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### **Calendar of Events**

- June 30                      Wood Cutting, POA public works yard 8:00 a.m.
- July 2                         Regular Monthly meeting, Yacht Club 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Shop Tips
- July 25                        Board meeting, Tanasi Grill 8:00 am. All members are welcome.
- August 6                     Regular Monthly meeting, Yacht Club 7:00 pm.  
Program: Router Bits - Todd Reece, Whiteside Manufacturing

### **Message from Our President**

Dear Members,  
Tom Ringenbach invited me, the new TVWC president, to address the membership in this issue, writing about what I envision for the club in the coming months. That is easy, I simply want to continue our strong tradition and practices, seeking opportunities to make improvements as they present themselves. Our club is a fine organization. Over the years it has benefited greatly from thoughtful and dedicated leadership. It has also benefited from members possessing a wide array of woodworking skills and experience, who have willingly helped other members and our community. It is a group where people are treated with mutual respect--along with a fair amount of good natured kidding. It is a group where it is easy to make friends, good friends. All quite remarkable.

One objective I have is to more aggressively encourage new members, and current members who have not been actively involved in club activities, to participate more in Community Service Projects, mentoring programs, Toys for Tots, etc. Why? Because it is a guaranteed learning experience and a guaranteed way for us to get to know each other better. Both are laudable objectives that will further strengthen the club.

In keeping with this thought, please contact me if you have ideas on how we might increase participation in club activities or how we might improve any aspect of our club: 458-4194 or [Lcdonnelly@charter.net](mailto:Lcdonnelly@charter.net).

Wishing you all the best--stay safe and well.

*Lloyd*

## **Board Meeting Highlights - 6/20/2015**

The TVWW Club Board met on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Tanasi Grill. Thirteen club members were present. Immediate Past President Tom Borloglou presided. The follow business was conducted.

Twenty-eight service requests received year to date. Three projects are still in progress.

The club treasury has a balance of \$5288 (same as reported last month).

The club currently has 121 paid members; four additional members are sending payment.

A motion was approved to spend up to \$200 to construct a storage case and components for the club's audio visual equipment. In addition, it was proposed and discussed that this project be made an educational class for members interested in learning case building. Tom Borloglou and Ron Cirincione will co-chair the program, and members will be notified of the opportunity to participate.

A discussion of the club's Mentoring Program concerned an issue raised by one member that the term "mentor" could be intimidating and discourage members from volunteering to help instruct. An alternative approach and terminology is being sought. One suggestion was to center the program around specific projects and teach all the skills needed to complete the project.

The club recently received three requests to conduct tool sales. One is from a member; the club will price and conduct this sale.

### **October Shop Tour**

John Forcum is looking for members willing to open their shops for tours for our October meeting. If you can help, please call John at (765) 348-8094.

## **Field Trip Report**

On the morning of June 9th, twenty-three members and spouses traveled to the Wears Valley area near Smoky Mountain National Park to visit the store and workshop of Steve and Jodi Spangler. Their business, Riverwoods Home Furnishings, specializes in offering custom-made furniture pieces, created primarily from reclaimed barn siding.

Steve took the group through his shop, located directly behind the store. He first explained how the barn wood is planed and cut and then placed in inventory. A few of his tools are quite old, including a massive belt sander that clearly required a really good grip on the wood piece to successfully shape. The tour included observing a parts and assembly operation and a visit to his staining and finishing area.



Steve Spangler describes his business to the woodworkers and spouses just before entering his shop.

Jodi met the group at the store, which provided a terrific showcase for the beauty and functionality of the home furnishings they produce.

Our thanks to member Bill VanBrunt for making the arrangements for this very interesting field trip.

## Spring Challenge 2015

Our June meeting was the setting for the Grand Finale of our 2015 Spring Challenge, "Emphasizing Wood Grain". Nine members entered their projects, with the usual fine selection of craftsmanship and beauty throughout the entries. The membership assembled at the meeting voted to determine the winners. They were:

**Grand Prize:** Paul Sivak

**Most unusual wood grain in the project:**  
Ron Cirincione

**"Let your wood grain shine":** Lloyd Donnelly

**Best use of multiple wood grains:** Jerry Jeffrey



Our top four Spring Challenge contestants and their winning projects (with John Forcum, contest coordinator)



Spring Challenge contestants and their projects: Paul Sivak (shaving kit), Ron Cirincione (walnut tray with woven laminate sides), Nancy Kessler (inlaid crystal), Norm Schuessler (spalted maple plank), Don Schmid (elm bowl; also holding Dick Hoffmann's inlaid jewelry box entry), Harry Schmidt (spalted maple bowl), Lloyd Donnelly (walnut box), and Jerry Jeffrey (multi-wood bowl).

### Exotic Wood Supplier

Jerry Jeffrey reports that his sister has spotted a new supplier for exotic wood. Check out this source, located in quaint Charm, Ohio (think Amish country!).  
[www.keimlumber.com/exoticwoods](http://www.keimlumber.com/exoticwoods)



(Thanks to Rick Mannarino and Tom Borloglou for photos.)

