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Calendar of Events

February 2: General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. Program: Tom Monahan, Account Manager, General Finishes

February 18: TVWC Board Meeting Sloan's Hardware 8:15 a.m. All members are welcome.

March 2: General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. Program: To Be Determined.

Board Meeting Highlights - 1/21/2017

The TVWC Board met on January 21, 2017, with 24 members present. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Don Schmid reported three new community service projects for the year, including a sign for Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, which is being constructed by Don Kimbrel and Ted Lethen.

The Board gave approval to reserve Tugaloo Pavilion for September 20 for the club picnic.

Treasurer Ron Cirincione reported \$1886.19 in the General Fund and \$3250.06 in the Kiln Amortization fund, for a total of \$5136.25.

Tom Ringenbach reported that he needs some additional help covering our general meetings (photos and notes) for the newsletter, since he is usually unable to attend these meetings.

A request has been made to Klingspor for a club account. No response has yet been received.

President Lloyd Donnelly commented on the success of this year's Toys for Tots program and, in particular, on the new room arrangement. Dick Hoffmann requested photos of toys from the event for the website. Ned Miller thanked all those who presented toy-making "lessons learned" at the January meeting.

Ron Cirincione, Dick Hoffmann, and Lloyd Donnelly will meet to discuss developing a long range financial plan.

There was discussion of the need for legal protection for the club when individuals perform contract services. The risk is perceived to be low and no action to seek legal advice will be taken at this time. Don Schmid and Lloyd Donnelly will strengthen written communications between the club and individuals seeking paid assistance in order to clear up any possible misunderstandings.

Board Meeting Highlights (con't)

A motion was made and passed which approves new procedures covering the cutting of lumber for individuals, not the club. This procedure will be added to the Resource Book.

The Club's 20th Anniversary celebration is set for April 4 at the Yacht Club. President Lloyd Donnelly reviewed recommendations and received Board input on the event.

The election of new officers will be moved back this year from April to May, because of the regular membership meeting being superseded by the club's Anniversary event. Elected officers will assume their duties at the June Board meeting. A nominating committee will be formed.

Bill McKeel reported that he replaced the cutters on the club's jointer and planer. The cost was covered by contributions from members over the years.

Dave Jones made a presentation for a club workshop, a proposal similar to one considered about ten years ago and rejected at that time. Dave and Lloyd Donnelly will develop a summary of the proposal and distribute it to the membership to determine the level of interest. If there is sufficient interest, a committee will be formed to further explore the proposal, including cost, liability issues, location, etc.

Mark Gregory brought a very large, antique farm set to the meeting to solicit interest in restoring it and donating/auctioning it off for charity. Don Schmid volunteered to assist with restoration.

Ned Miller asked for ideas for Spring Challenge.

New Members

Norm Curtis
John Ragsdale
Larry Stevik

Welcome to the Club!

February Program

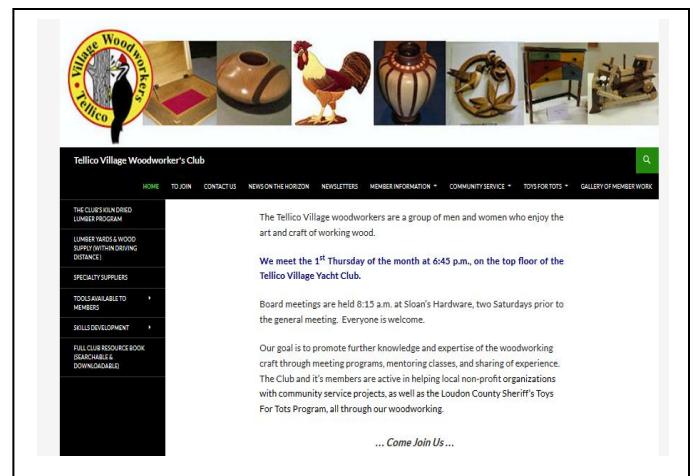
For our program at the February general meeting, our speaker will be Tom Monahan, Account Manager, General Finishes.

Tom has been with General Finishes since 1994. Before that he owned and operated a furniture restoration business for 10 years. His sales territory includes the southeastern part of the U.S. and the U.K. He remains active in the restoration field continuing to hunt antiques and building rustic reclaimed furniture.

