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Ed Eich, Manager



Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager

Stained Glass

We have 2 new students in the Basic Stained Glass class. Our first class that combines woodworking and stained glass is progressing and the projects (wood and stained glass banks) are nearing completion. There is still room for more students in all Stained Glass classes so come and join us on Friday mornings in the shop.



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.

The following are statistics for the period of February 11 through March 10:

Special Projects Accepted:	42
Special Projects completed:	62
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$1869

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Total Contributions: \$2765

Website:

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

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WANTED – Photographer to take pictures of Members projects displayed during the Show and Tell for both General Meetings and Turners Group Meetings as well as other VWC activities. These photographs will then be entered onto the website for display under the Media tab.

WANTED – Website computer application support. This person would assist in the maintenance and operation of our website. Suggested skills are in HTML, SQL database or general familiarity with website operation. Programming skill in Microsoft C# program language would be helpful.

CNC Machine:

With thanks to Jerry Leinsing, the first draft of a complete set of operating instructions is now complete. We are now ready to offer a “trial” class in CNC 101- Basic CNC Router Operation, during April. This class will consist of class work of three (3) class meetings (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) for two hours each and “homework” assignments which will require on the order of three (3) hours of independent study at home. Students will be required to have access to a computer running MS Windows with an Internet connection, as well as a proficiency in windows software, such as MS Word, e-Mail and preferable some form of a graphic program.

More information and details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks on both the website and as a subject of e-Mails to our members.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

The Front Desk has geared up to take requests from Village veterans for urns.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

Nothing to report.

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Library

Mary Ann Main

Slow and steady progress is being made in the library.

Magazines dated prior to 2000 have been removed from the library. Cabinets have been cleared out and are now being used by the Toy Painters.

Several hardcover books will be kept for each category, extras are being removed and placed on the FREE shelves in the main shop. Books will remain on the FREE shelf for one week and then will be donated to either the Lady Lake or Sumter County libraries. Members who wish to have a book should check each week until the library has been purged.

Please DO NOT throw any books into the dumpster! I will take care of removing them each Friday or Saturday.

Jo Harlos and I will be moving tables and shelving this Friday to relocate the computers to the front of the room.

I will be meeting with the IT department to discuss PC and printing needs and am still waiting for the electrical drop for the new computer location.



Education

Deb Larouere

CNC Machining and Engraving – New course

Instructor Jerry Leinsing will be offering a class in how to safely and efficiently use our CNC Machine.

As this machine is very precise and repairs and replacement parts are expensive, there is a lot to learn to get the software, the student's desired design, the machine and the Woodworker all on the same path to success. (Pun intended!) Jerry has the knowledge and dedication to get all those components to work as one unit. If you do too, this might be for you.

This course is planned for 3 – 2 hour classes and the complex nature of the software, machine and Woodworker will require purchasing a detailed training manual and some homework, so this one is for serious learners. This course will include everything you need to cut and engrave your own designs after the class is over, but you'll be machining samples in this course to really learn how the process works.

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If you're interested and not afraid of the deep dive necessary into the precision required by the software and intricacies of the machine or want to know more, see Jerry Leinsing.

A one-session demonstration type course will be offered later for those who are looking to find out what this machine is all about.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

We just acquired some exotic lumber such as: leopard wood, marble wood, Purple Heart, and Ambrose maple for turning small bowls, salt and pepper mills.

They will be available for purchase at the general VWC meeting.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department continues to build on our successful start to 2018.

We participated in one external community activity in February. Toys on the Square at Lake Sumter Landing on February 15th, where we collected \$70 regular donations and \$345 in toy sales for a total of \$415. My thanks to all the Toy Team members who donated their time and efforts to this activity.

Our Toy production activities continued at a brisk pace in February.

- We produced an additional 728 toys compared to 386 produced last February.
- This brings our 2018 production at the end of February to 1564, which means we are 778 toys ahead of last year's record pace.
- We have produced an additional 268 toy so far in March.

We made two shipments to Children's Home Society of Florida in February containing 351 toys with a donation value of \$4424. We are on target to meet our 2017-2018 fiscal year commitment to them.

We will be back at Spanish Springs town square on Wednesday March 14th from 5-8:30 to kick off our Spring TOYS on the SQUARE season.



Safety and Turners

John Herega, Chairman of the Board and Manager of Safety and Turners

BOD:

Thanks and kudos to all that participated in the annual shop clean up.

Although it is only March, anyone that may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors can contact the chairman of the nominating committee – Frank Giaccone, or Mike Borfitz, Jim Spallone, John Herega, any current board member or officer.

A member must be an active VWC member in good standing for a minimum of one year.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Thanks for the efforts of the maintenance crew, especially Glenn and Bob Behrens, and the members participating in the clean-up. The improvements in the storage areas contributed in lessening the clutter and improving the cleanliness, thus improving the overall safety conditions in the shop. Let us all strive to maintain the cleanliness of the shop daily.

TURNERS GROUP

The March turners meeting will be held next Tuesday March 20 at 7:00pm sharp in the shop.

Our own, Andy McTear will be the celebrity demonstrating the technique for turning a perfect sphere.

Anyone in possession of any of the 4" face plates (*insert picture if possible*) please return them to John Herega. They will no longer be available on the floor, they are now available only in the tool crib; they are numbered and must be checked out. The hub's will remain available in the second drawer below the spindle gouge grinder.



Thanks to all that helped, cleaners and painters on shop cleanup day in the lathe area. Great job done by all!

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APPAREL

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.



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

Nothing to report.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

Certification has 1 person left who has been ill and the other person has elected not to continue. Monitor training is scheduled for 3-21 and 3-28 for this month



Vice President

Jim Spallone

In our effort to provide Pens for the Troops, we started to create pens for the Honor Flights too. Recently we learned that the number of flights is far more than we thought; so, we are suspending committing to that effort until we know the full scope of that project. In the meantime, we continue to make pens for the troops

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and have designated the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00** to people who would like to participate in making pens for this effort.



Maintenance

Dave Adamovich

Nothing to report.



President

Mike Borfitz

Our waiting list for membership continues to grow. As of yesterday, we have 87 interested people in the queue. The first quarterly review will take place at the Board meeting later this month when we will decide whether or not to open membership up by a finite number. So far this year, we have entertained a minimum of 183 visitors.

On Monday we officially started taking orders from Village resident veterans for urns for themselves and their spouses if they so desire. In fact, Alice came to the Shop to work the morning on the desk and found cars waiting in the parking lot.

We are offering a plain version exactly like the one we provide for indigent veterans for \$30 and a premium one designed by Voytek for \$50 (\$75 for a double-sized one). On the first day we took orders from 14 resident veterans pretty much evenly divided between the plain one and premium one.

The IT committee demonstration at tonight's meeting will instruct the membership as to the use of the exterior side doors of the Shop.