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Calendar of Events

- January 5: General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. Program: Tips and Techniques learned from this year's Toys-for-Tots toy-making. (Member participation)
- January 21: TVWC Board Meeting Sloan's Hardware 8:15 a.m. All members are welcome.
- February 2: General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. Program: Tom Monahan, Account Manager, General Finishes

Two TVWC Members Honored by POA

In November, Dennis Stanczuk and Lloyd Donnelly, received awards from the POA at an awards luncheon at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Dennis received an Outstanding Individual Award and Lloyd a Distinguished Service Award. They were two of seven individuals to win top honors.

Dennis was recognized for his service, over a period of two years, to the Tellico Village community as Chair of the HOA's Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Liaison Committee. He established a great working relationship with TDOT and as a result village residents have enjoyed up-to-date information on the status of the new Highway 321 Bridge and the plans for the intersection of Highways 321 and 11. In addition, he worked with TDOT to improve the traffic safety and traffic flow along Highway 444.

Lloyd was recognized for his leadership in several volunteer organizations over the past 16 years-- the HOA, the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR), the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club, and the Tellico Village Stained Glass Guild. He has served as Vice President and President of each of these organizations. He was also the Tellico Village Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the HOA and served as a member and Committee Chair for the POA's Honor Awards Committee. Congratulations Dennis and Lloyd!



The POA award winners. Lloyd and Dennis are third and fourth from the left. Lloyd's wife Claire, second from left, was also an award winner.

New Member

William Buelow

Welcome to the club!

Murphy's Woodworker Laws

(Thanks to Charlie Anderson for finding these gems.)

Dovetails on scrap wood as tests, will be perfect.

Once a project is fouled up, anything you do to it will only make it worse.

When you finally find a pencil in the shop, you will have forgotten your measurement.

Mistakes only happen on the most visible piece.

No matter how much blood, sweat and tears you put into a project, no one will appreciate it or like it as much as you do.

You never remember "shop tips" while working in the shop.

If you measure something three times, one will not agree with the other two.

Always cut the long piece first, this way when you cut it too short, you can use it for the shorter piece.

There is a direct correlation between the price of the wood and the mis-cuts.

A surefire way to guarantee screwing up your project is to say, "Just this last cut and then I'm done.."

Toys for Tots

On Thursday evening, December 1, the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club once again staged the annual Toys for Tots event which, for many, not only marks the start of another Christmas event season, but more importantly demonstrates so clearly the spirit of selflessness and concern for others in need that characterizes this holy season each year.



A large crowd gathered early to admire the many handmade gifts on display and to share best wishes with friends. President Lloyd Donnelly opened the program with welcoming remarks. Sheriff Tim Guider and his assistant, and Toys program coordinator, Debbie Hines were special guests again this year. President Donnelly acknowledged the work of club members: "Our goal is simple...to turn wood into joy." The club continued what may quickly become a tradition by showing a video of photos of club members building their toys. Lloyd also acknowledged the generosity of many village residents who donated many wrapped presents to supplement the wooden toys.



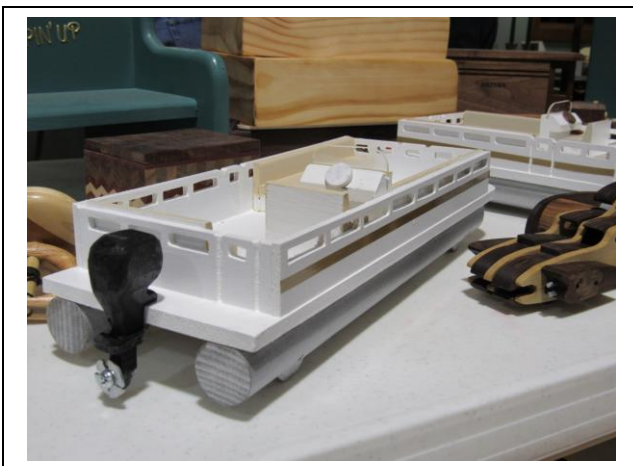
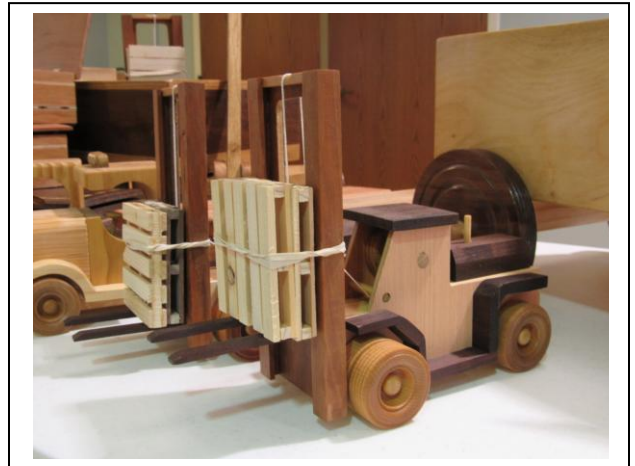
Finally, this year's chairman Bob Fagerlin and co-chair Bob Ware presented the Sheriff with a donation check in the amount of \$1000, most of which came from donations collected throughout the year resulting from community service work performed by club members.



