

If there is a need to seal your workpiece it should be done off lathe and allowed to completely dry (overnight is best) before applying vacuum.

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This picture is of the silencer (filter) located at the exit of the vacuum generator. Next to it is some of the sawdust/debris that passed through the unit causing the vacuum to be reduced from 25 inches to 20 inches.

PLEASE KEEP ALL VACUUM COMPONENTS CLEAN AND AS FREE OF SAWDUST AS POSSIBLE.

SHOW AND TELL



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Small Kaleidoscope – wood is Box Elder – Finish is Wipe On Polyurethane

To share pictures of your woodworking projects submit them to the newsletter or post them on the VWC web site.

APPARELL

VWC apparel, (shirts and caps) are available at Custom Apparel
3451 Wedgewood Lane, Buffalo Ridge Plaza, Rt.466.

FINISHING TIPS

OIL FINISHES. Continued

OIL FINISHES AND PENETRATION

Oil finishes are penetrating finishes, and they are sometimes marketed as protecting the wood from the inside. They are contrasted with film finishes, such as shellac, lacquer, varnish and water base, which protect the wood by building a film on the surface of the wood. To assess the accuracy of the claim that penetrating finishes protect from the inside, you need to understand how penetration occurs and what value it has (or does not have) in protecting the wood.

Liquids penetrate wood by means of capillary action. It's the same way that water and nutrients rise in the live tree. It doesn't matter whether the liquid is on the top, on the side, or the bottom of the wood. If it is in contact with the wood, the liquid will work its way through the wood channels

The trick to achieving deep penetration is to keep the surface of the wood wet for a while. You can put a straight grained piece of wood into a jar containing about an inch of oil finish, and the finish will work its way up through the top. Only if the finish cures hard in the wood, preventing further penetration, or if it hardens in the jar, will penetration stop.

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Photo 4-1: Penetration occurs by capillary action. The linseed oil in the jar has risen through the oak and is coming out the top. Deep penetration is achieved by keeping the surface of the wood wet for an extended period of time.

But what good does penetration do? Very little. You can totally fill a piece of wood with linseed oil finish, and it will do nothing to protect the surface of the wood from damage. Coarse objects will scratch the wood, stains will stain the wood and water will smudge almost as easily as if there no finish on the wood. The only possible advantage gained by filling the wood with finish is to stabilize the wood from shrinkage and swelling caused by water-vapor exchange. You plasticize the wood by filling all the cavities with cured finish. But if you are looking for a finish to provide protection to the surface, the amount that a finish penetrates is of no significance.

HOW OIL/VARNISH FINISHED PROTECT

Oil and oil/varnish shouldn't be built up on the surface of the wood because they cure too soft. Therefore, they can't protect by forming a thick film, as other finishes do, between the wood and surrounding environment. Any protection oil and oil/varnish finished provide has to be either in the wood or very thin on the surface of the wood. In fact, it is a little of each, and both are necessary to achieve maximum protection.

Oil and oil/varnish finishes don't provide much protection against water-vapor exchange. But what little protection they do provide comes from the finish that penetrates the wood. A barrier forms just below the surface, which slows the exchange of water vapor and thus reduces swelling and shrinking. The finish that remains on the surface of the wood (some finish does remain on the surface, no matter how hard you try to wipe

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it all off) provides limited protection against stains, water damage (smudges) and abrasion.

