



**Ed Eich, Manager**



**Kathy Villani  
Assistant Manager**

## Stained Glass

### Stained Glass Group Update

Classes are on hiatus for the summer but several of our members are continuing to work on projects they started earlier. Our classes will start up again on September 6. Course registration will begin in August (look for emails and on the website) with the exact date that registration begins. The website will also have course descriptions to help you select the best course for you. Please come and join us!



**Hans Zassenhaus, Manager**

## Special Projects and Website

### *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 July 1 – August 11, 2019:

Special Projects Accepted:	67
Special Projects completed:	48
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$ 1137.19

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Items Sold	227
Total Contributions:	\$ 2430.67

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

**Website:**

The website now includes all VWC courses for the Fall 2019 semester. Also, as you register for a class, this class will appear on your personal schedule of classes. Your Monitor assignments also show up in your personal Monitor Schedule. Both of these personal schedules appear under the Members Lounge tab when you sign onto the website, as <http://www.thevwc.org>.

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



### Administration – Front Office

**Anne Bell, Manager**

**GOOD NEWS!**

Dues for 2020 will remain at \$55.

We will start collecting 2020 dues in October – please read your email newsletters for updated information.

We will **NOT** have to sign new Villages Waivers on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The ones signed last year are good forever. Only new members will be signing waivers.

Remember we only accept CASH or CHECKS at the front desk – NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS!



### Member Merchandise

**Steve Eikenberry**

Merchandise: nothing new to report at this time.



## Library

**Mary Ann Main**

No update this month.



## Education

**Deb Larouere**

**There are 36 different Courses scheduled to run this Fall.**

Course Descriptions, Course Offering Details and the Calendar are all now available both at the shop and on-line. Students must **sign up at the shop beginning on August 19** or have any friend go to the shop to sign up for you. Volunteer staff will be ready to open registration by **6 or 6:30** on the 19th. We do not take phone or internet registrations since payment is required at sign up to assure students' interest and there is no provision for credit cards at this time. Mail registrations are not practical with our fixed number of open slots and limited, all volunteer, staff.

You could make arrangements for any friend or another willing woodworker to sign up at the shop in person for you. This person will need to pay any fees at the time of sign up, so make provision for that. Also make sure that you meet the criteria for any prerequisites as your friend might not know that. If there are any alternates in either Course or dates you would like if your first choice (or second or third) is full, let your friend know that as well.

**There is a 2 class limit until September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Sign ups for REPEAT classes you have already taken begin September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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](http://theVWC.org)** There is an effort to make this section of the VWC website more user friendly. It's a work in progress. You can Login with your email and Village ID # . One of the two web pages below is likely all you need. Choose either of the 2 options below to find the class you want. (**NOTE: If your page doesn't display Fall 2019 data** press the CTRL key and the f5 key at the SAME TIME. This will clear old data from the page.)

**If you are **undecided which class** would suit you and want to see Course Descriptions for all of the classes this term:**

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- 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 pink “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 side of the table to scroll over or down to what you’re interested in. Keep scrolling down to see the whole list. Some pages unexpectedly roll over to a new page.
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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 pink “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 side 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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## **IT (Information Technology)**

Current efforts revolve around daily support of existing IT systems such as the Front Desk and Electronic Doors. Development efforts continue to take place for the systems we will need when we have a second wood shop location. Progress is being made on the best way to implement products provided to the shop through the Microsoft Non-Profit agreement. Multiple meetings have taken place regarding IT requirements for the new woodshop with the design team and with the Villages IT support team. As well as meetings with the Villages about how we may use Maxgalaxy or provide them data needed to better understand woodshop utilization. It was decided that the Woodshop would not use Maxgalaxy and would provide The Villages with data they request.



## Lumber

**Stephen Yovan, Manager**

Lumber species of the month.... Cherry

Characteristics..... Color: Reddish brown Freshly cut cherry is often a pale pinkish brown color but darkens with time to the reddish-brown color it is famous for.

Cherry as a hardwood has no rivals, easy to work, smooth texture, straight close grain, strong and regal in color

Origin..... Eastern United States and Canada

Common uses..... Popular wood for cabinetmaking, quality furniture, musical instruments, cutting boards, segmented bowls and wood turning in general

Availability ..... about 400 board feet in stock at \$4.50 to \$6.50. per board foot, available in variable widths in 6' , 8' and 12' lengths , 4/4 S3S and 8/4



## Toys

**Conway Williams, Manager**

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

Since our last report we have had a very busy and productive summer, despite the "defection" of several key member back to the north.