As the evening came to a close, President Donnelly was quick to note the hard work of this year's leadership team. "Bob Fagerlin and Bob Ware did a remarkable job managing this year's TFT program. Our TFT presentation to the sheriff was very, very well done. It is our most public exposure and I received numerous favorable comments from both club members and from members of the public. Thank you for your dedication to the club and the many hours you put in to make this year's program such a great success."

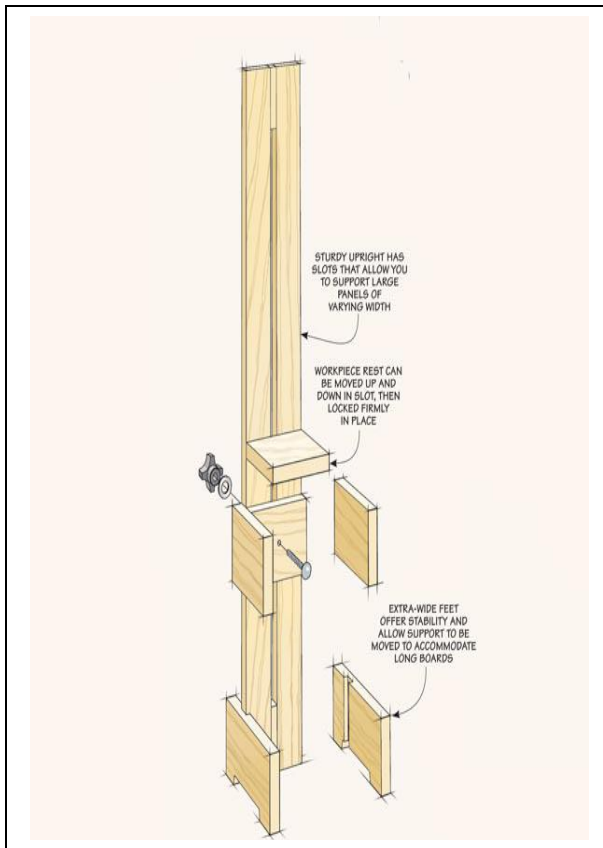


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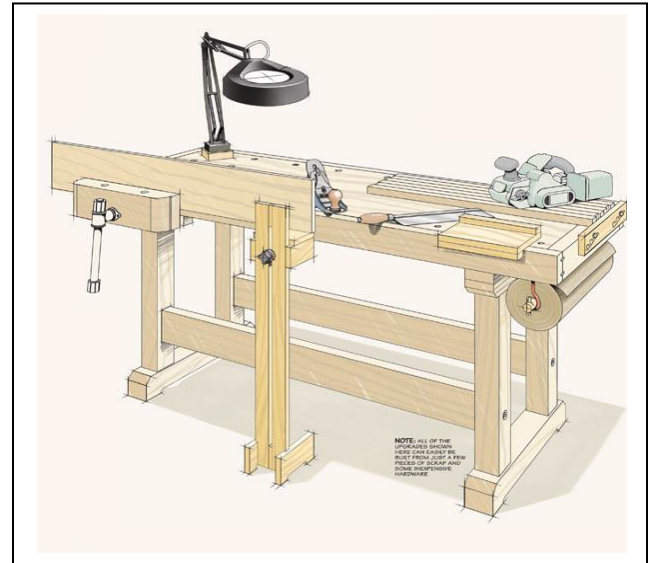
Tools and Tips

A good workbench is one of the most important "tools" in any workshop. The five bench accessories you see on these pages greatly increase its usefulness.