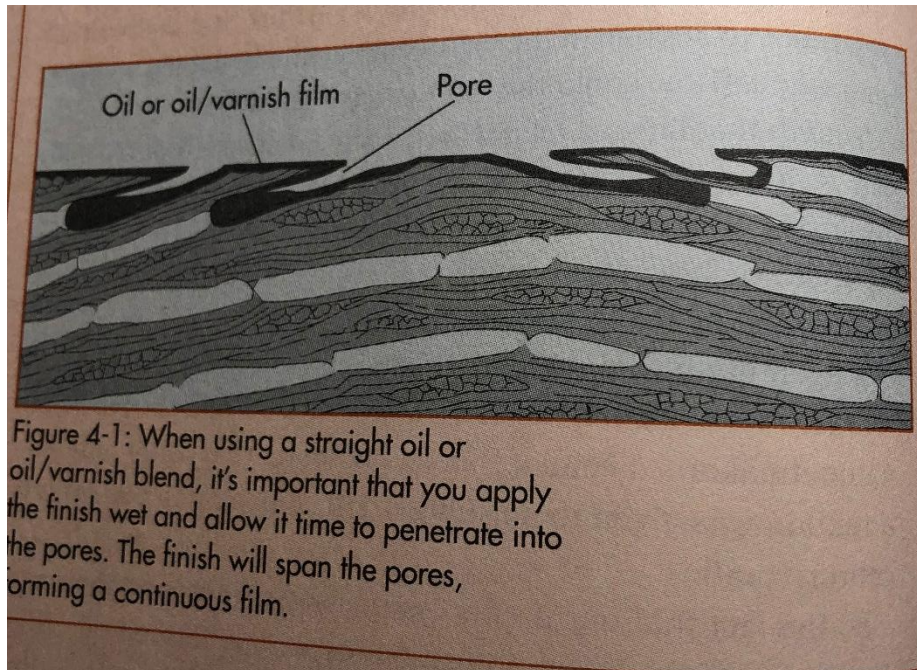
Straight oil soaks into the wood much more deeply than oil/varnish blends because straight oil takes much longer to cure. But oil/varnish blends usually form a better surface barrier because of the added varnish. Neither finish provides very much protection against abrasion or water damage, because they are so soft and thin. It is therefore that you maintain the integrity of this surface film by recoating it anytime it becomes scratched, worn or dull.

To achieve the best protection with an oil or oil/varnish blend you have to create a continuous film, one with no voids. The best way to do this is to apply the first couple of coats very wet and let them soak for at least five minutes before wiping them off. If any dry spots appear (caused by all the finish soaking into the wood) apply more finish until the soaking stops. The heavy, wet coat will allow the finish time to penetrate and form an internal barrier against water-vapor exchange. It will also stop up the larger pores, so a continuous film can form over them.

Large-pored woods, such as oak, require more coats than small pored woods, such as maple. Apply three or four coats to oak, two or three coats to maple. You can tell you have a continuous film when the sheen no longer improves with additional coats.

With film finishes, such as shellac, lacquer, varnish and water base, you don't have to fill the pores to achieve a continuous film. They build a film thick enough to bridge the pores.

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Continued next month



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Both RA and BW are welcoming new and older members of VWC. If you would like to learn about carving and wood burning and how to start enjoying them just stop at the front desk and ask to visit a person in carving for more information. AT RA on Monday and Wednesday a.m, or BW on Tuesday and Thursday a.m.

We have starter kits for carving so you do not have to bring a knife or anything else. Woodburners are available at both locations.

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We will teach you the use of the equipment which includes safety and the proper equipment to purchase to start on your fun woodworking skills.

Dennis has held three beginning classes in the past three months. Ron Gaudette has held one class. Steve and Dominic are also offering classes as well as Bill.

If you are a carver and member of VWC and have not utilized the facility, come in and check us out and you are welcome to join us while we are carving. We have a good supply of basswood and other carving woods. We also have many carving magazines and carving books as well as patterns you may like to make.

If you are thinking of buying tools and want assistance, we can guide you on selection and where to buy them. E-bay or Amazon are not always the best place to get quality or the most useful tools to do the work.

For bird carvers we have patterns and step by step instructions, including, painting with photos of the following:

Eastern Bluebird, Snowy Owl, Decorative Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser Duck, Traditional hunting decoys, Gunning Decoys, American Goldfinch, Loggerhead Strike, Prairie Falcon (miniature), Shorebirds and Songbirds.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

So far we've trained 12 members on monitor training .
So far we've certified 13 new members for use at Rolling Acres.

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Please note that the only openings right now are for monitor duty at Rolling Acres. This means 2 things . You must attend monitor training at Rolling acres which is done on the first and third Wednesday of each month and you must also do certification for Rolling Acres as this will allow you the ability to enter the shop. Certification is done every Thursday between the hours of 11:30 am and 2:00 pm . Certification takes about 1 and 1/2 hours and monitor training takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Any questions contact Dick Besler 352-751-4745



Urn Project

Alvin Corenblum

Scott Herlick

Nothing new to report this month.



