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Calendar of Events

- April 4: 20th Anniversary Celebration Yacht Club (lower level) 4:30 p.m. Social; 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- April 11: Wood Cutting POA yard (Time to be announced)
- April 22: Board Meeting Sloan's Hardware 8:15 a.m. All members are welcome.
- May 4: General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. Program: Dennis Stanczuk will present on construction of a table with veneered top.

Board Meeting Highlights - 3/25/2017

The TWWC Board met on March 25, with 19 members present. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Don Schmid reported 19 service projects to date, eight of which are still in progress.

Treasurer Ron Cirincione reported \$1637.33 in the General Fund, \$100 in the Toys for Tots fund, and \$3350.06 in the Kiln Amortization Fund, for a total of \$5087.39.

Chris Campbell reported that the club currently has 147 members.

Wood Cutting: There are currently 79 logs in the POA yard awaiting cutting, including 35 cypress, 17 hardwoods, and 27 pine. The next wood cutting will be April 11.

Lloyd Donnelly gave a summary of the 20th Anniversary Celebration, set for April 4.

Reservations total 127. The social period begins at 4:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:45 p.m. A program follows dinner. Lloyd thanked the committee for all the hard work planning this event.

Ron Cirincione reported on progress of the Long Range Financial Plan, being compiled by Ron, Dick Hoffmann, and Lloyd Donnelly. A "straw man" proposal has been developed for review by the Board, with the aim of better controlling club spending.

The Nominating Committee has a full slate of new officers, which will be voted on by the membership at the May General Meeting.

A Mentoring survey has been distributed to the membership seeking their desired woodworking skills training.

A committee charged with identifying future club tool purchases was formed and met. Dick Hoffmann, Marshall Pierce, and Bob Fagerlin

Board Meeting Highlights (cont.)

are recommending small specialty tools (e.g. large/odd sized Forstner bits) that most members don't have. Some medium sized portable tools are also a possibility. The financial plan (noted above) will help identify future budget amounts available to spend.

There was interest among board members in knowing the rate of lumber yield, i.e., how much lumber is cut and dried versus how much is sold. Don Kimbrel was asked to compile the amount of wood loaded into the kiln at the last 8 or 9 wood cuttings. Ron Cirincione who will determine the yield rate based on our sales.

Lloyd Donnelly has volunteered to update the Resource Book. He will present recommendations at the May Board meeting.

A local resident is interested in selling 667 bf of mostly hardwoods and some poplar. Club procurement will depend on the price.

New Board members will take over at the June 24 Board meeting.

The Leyland Cypress Project

Although the variety of community service work performed by our club is indeed wide, we are still surprised sometimes when a service project comes along with a little different twist. In a recent case, it was helping the spouse of a recently deceased member clear her yard of a very large pile of logs.

It started in mid-February with a trip out to the home of Ruth Middleton, spouse of former member Jim Middleton. In the back yard stood a very large pile of over 125 Leyland Cypress logs averaging eight feet long. She asked the club to help rid her of this lumber. Complicating the job was the fact that Tanasi golf course ran along her back lot line. This would presumably require a team of volunteers to physically carry all the logs one at a time to the front of the house for loading, so as not to damage the golf course. However, member Bill McKeel touched base with the course superintendent and received permission to cross the course with our load. Bill also

arranged for the use of a large trailer and Bob Fagerlin provided his four wheel drive pickup to do the hauling. All the logs were eventually hauled to the Tanasi maintenance area, where the larger ones were set aside for club use and the smaller ones chipped into mulch.



No less than fourteen club members helped out with this project. All our thanks to them, not only for the increased goodwill accruing to the club, but also for a nice inventory of wood to feed our saws and planers!



Leyland Cypress Log Movers and "Shakers" (in alphabetical order)

Dave Breen	Rick Mannarino
Lloyd Donnelly	Bill McKeel
Jack Earnst	Ned Miller
Bob Fagerlin	Don Schmid
Dick Hoffman	Terry Stevens
John Johnson	Dennis Tracy
Don Kimbrel	Neil Wilson

March Meeting Speakers

Our program presenters in March were members Chris Campbell and Neil Wilson on the topic of fine decal application and painting.



Chris's miniatures have always wowed all who view them. She uses decals on a variety of her creations, including her fantasy shop fronts. Chris shared with us the how-tos of application and finishing.



Everyone took notice of the beautiful decal and paint jobs Neil applied to his helicopters he made this past year for Toys-for-Tots. He explained some of the details leading to a great finish.

Thanks to Chris and Neil for sharing their techniques.

From Our members' Shops

March brought a wide variety of new projects fresh out of our members' workshops.



Don Larkin fashioned a recipe conversion tool for the "home chef" to adjust ingredient amounts to meet changes in servings requirements.



Ron Hensley shows his walking stick, made with the club's router lathe, and with some "hand-holding" help from John Johnson.



B. J. Marshall shows off one of her first woodworking projects, no doubt under the tutelage of husband Marshall. Great job!

From Our members' Shops (cont)



Dan Taylor explains his technique for making this large mirror frame using pocket hole construction. He finished it with an English Chestnut stain and polyurethane.



Dick Hoffmann points out some details of one of his Japanese puzzle boxes he recently made. This one consisted of some 3800 pieces!!



Once his setup was in place, Jason Caulder made a number of these angle jigs, and gave out quite a few to interested members at the meeting. Thanks, Jason.