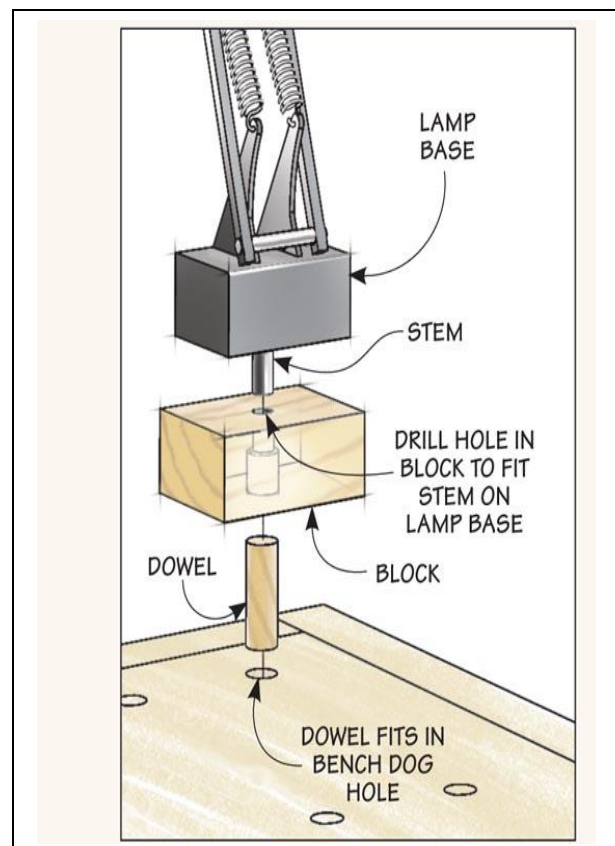


Bench Jack

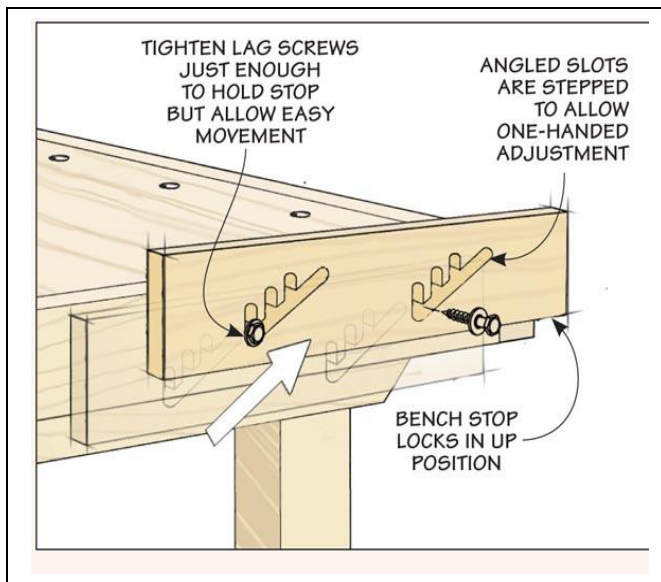
Then, to add light to the work area, I inserted the stem of an adjustable lamp in a simple lamp mounting block. A dowel glued in the block slips into an existing bench dog hole on your workbench.



One of the most useful is the bench jack. This handy support keeps the end of a long, edge-clamped board level. The bench jack can hold panels and boards up to three feet wide. A workpiece rest adjusts up and down to accommodate boards of varying widths.

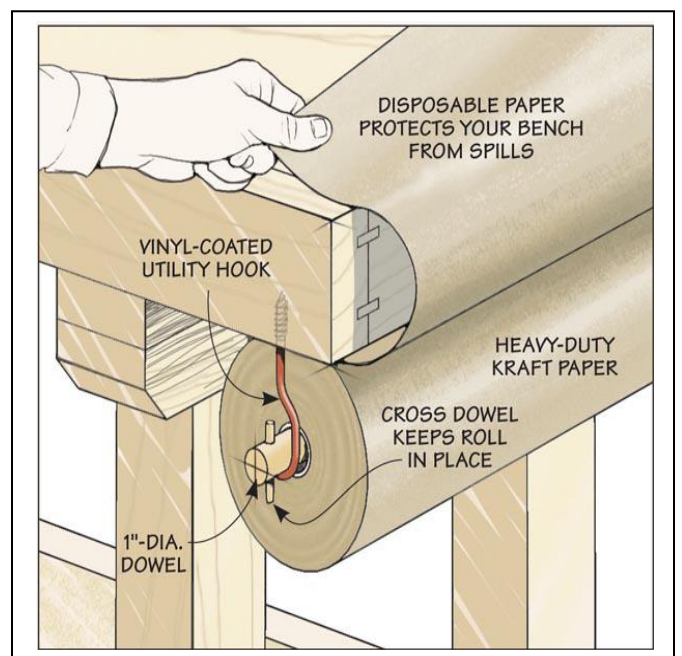


Work Light

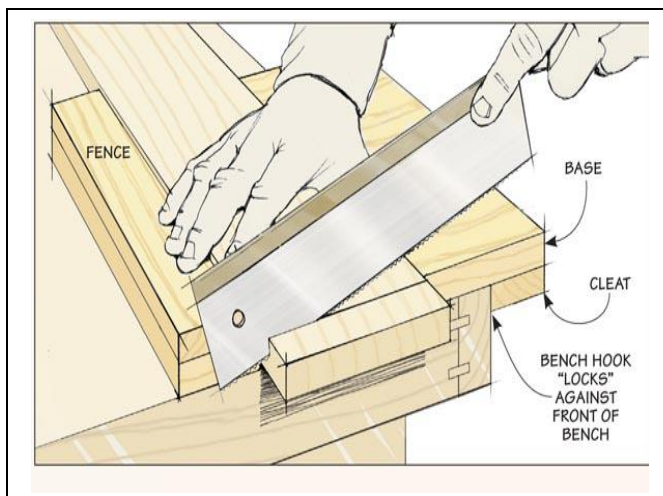


Bench Stop

And, to preserve my benchtop during glue-ups and finishing, I use an under-bench paper hanger. Two large utility hooks and a few dowels are all it takes to hold a roll of kraft paper so it rolls freely. Simply pull out a sheet to protect a workbench from spills.



Paper Hanger



Bench Hook

To help with sanding and planing tasks, I made a bench stop. The stop has "stepped" slots that provide simple, one-handed operation when planing and sanding boards on your benchtop.

Finally, a bench hook serves as a benchtop cradle for workpieces and makes crosscutting boards and cleaning up tenons a snap. A pair of cleats allow you to "hook" this simple accessory to the top of your workbench.

Source: Woodsmith.com