Vice President

Rik Peirce

Rolling Acres Building Design Committee

- I have survived the shoulder surgery and am in the second stage of Physical Therapy and ready to return to duty.
- The next RA Building Design Committee meeting will be held Thursday June 23rd at 3PM rolling acres Library (if the AC is fixed). Otherwise, we will meet in the Carvers room.
- I will send out the agenda and the current planning documents a week prior to the meeting to those current members. New members are welcome to join at any time.

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Procurement

When members need to make purchases for the club and want to use the club credit card, please contact one of these members who will make arrangements for its use. (Rik Peirce, Jim Spallone) In most cases we will combine your purchase requests with others and place orders on a daily basis. You can make your requests by email to Purchasing@thevwc.net.

Amazon provides a credit of 5% on all purchases from them. We now are Prime members and get most items delivered in two days or less with free shipping. We continue to centralize the purchasing of most things using the Lightspeed purchase order system and the ability to make purchases and receive them in an efficient manner. Please email or text purchase requests to either Jim or me we will act on them usually within the same day.

We continue to have Jim Spallone purchasing for Rolling Acres and I will continue at Brownwood. Any purchasing, as much as practical, should be directed through either of us. We have established discounts from many vendors and have tax exemption certificates on file with them to take advantage of the lower costs available to the club.

Pen Making

Watch the email notices for the next pen making events. Thank you, all those members, for turning at meetings and at home.

Looking for donations of spare pen parts for any style of pen are welcome.



Shop

Administration/Maintenance

Brad Primeau

Dave Adamovich

Lost and Found - AGAIN

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Pictures of Lost and Found items were shown in the last report but many may have missed seeing the pictures so they are being highlighted again in the June Maintenance Report.

Yes, there is a Lost and Found at both shops. The one at Rolling Acres is located in the breakroom in one of the cubbies under the TV. It's a blue plastic box. At Brownwood it is located in the front office, left side of the display cabinets on the back wall. Brownwood has clear covered plastic boxes. If you lost something check out the boxes. If you find something please place it in the Lost and Found box.

The picture below are the boxes at Brownwood. As you can see, there are a number of things people have lost or misplaced. If one or more of the items are yours, please go to the office and describe what you lost and the front desk on duty person can give them to you.



Woodshop Consumables

As some of you know a portion of dues everyone pays each year is used to buy shop consumables – sandpaper, double stick tape, glue, screws, shrink-wrap, masking tape, brown paper, small clamps, sandpaper erasers, drill bits etc. Through the year items wear out and are mistakenly broken or misplaced. Other items are frankly, taken! Rolls of double stick tape, clamps, and calipers disappear. Wood owned by a member also disappears. Recently, when a member left their wood in the assembly room and went to the main shop area to work on something else. When the person returned, the wood was gone where it was left. The member looked for it but didn't find it. In all of these cases it boils down to thievery plain and simple. Especially since most everything that goes missing is never returned. Taking small items falls under the same category.

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Remember it's your money that is being spent to replace the missing things and taking a member's wood is downright nasty and a slap in the face to all other members who don't stoop as low as those who take things from the club.

Using A Dado Set

You may remember a dado set being mentioned or demonstrated during your certification but that was some time ago but now you want to use it for your project. It's a great tool and beats cutting a groove, rabbit or dado by making multiple cuts on the table saw. Granted if your project only requires one or two small cuts setting up a dado set is not worth the effort. If you want to use the dado set the first word of advice is ASK SOMEONE FOR HELP!! There are many in the shop who know how to use the set correctly.

There also seems to be some misunderstanding about using the metal shims that are included with the set. These are finely manufactured spacers of varying thicknesses. The thickness is marked in 1000th of an inch on each shim. They are used to 'dial in' the exact width for the dado if using the blades by themselves isn't quite right. Some members are using the shims incorrectly and putting them between each blades. This causes them to lodge in the threads of the saw blade mounting shaft and prevent the dado set from tightening and more importantly, bends/tears the gauge so it is basically unusable. The recommended way is to place one or all of shims being used on the inside of the outer blade next to the tightening nut. Bottom line, it takes attention and skill to use the set properly so don't hesitate to ask for help.