We have worked on several non-production related projects

- Our Toy Catalog has been update on line and revised hard copies have been printed and distributed to the front desk, Painters and the Toy Assembly area. A special thanks to Hans Zassenhaus and Anne Bell for all their help in getting the Website and front office computer system updated to match the New Document.

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- John Scott spent a significant amount of his personal time and money working with a lifelong friend in California who wanted to make wooden toys for disadvantaged children in his local community. Because of John's efforts The VWC Toy fund just received a \$1,000.00 donation from John's friend.  
Great job John, our Clients here thank you and your friend.
- John Scott and Bill Allen have been working on our process definition and standardization.
- Dick Steele and Spike Durant have been working on redesigns of existing toys to eliminate the need for special lumber and replacing it with lumber that we get donated from Romac in Leesburg.

Our remaining Elves and Painters continue their hard work!

- They had produced 4881 toys through the end of May, since that report they have added:
  - o In June 1012 Toys made
  - o In July 1127 Toys made
  - o At the end of July that gave us 7,020 Toys produced, which is 1,369 Toys ahead of last years' record pace

On the shipping side we are also making good progress.

- Through the end of May we had shipped 3361 toys with a donation value of \$20,474, since that report we have added:
  - o In June 830 Toys shipped to 3 clients.
  - o In July 768 Toys shipped to 4 clients
  - o At the end of July that gave us 4959 toy with a donation value of \$31,277.00
  - o So far in August we have made 1 shipment with a donation value of \$800.00

The Toy Department continues to work closely with the Woodworking Technology Department on education, training and certification on both the CNC and Laser Engraver. We continue to improve and refine our puzzle process as we gather more experience on the laser. Kelvin Comer will be helping with the Technology Day on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> on the CNC and Marry Drucker and I will be helping on the LASER.

As we look forward to September we will be restarting Toys on the Square with a visit to Brownwood Paddock Square on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be looking forward to seeing the return of our seasonal Elves and Painters as we gear up for the Holiday push!



## Safety and Turners

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

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO OPERATE OUR VIDEO TAPING AND PROJECTION OF OUR DEMONSTRATIONS. IF INTRESTED CONTACT JOHN HEREGA AT [herega@hughes.net](mailto:herega@hughes.net) or leave a message at the front desk.**

There will be NO TURNERS MEETING IN AUGUST. The turners group monthly meetings will resume Tuesday September 17, 2019 promptly at 7:00PM in the shop. Please bring a show and tell item.

**TURNER SUPPLYS HALF PRICE SALE**

**Limited quantities still available.**

MYLAND SANDING SEALER – 500 ml

BLOXYGEN

ODIES OIL – 9oz

CORN ON THE COB HOLDERS

SANDING DETAILER – pkg. of 4

15/64” CARBIDE CUTTER

VARIOUS HSS CUTTERS

NOVA SOFT JAWS

MARKING TOOL

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 in demonstrating a wood turning item or technique contact John Herega at [herega@hughes.net](mailto:herega@hughes.net), leave a message at the front desk or call his cell phone number. 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.

### APPARELL

We recently re-stocked tan smocks and 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.



## Carvers

### Pete Bankowski

On Wednesday, August 21, there will be a beginners carving class, 9:00 AM to noon. The beginner will learn three basic carving cuts. The carving group will use these basics to carve a square piece of wood and make it round. Also, there will be a small project to complete.

The instructors are Steve Mendelsohn & Pete Bankowski.



## Certification & Monitor Training

### Dick Besler

We certified 20 more members as of 8/8/19. Twenty more are scheduled for 8/22/19.

Monitor training is scheduled for 8/21/19. **Please be present by 3:50pm.**

Thank you to all the instructors for your dedication in this time of trying to tackle our waiting list.

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



## Vice President

### Jim Spallone

For July we turned 8 pens for our Pens for Troops program.

Year-to-date is 476 and the grand total is 1,224.

Our next session is Aug 26, from 4 to 6 pm.



## Maintenance/Shop Administration

**Dave Adamovich**

**Glen Croteau**

Nothing to report this month.



## Woodworking Technology

**Lowell Sundermann**

### **Woodworking Technology Fair this Saturday (Aug. 17) 10:00 – 2:00**

Both the CNC and the Laser Training classes have been restructured this summer.

