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Calendar of Events

- December 4- Toys for Tots Presentation: TV Community Church; Doors open 5:00 pm;
Program begins at 7:00 pm
- December 9- Wood cutting: 9:00 am at POA yard
- Note: There will not be a Board meeting in December.
- January 8- Regular monthly meeting (Note date and time change!) Yacht Club 7:30 pm
Program: Dick Hoffmann will present "Bending Wood".

Toys-for-Tots

Tom Ringenbach

Our Club's flagship event of the year is now upon us! I hope you're planning on joining the festivities on December 4. The program begins at 7:00 pm, but the doors open early so everyone can have plenty of time to see all the toys our members built and contributed to the Sheriff's Toys for Tots drive this year.

Also, we need plenty of help earlier that day with setup at 1:00 pm. Cookies can be dropped off beginning at 1:00 pm, and toys beginning at 3:00 pm.. Please come over and lend a hand as we prepare the hall for our evening's guests.

On Friday, of course, we will need help transporting toys to the Sheriff's distribution center. Watch for details.

In Memoriam

Jim Marotta

Jim will be missed by all.
May he rest in Peace.

Board Meeting Highlights - 11/22/2014

Board met on 11/22 at Tanasi. Nineteen members present.

Treasurer's Report: The Club currently has \$4522.07 on deposit.

In 2014, 48 club members participated in the completion of 35 community service projects. Two projects are carried over to next year.

Board Highlights (continued)

In response to a recent appeal, seven members contributed 16 items for auction to benefit Smokey Mountain Service Dogs, and eight members contributed 15 auction items to benefit Monroe County's CASA program.

VP Lloyd Donnelly has created a Policies and Practices document, which describes many practices the club follows, but which up to now have not been written down. This document will become part of the Resource Book.

Marshall Pierce will succeed Jim Marotta as wood sale coordinator. Christine Campbell will continue as Membership Chair.

A motion was passed to establish the following guideline for door prizes at regular club meetings: Up to \$40 per month will be authorized for purchase of a new tool or gift card to be awarded as a door prize.

The following motion was passed: Nonmember program presenters at regular meetings will receive dinner and a club hat. Member presenters will receive a hat.

New Members - November

Norm Schuessler

Terry Murphy

Welcome to the Club!

Help Wanted: Assistant Editor

We are looking for a member who attends most of the Club's regular monthly meetings, and who is willing to take photos of the program, Show and Tell, and any other newsworthy events at each meeting. A few pertinent notes about the event also will help this editor write up a report for the Newsletter. If you can help out, give Tom Ringenbach a call at 458-0915. Thanks!

The Bad, Good and the Ugly

Dick Hoffmann

Last week Jerry Jeffrey called and informed me that a friend that just recently moved into a new Tellico Village house wanted to clear some trees on his lot. The new homeowner cut down three trees: a cherry tree about 16" in diameter, a cedar tree about 12" in diameter and an oak, about 20" in diameter. The bad news, he cut all the trees into firewood length logs, then asked if the Woodworkers wanted any of the wood. After admonishing and giving his friend a verbal scolding (with a smile), Jerry put out a call to anyone that wanted turning material. This was the Good. There were 7 Club Members that wanted turning blanks but only 4 were available to haul the logs to the POA yard where they were trimmed, split and waxed. After about an hour of work, we left an Ugly pile of wood chips after a lot of chainsaw work.



Jerry Jeffrey, Bob Fagerlin, and Howard Hickman show the results of their work. Dick Hoffmann is behind the camera.

There are still about 20 cherry and cedar blanks available. If anyone wants some, call (458-0455) or email (rbhoffmann@aol.com) Dick Hoffmann.

Our November General Meeting

The club had a special guest at our November meeting. Roberta Burwell, cofounder and President of the Good Neighbor Shop, stopped by to personally thank all the club members who contributed their time and skills to assist GNS in readying its new and much larger home for its grand opening. Club members built new sorting tables and contributed to the organization and decor of the new store with wall mounted letters, among other things.



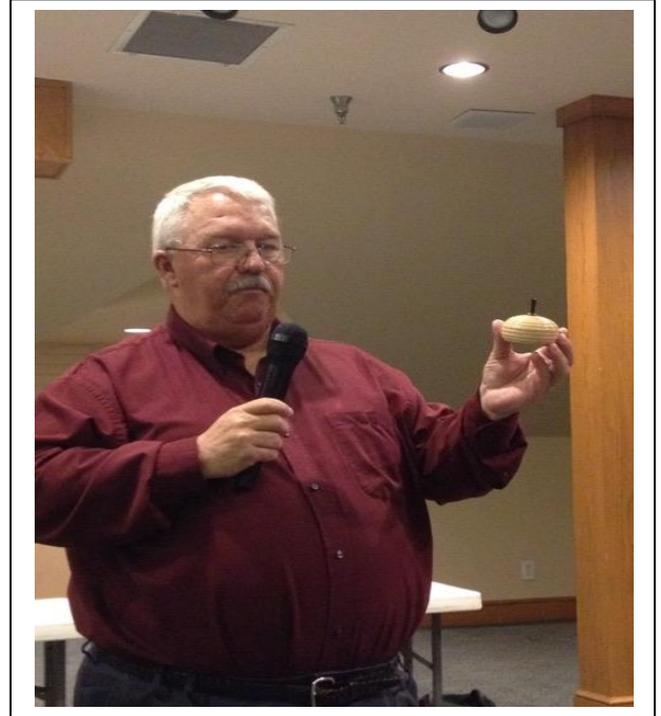
Roberta and her woodworking team

Turning Christmas Ornaments

Charlie Anderson

At the last general meeting our members were exposed to a different sort of wood turning technique. Our guest speaker, Jake Niedling, showed us in detail how he produces unique looking Christmas ornaments, each one different from all others. All his turnings are created as the item is being formed on his lathe. He uses no patterns. The ornaments take on a delicate and colorful appearance. The ornaments are made starting with almost any stock. Jake works the piece on his large 20" Powermatic lathe starting from

the thinner tail stock and working in segments to the thicker head stock. He puts a tenon on the end to hold it in the chuck. Jake uses various color India ink for the highlights.