Storing Wood in the Shop

Members are reminded wood cannot be stored in the overhead racks for no more than 30 days unless it is approved by maintenance to store it longer. Nor can wood be stored for some future project because a special species was available in the lumber room or "you know you will use it someday".

Smaller pieces of wood would need to be taken home and brought back the next time the project is worked on or stored in an assigned project cabinet. Glueups that will be worked the next morning can be left on or under tables with the properly filled out project form. Wood cannot be left/stored along the wall or piled on top of larger pieces of wood on the overhead wall racks. Loose pieces of wood should be shrink-wrapped together and stacked neatly if they are for a project such as the wall shelf project. It may seem like there is plenty of room to leave wood in the shop but remember your fellow woodworkers will be returning in the fall and work space will be at a premium.

Table saw, Jointer and Sander Courtesy

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Some of the projects involve considerable jointer, table saw and sander time. Segmented bowls and cutting boards, thinning a piece of wood on the sander or jointing a dozen or more pieces of rough lumber can take considerable time. As a courtesy plan your work out so the mentioned equipment is not tied up for long periods. Wood can be processed or sanded over a couple of mornings or afternoons. So, plan better or if something must be done all at once let a member or two slip in to run a board or two for their project.

Why is Brownwood Closing from June 16-22?

It's outside construction time and the parking lot will be filled with a large crane, trucks and room is needed for construction material deliveries. The canopy over the sawdust collection units is being extended and the contractor does not want to worry about people entering and leaving, walking under scaffolding to empty barrels and being around moving trucks, supply carts and all the other things involved in completing the job. On Monday June 13, the contractor started filling the hollow cinder block cores with concrete to mount the canopy supports. All the work is expected to be completed by the 22nd. The Brownwood maintenance team will be using the downtime to complete a number of tasks that cannot be done when the shop is open.

Additional Compressor Has Been Installed at Brownwood

A second compressor has been installed to supplement the existing one. The first compressor was working at almost peak capacity and when demand exceeded the unit's ability to keep up it would over heat and shut down. The add on compressor is solely dedicated to the sawdust collection units and has the same start and shutdown procedures used for the original unit. Both units have the same self-bleeding system for tank condensation. The older compressor is dedicated to supply air for the shop and equipment such as the large floor sanders. Another dryer unit was also installed next to the other unit and the compressors and dryer units are clearly marked for what they are supplying air for. Monitor startup and shutdown sheets have also been changed to reflect the new equipment.

A Gift From the Villages

Stan Davis, the Village Property Management representative Brownwood works with regarding building problems delivered the first bundle of "As Built" schematics for the building. As you can imagine things change when the work begins and the drawings reflect how the building is actually built. As Stan receives the schematics, he will bring them over to the shop. They are hanging in the maintenance shop in case you want to know where the power to flag pole lighting is located.

'We Are Doing At Rolling Acres Just Because It's Done At Brownwood' NOT!!

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The above statement has been made several times but it's not totally true. Rolling Acres started the equipment "Lockout" program several weeks ago. The primary objective of the program is to place equipment that requires more advanced skill to operate under some level of supervision. It will also ensure the equipment is operated properly, stays in good condition and establishes a record of who used it the last. A second aspect of the program is it emphasizes the fact that there is some equipment that requires additional instruction before it is used. Equipment in the program is not for someone who has a one-time requirement to use it. A member must have a project that uses the equipment long enough so a member really learns how to use properly and understand its operational features. Before the program was started members complained about the equipment being damage, not working correctly or was not cleaned. Having a record of who has used the equipment and controlling its use will help keep the equipment in in tip top shape. It also provides a member an opportunity to receive more advanced training. The Rolling Acres program establishes how Brownwood will setup its program. The Rolling Acres program sets the standard for Brownwood – go Rolling Acres!!