The hand on the corner of this project belongs to Ron Clayton. He built this beautiful keepsake box for his granddaughter. The main part of the box is birdseye maple; the base is mahogany; and the top of the lid (not shown) is lacewood.



Bill Buelow discusses his turned box and lid, made of walnut and box elder. The latter was a Christmas gift from one of his piano students!

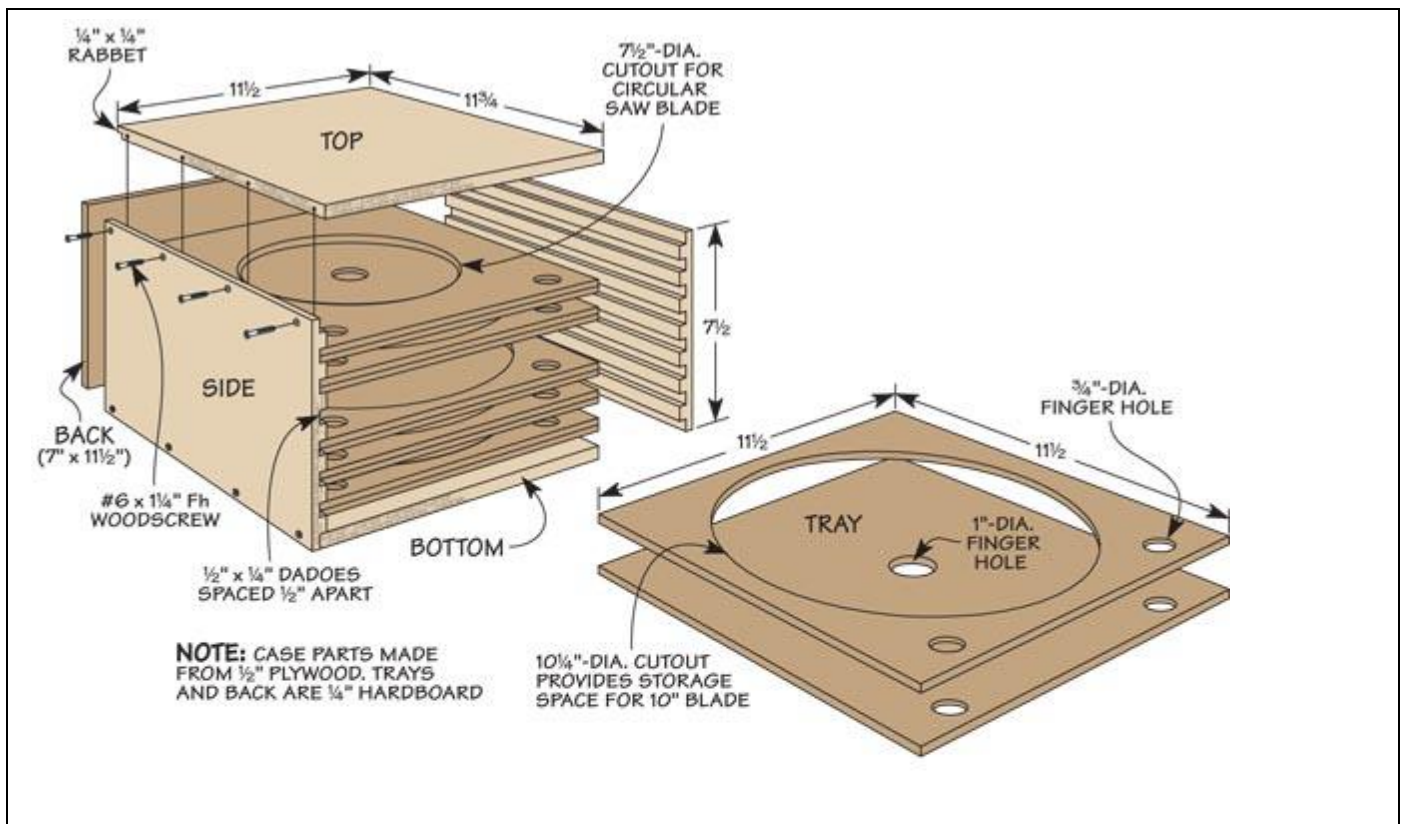


Lloyd Donnelly holds one of 12 octagonal boxes, constructed for Beads of Courage by a team which includes Hugh Aukerman, Tom Borloglou, Lloyd Donnelly, Bob Fagerlin, Mark Knott, Rick Mannarino, and Stu McFadden.

Tools and Tips

Saw Blade Storage

If you take good care of your saw blades, they'll take good care of you. The best way to ensure that your blades last a long time is to always store them in a safe place when they're not being used. The storage rack shown here offers a lot of protection against dings and nicks. Plus, the construction techniques used to build it are simple enough to complete in a weekend.



To store a lot of blades in a small space, check out the pull-out trays on the blade storage cabinet shown above. The blade's teeth are protected from chipping by the custom cutouts in the individual trays. You can size the open-front plywood box to house as many blades as you need. (My box holds six saw blades.)

Each storage tray is made from two layers of hardboard. A cutout in the top layer is used to hold the blade. The easiest way to make the cutout is to use a circle-cutting jig and a hand-held router. Size the holes on the trays slightly larger than the saw blade. This makes it easier to remove the blade from the tray. Note: In addition to making cutouts for your table saw blades, you could also make a tray or two for circular saw blades.