Although not everyone in the club does wood turning, this presentation hopefully will inspire more to try it. Thanks, Jake!

From Our Members' Shops



Dave Ritzenthaler built this red oak display case for the Tellico Village Public Library to house a sculptured art work for visitors to admire. Stop by the library and take a look.

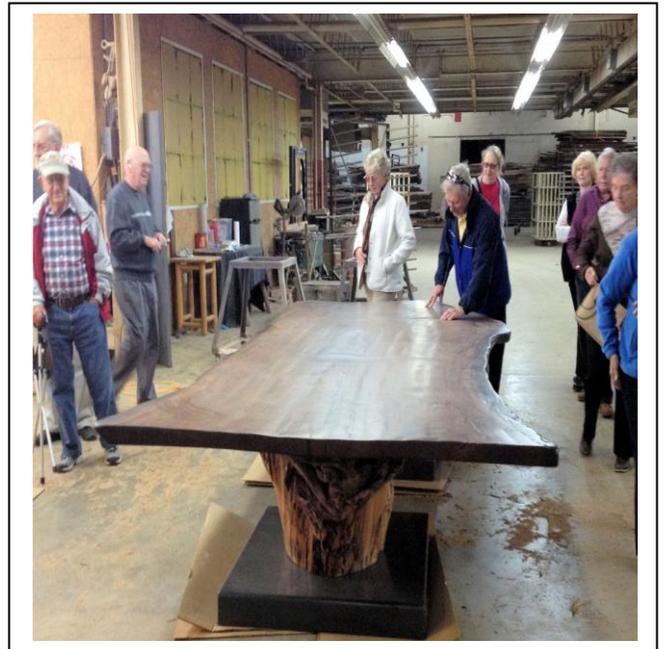
Field Trip Report - Everhart Lumber

Bill McKeel

A group of about 50 woodworker and spouses traveled to Tellico Plains on Tuesday November 11th to tour Everhart Lumber. We were treated to a demonstration of sawing a 6 foot diameter maple log and a 5 foot diameter cherry log into 3 inch thick slabs. The saw was custom designed & built by Everhart employees and has a capacity of 80" dia. X 32' long logs.

Editors Note For more photos, see Ken Harvey's great video of the field trip at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdMWDom_7To&feature=em-upload_owner



Following a tour of the furniture display room we continued on to their "warehouse" building where we observed a custom built 6' x 12' dining table. Walking next door, we enjoyed a friendly & delicious lunch at the Tellicafe. A good time was had by all.

Tools and Tips

3 Types of Classic Tools you Should Question

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Popular Woodworking

It is important to understand which classic tools should be bought and which shouldn't. Because tools vary in quality, many are not worth owning. In fact, you must be careful and selective. The majority of second-hand tools are, for one or more of the following reasons, unsuitable for use.

Antique Tools

Beware of tools with prices that are determined by their appeal to collectors, or that have a high value as antiques. The word antique implies great age, but is only one of many factors that make a tool interesting to collectors. Some very old tools have less value than others that are much younger.

Antique tools have not only become collectible, they have also become a means of investment. As with fine art, antique furniture, and coins and stamps, novices should be very careful when buying antique tools. If you do not understand the circumstances that determine value, you could lose a great deal of money. It is very possible to pay much more for an item than it is worth—much more than you would receive if you decided to resell it.

Damaged Tools

Avoid tools that need major repairs. Repair work often has to be done by another craftsman who is capable of doing work that you yourself cannot do, for example, a machinist or a blacksmith. This means that the tool's real price becomes the sum of what you paid for it plus the cost of the repair. And even if you can do the work

yourself, your time has value and has to be factored into the total cost.

Classic Tools with Missing Parts

Most second-hand tools have not been used for years, even decades. In the meantime, they were either stored or left lying around. During this period of disuse tools lose removable parts. The more parts a tool has (such as a combination plane with all its separate cutters), the greater the chances that all the parts will not be with the tool when you acquire it.

If you do buy a tool that is incomplete, one solution is to duplicate the missing part. This is often more difficult and time consuming than making a repair. If the part is made of wood, you, as a woodworker, are more likely to be able to make it. Replacing a part that is made of forged or cast metal, however, requires skills that most woodworkers do not have.

Another solution is to find a replacement part. This means that you will not be able to use the tool until you find another identical, incomplete tool or a damaged tool that can be cannibalized. Once you have found this tool, you have to purchase it. The price of your one complete tool will be the sum of the two incomplete ones. The two purchases, plus the effort that went into finding them, seldom add up to a bargain.

Although I try to avoid buying incomplete tools, I occasionally find something that I want badly enough to justify ignoring my own advice. In anticipation of this possibility, I purchase loose items such as molding plane irons, ferrules, saw nuts, and various types of handles, and stockpile them. Most tool dealers have a "dollar box" where anything in the box is sold at a fixed price, often one dollar. Loose parts are often tossed into the dollar box. I never leave a shop without taking a moment to paw through the box's contents.