Voytek Kulesza

Special Projects

In May we handled few internal projects for the shop departments.
We have completed 36 projects in May and received donation of \$853.88
32 Slant Wedges was sold for \$480.00 and
211 Samba Card Holders for a donation of \$2,110.00
Total donation for May closed at \$3,443.88
YTD :

To date total Special Projects donation \$19,561.98

Thanks for your support



Lowell Sundermann

Woodworking Technology

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Four topics to quickly cover this month.

1. The (almost) new Shark HD510 CNC is up and running. It is located where the previous CNC was in the previous special projects room. I want to shout out to Bob Berhens and Walt Chekay for their help in adapting the cart and our dust collector to fit our needs.

2. Two relatively new members have become actively involved in our department. Jef Geagan has been given the responsibility of lead instructor and scheduled maintenance for the Shark. Pamela McKee has already been helping new CNC students by one-on-one training and organizing E511 students into group learning teams. Pamela has also agreed to assist Jef in the instruction, certification and scheduled maintenance of the Shark. Jef is organizing training on the Shark, starting with previously certified operators of the China 6040.

Not so new member, Gary Pett, continues as lead instructor for E500, but now is officially our technical writer and multimedia resource. He will also assist Jef in Shark training documentation and certification.

3. Corel has given us what we hope is the final fix to the illegal error messages we have been experiencing. We want to put this topic to bed. We are asking via a short questionnaire to all CorelDraw 2018 owners to update us on their status and to report if their copy is working properly or not. We ask all CorelDraw 2018 owners to PLEASE respond promptly to the questionnaire. We have a Corel agent involved in this solution, and we want all copies to be fixed before the agent forgets who we are.

4. Last but not least. We all know Jill Bulmash. Jill has ever so generously **donated** her personal Epilog Laser to the Brownwood Shop. WOW! Any question about Jill's dedication to our club? Thank you, Jill. We wait for the final decision of the best solution for where it gets planted.

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President

John K. Scott

We initiated a survey a month or so back concerning the location of our monthly meetings. We received in the neighborhood of 200 responses with the majority indicating to move the meetings to the Eisenhower Rec Ctr. So, the Sept and Oct. meetings will be at Eisenhower. Due to elections in November, we will meet back at Laurel Manor then the November meeting at Eisenhower. We have our Christmas Party/Dinner setup at Savannah then January and on at Eisenhower.

We received a "Thank you" letter from the Marine Corp League for our donations to their Toys for Tots program. Our donations had received the most tickets "in the bowl" for the bidding process and they expressed their thanks. The letter is attached so you can see the details.

We received a letter asking for donations for "Habitat for Humanity." Please contact Linda Pringle 610 504 8440 or Sally Read 585 764 8486 if you wish to donate.

One of our members, Joe Camarella, spearheaded our Club's efforts to perform AED training for members. The other night I attended this training, along with 40 other members and must say it is very worthwhile doing. I had many years ago received training in CPR etc. but found this to be a good update on what needs to be done and when and how the AED fits into the picture. Also got good information on how to take care of young children and infants. I strongly recommend everyone to get this up-to-date training. We have had 2 classes of 40 each at BW and are now looking to set up another session in November. So, stay tuned.

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Budget Notes: As I said at previous meetings our budget is doing ok this year. And we now are studying and putting together our budget proposal for next year. As you know our share of paying the utility cost will go up each year for the next 5 years. So that increase plus the rate of inflation is going to have a large impact on our budget etc. The important part of our planning right now in my opinion is how many members should we count on. We presently have about 1350 members and are training and adding new members at a rate of 32 per month. In addition, we will be implementing changes to the training program that will double how many we train starting in Sept. So, with this knowledge I am estimating we will have 1600 members by January and this is what we are going to base the budget on. These additional members will help us greatly as we look at the increased expenses. I hope to have an updated brief for all members at the September meeting.

A week ago, Monday, I presented a Power Point Presentation to The Villages Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) on what our Club does and represents. This committee approves the various budgets and money request for The Villages Government, and they did the final approval for the monies spent building our new shop. Also, as you probably are aware they were rather critical of our Club when the request for additional monies to fix some design flaws in our building. I was asked to give this presentation to help the committee understand what we do etc... I have attached the presentation briefing for your review and info. Please note the presentation was well received and did very much enlighten the committee members of what the Club is all about. In fact, 2 members requested to get a tour of the shop and I intend to accommodate them.