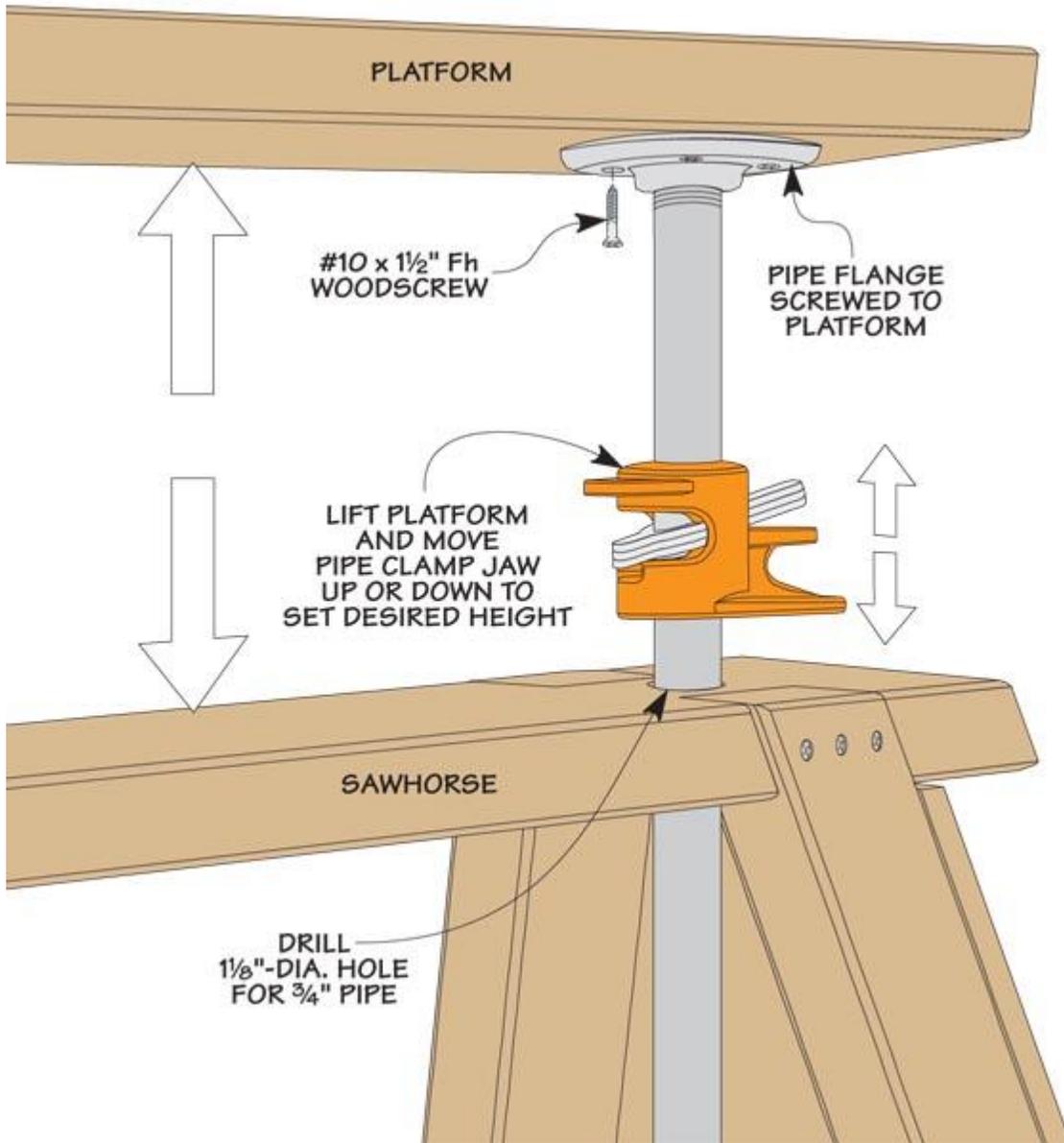
## Tools and Tips

The following tip is courtesy of Woodsmith Magazine.



In my small shop, I'm always looking for ways to use the space more efficiently and get maximum use out of my tools. This sawhorse is one way to do just that. A couple of pipe clamps are used to create an adjustable-height platform, as you can see in the photo above. This gives me more flexibility than a traditional sawhorse.

With the adjustable platform, I can use my sawhorse as additional support for my table saw when ripping long boards or cutting sheets of plywood — just set the height to match the height of the saw's table. And with two of these sawhorses in my shop, setting up an adjustable-height assembly or finishing table is a snap.



Adding the adjustable platform to my sawhorse was fairly simple. I started by drilling 1 1/8"-dia. holes through the top of my sawhorse. This is the right diameter to fit the 3/4" pipe I used. The platform is made from a length of 2x6. Pipe floor flanges are attached to the bottom to hold one end of the pipe. You can place the pipe through the holes in the sawhorse to locate the flanges on the bottom of the platform. Just thread the flange on the end of the pipe and use flathead woodscrews to fasten the flanges securely in place. After the flanges are attached, all you need to do now is install the movable jaw of your pipe clamp. To adjust the height of the platform, just move the jaw up or down.