The CNC class will now be a single course (E511) consisting of three days of training, instead of three separate classes (E501-2-3). The three days of training will be scheduled as close together as room reservations at Laurel Manor will allow, although there will be at least one day off between classes. Since this is a major commitment by the student we want to make sure the student is properly prepared for the course. Therefore a prerequisite for class E511, and the Laser class – E601 has been added. It is class A500 “Basic Windows for CNC/Laser”. Students will review basic windows features and keyboarding, and will load the appropriate software for either the CNC or the Laser class. Refer to the Education Catalog for more details.

Additionally there will be a formal certification/qualification for operating the CNC or the Laser. Bob LaVarnway will qualify members to operate the Laser. Lowell Sundermann will certify members to operate the CNC.

Hopefully the Education Department Catalog will shed more light on this.

We thank Rik Peirce for organizing and leading the A500 class. Rik is a busy man. We will be looking for a backup and a future instructor for A500.

Dave Makarewicz has joined the Woodworking Technology Department as a future instructor. He comes with military training experience and exposure to the technologies of the department. Welcome Dave.

Lowell has spent much of the summer learning more about 2.5D and 3D carving on the CNC. User group members, stay tuned for a fall meeting with the topic of how to do this.





**Chair, Board of Directors**

**Mike Cromwell**

No note for August.



**President**

**Mike Borfitz**

**LOOK CAREFULLY!**



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This hole was mysteriously created right around the first of July. Despite no one coming forth to alert us to its occurrence (even though a member-wide email requesting such went out) we know that it was not done by aliens and our VWC CSI team has measured angles, distance and results and have concluded that it was caused by an object flying from the table saw – OTHERWISE, KNOW AS A **KICKBACK**. There is no way this could have happened without the operator being aware of it..... And because we found no body lying on the floor next to the saw, we believe the person was lucky not to be hurt. The strike was not only hard enough to break the window; it hit the back of the cabinet in the front office, knocking down a number of display items.

**CAN YOU IMAGINE IF IT HAD HIT THE OPERATOR OR AN INNOCENT MEMBER STANDIG IN ITS PATH?**

Once more I beg the person responsible for this to contact me. I am not looking to broadcast your name, but need to know under what circumstances it happened. If I haven't been contacted by August 20, I will have to have new cores placed in the locks and have all old keys recalled and new ones distributed. I am counting on your honesty to come forward.

One other observation before I address happier topics – One morning a couple of weeks ago, I walked into the shop to find the front room full of members. I quickly learned that there was a member down and we were waiting for an ambulance. I went to help the member and stayed with him until the EMTS had loaded him. I was very pleased to see that the shop equipment had been shut down and that most of the members obeyed the order to vacate the area. I say MOST of the people had vacated the area. Some apparently thought that because they weren't currently using a piece of equipment, they could come and go as they pleased. **WHEN A PERSON IS DOWN AND AN EVACUATION ORDER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, THAT MEANS EVERYONE WHO IS NOT AIDING THE VICTIM IS TO GO TO THE FRONT ROOM AND STAY THERE UNTIL AN "ALL CLEAR" IS ANNOUNCED!** Please keep this in mind.

**Now for happier topics – Second Shop**

As of yesterday, the plans have gone out for bid and the project manager for The Villages should have enough data to prepare the package that will go to PWAC (Project Wide Amenities Council) on September 3. This very complete package couldn't have been completed without the on-going work by all the VWC committee members and in particular Rik Peirce who has brought all his life's experiences to bear and worked tirelessly to create and educate all parties as to our needs. **Please thank Rik when you see him!**

We will be sharing the latest drawings at the meeting tonight.

**Better timetable no available –** With a better understanding of the project, The Villages is of the opinion that the first we are likely to get into the new facility to do our work getting it furnished and equipped is June 2020 at the earliest, likely July. As that time approaches we will be requesting names of people capable and interested in helping with our work. While that date is later than earlier predicted, it gives us more time to work at getting the waiting list pared down, satisfies those waiting to know that they are moving more quickly towards membership, and gives us an opportunity to better identify the needs for making sure both shops run as efficiently as one shop does now!

**Our Club is very special – It meets the needs of those whose life has involved woodworking as well as those who want to learn the numerous arts associated with woodworking; it provides a wonderful place on which to focus our "retired drive"; it reaches out to people in need; and it results in friendship extraordinaire. How lucky we are. Thank you all!**