Year End Statistics for the new Website: **"tvwoodworkers.com"**

Dick Hoffmann

Tellico Village Woodworkers new website (below) has been active since September 2016. As of the end of the year, 1,893 unique visitors have viewed the website. With the number of "Reads" (non-unique visits) being 3,982, this means that on average each visitor has viewed the website 2.1 times over the 5 months the site has been active.



When looking at which pages get the most views, as expected, the top 4 are: Toys for Tots, Member Photos, followed by the Newsletter and News on the Horizon. What is somewhat surprising is that all of the pages on the website have over 60 views. Based on the web statistics shown below, it's clear that the site and all of its content is getting used on a regular basis.

Tellico Village Woodworkers Website Statistics (as of Dec.31,2016)

Unique Visitors To the "tvwoodworkers.com"

Total visitors:	1903	Visitors Per Month	
Visitors currently online:	1	2016-12	465
Visitors today:	3	2016-11	552
Visitors yesterday:	15	2016-10	525
Visitors last week:	94	2016-09	361
Visitors December:	465		
Visitors per day:	13		

Total Non-Unique Visits (Reads) To " tvwoodworkers.com"

Reads Since:		Reads Per Month	
Website first available:	3982	2016-12	976
Reads today:	3	2016-11	1091
Reads yesterday:	25	2016-10	1132
Reads last week:	188	2016-09	783
Reads December:	976		

Pages Viewed Since Websiete Came Up (Sept. 9 2016)

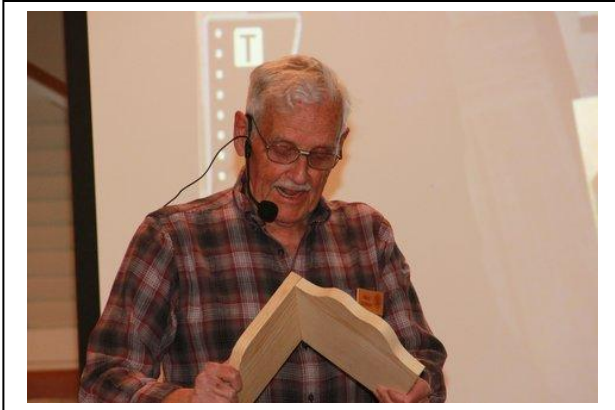
Front Page	1132
Toys For Tots: A Description of the Partnership Program	318
Member Photos (password required)	126
Newsletters	118
News On the Horizon	113
Full Club Resource Book (Searchable & Downloadable)	106
Member Information List (password required)	104
Contact Us	103
Gallery of Member Work	102
To Join	100
Large Shop Tools Available To Members	90
Lumber Yards & Wood Supply (within driving distance)	90
The Club's Kiln Dried Lumber Program	86
Portable Tools	83
Loaner Tools Owned by Members	82
Specialty Suppliers	74
Technique & Skill Assistance	73
Mentoring Program	65
Community Service	63
The Community Service Program	63

Top Page Viewed in Last 7 Days (Dec 25-31)

- Front page -	43
To Join	17
The Community Service Program	6
Contact Us	5
Loaner Tools Owned by Members	5
Portable Tools	5
News On the Horizon	5
Large Shop Tools Available To Members	5
Community Service	4
Community Service Picture Gallery	4
Technique & Skill Assistance	4
Toys For Tots: A Description of the Partnership Pr	4
Gallery of Member Work	4
The Club's Kiln Dried Lumber Program	4
Lumber Yards & Wood Supply (within driving dist:	4
Mentoring Program	3
Full Club Resource Book (Searchable & Download	3
Newsletters	3
Toys for Tots	3

Toys for Tots: Tips & Lessons Learned

Our program for January was members sharing lessons learned from their toy-making efforts in this past year's Toys-for-Tots community service effort. In addition, there were other tips shared from recent shop projects. The members stepped up with a great variety of useful tips and "how- tos".



Wes McNeal demonstrates his jig for assembling his doll cradles.



Norm Coe discusses the capabilities of his flush cut saw, as well as the need for safety (from personal experience!).