Please note the last slide in the PWAC briefing briefly describes the changes we are making to our initial member training program. The implementation of this program is being worked on now and should work out well and not only training new members but training a few more.

With the new training program and other functions in the club I want to emphasize that we have a lot of **opportunities** for members to provide additional services to the Club. You don't have to be an expert. Please just let us know what your interest is, and we will provide the training etc. to

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enable you to perform in that area. The more folks providing the training etc. the happier we all become.

The Villages Woodworkers Club

PWAC Briefing

June 2022

What do we do?

- Provide a safe working environment for The Village's residents to pursue woodworking and stained glass projects.
- The Villages Woodworkers Toy Project
- Repair The Villages Resident's furniture
- Make Urns for Vets
- Make Pens for Troops
- Members' own projects
- We are a total **"All Volunteers"** operation!
- **The VWC for the new shop stocked all equipment, tools, built the cabinets/furniture, and paid for the elevator at a total cost of \$485K.**

The Villages Woodworkers Toy Project

- Make toys and donate to childrens' organizations
- Year 2021 made 9437 at a value of \$71765
- Recipients are:
 - Children's Home Society of Florida
 - Operation Shoebox
 - The Sozo Kids
 - Little Blessings Daycare
 - The Villages Elementary
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - Leesburg Elementary
 - RIMMES ELLC
 - And several others



Pens for Troops

- We supply the wood, labor, finish and shipping for the manufacturing of pens for Woodcraft's "Turn for Troops" program
- Our Club has made 3000 pens and so far this year 250

Special Projects

- Customer pays for lumber and other supplies
- Customer is requested to donate whatever amount they want for our labor
- So far this year 2022 as of April 10th.
 - 159 projects completed, 455 Samba boards sold, 20 slant boards sold.
 - To date total Special Projects donations received is \$10789.20

Urns for Troops

- Make urns for vets who die and have no next of kin
- Urns are delivered to National Cemeteries
- 2020 we made 80
- 2021 we made 33
- So far 2022 we have made 34
- COVID greatly slowed down the demand.

Membership and Waiting List

- Waiting list definition: Must realize that we are constantly training new folks which takes them off the waiting list as they become members. Since the new shop was announced and built we have had more residents sign up for the waiting list than we have been able to train. I.E. We train 8 people one week and 16 more sign up. The list keeps growing due to more interest.
- I feel the membership will grow in the next 2 years to 1800 or more. We may even see 2000 in 3 years.
- In 2018, we did slow down the training and new member process due to overcrowding in the shop. The overcrowding was why we requested the second shop.

Membership and Waiting List

- Prior to Brownwood shop (BW) being announced, pre 2018
 - membership was approximately 850
 - Basically there wasn't any waiting list.
 - We normally would lose 80 to 100 members a year and gain the same
 - Our certification/new member training process would take 1 day/month
- With the announcement of the second shop, 2019, we began to see more interest in joining the shop and the waiting list began. Instead of one day a month for training we began a one day a week training program where we would close the shop except for training.

Membership and Waiting List

- Then COVID forced closure and all training ceased. This created a backlog.
- When the new shop opened our waiting list grew even more:
 - July 1, 2021 – 247 Villagers on wait list
 - October 10, 2021 (just before BW opened) – 407 Villagers on wait list
 - April 1, 2022 – 575 Villagers on wait list
 - Between 10/11/21 and 4/1/22, we added 367 more Villagers to the wait list and certified 150.
 - As of May 17 the wait list was 602, of which 48 said they were no longer interested when contacted.

Seems like we train 8 in one week and 16 more sign up that same week.

Membership and Waiting List

- We have examined our training process and have made some adjustments.
- With these adjustment we will be able to more than double how many we can train in 1 day.
- We have basically moved the classroom training to the day or so before the actual hands on training thus allowing more time for more people on the shop floor doing hands on.
- So effectively we will go from 32 to 80+ a month trained.
- Some adjustments may have to be made to this plan as we proceed.



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Thank you again and Semper Fi,

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