Nancy Kessler shows how she makes resin bracelets and the tools she uses.



Bill McKeel shows his cherry and holly candlestick holders and how he cut them.



John Theobald discusses techniques for making his peach-pit rings, including the virtues of CA glue.



Hugh Aukerman discusses turning and wood bending techniques required for this beautifully designed stool he is working on.

Tips & Lessons Learned (cont)



Dave Sabel shows one of his carvings made from wood often left over from another project.



John Johnson explains a series of jigs he has constructed to mass produce wheels for his toy vehicles.

(Ed. Note: Dave Breen also presented a tip using "finish screws" to secure a frame. No photo is available.)

From Our Members Shops

In addition to "tips and lessons", members also showed off some finished projects which recently emerged from their shops.



Dick Hoffmann (above) and Wes McNeal (below) showed their latest container creations, which they are donating to the Beads for Courage program.



Bob Brown displays the large, beautifully finished, pecan bowl he recently turned.

From Our Members' Shops (cont)



Lloyd Donnelly showed slides of the beautiful desk he made for his granddaughter.

(Photos courtesy of Rob Dolson)

Tools & Tips

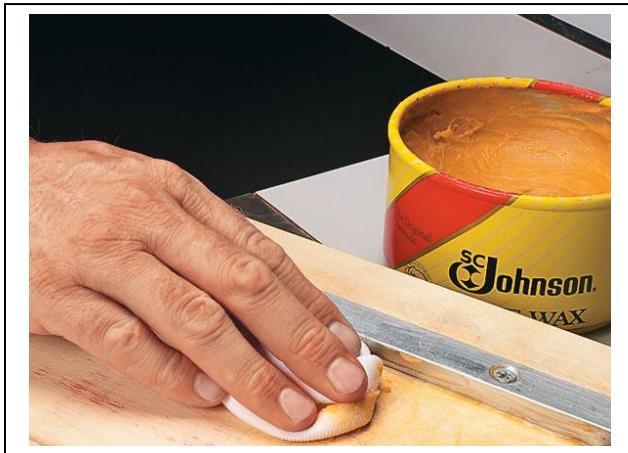
I've always thought of wax as a furniture and floor polish. It was only when a friend showed me how wax makes driving screws easier that I started to consider it a shop "tool." It turns out there are quite a few shop uses for wax. But not all waxes are ideal for every application. I keep three types in my shop: paraffin, paste, and beeswax. While any one of them will work for the ideas shown here, I've found some are better than others in certain cases. And they're all inexpensive, so you won't spend much to get just what you need.



Paraffin (canning) wax is a solid bar that's slippery and forms a medium hard film. You'll find it at most grocery stores. Besides making screws easier to drive, I use a bit of wax on adjustment rods like the threads on a workbench vise. Then run the vise in and out a couple times to work the wax in and you'll quickly notice a difference.

Tools & Tips (cont)

Other than keeping blades sharp, applying some wax may be the easiest thing to help cutting tools work better. Many old-time woodworkers kept a chunk of wax nearby as they used their hand planes and saws. A few "scribbles" of wax on the bottom of a hand plane makes it slide easily across a workpiece.



Another wax you'll find in my shop is paste wax. It's actually a blend of several types of waxes. They're mixed with solvents in a creamy consistency. Once it's buffed out, it forms a hard film. In my basement shop, it doesn't take long for rust to gain a foothold. Thankfully, a thin coat of paste wax on all my cast iron and steel tables and fences does the trick. As a bonus, the wax provides a slick surface that allows workpieces to slide easily. I also apply a coat to the bottom of sliding jigs. Don't worry about the wax causing finishing problems. A slippery, buffed out coat won't leave a residue on your projects.

The third wax in my shop is beeswax. It forms the softest film of the three. A little goes a long way, though. Too much beeswax can feel tacky rather than slick. So it's a good idea to buff it out well.

When dissolved in equal volumes boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits, beeswax makes a great workbench finish. (Add a little more mineral spirits if it seems too thick.) To apply it, first wipe on a wet coat. After letting it soak in for a few minutes, buff it out to a soft sheen. The finish seals the bench from spills and makes it easy to "pop" dried glue off the top.



Source: *Woodsmith.com*