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Calendar of Events

July 2	Old Splinters Lunch	Mama's Grits	11:45 AM	All members welcome
July 5	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:15 PM	Trees to Thee
July 20	Board Meeting	Sloan's	8:15 AM	All members welcome
August 1	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:15 PM	All members welcome
September 18	Club Picnic	Tugaloo Pavilion		Details to follow

Board Meeting Highlights

The TVWC Board met on May 25, 2019. Eighteen members were in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Secretary's Report Electronic communications have been excellent for the past month.

Treasurers' Report Current balances are: Club Operations - \$4217; Wood Operations – \$37; Special Wood Fund - \$2; Kiln Amortization Fund - \$4650; Toys for Tots - \$804. Total Ending Balance: \$9707.

Community Service Projects No report this month.

Membership Report There are currently 180 members on the rolls.

Programs The July General Meeting's theme will be "Trees to Thee" which will have D. Hoffman presenting the club's lumber management process. The August meeting will include a presentation from Lynn Dudenbostel on the making of mandolins. The September meeting will feature John Winter speaking on "Scenery in Wood".

Club Kiln Remote monitoring of the new kiln monitoring system is now working. The last item to be completed is setting up the heat sensor.

Wood Inventory There is currently 600 bf of sycamore lumber in the kiln.

Wood Sale The next wood sale will be the distribution of the pre-bought sycamore which was held on June 25.

Wood Cutting The next wood cutting will be held on Tuesday, July 2. A large cherry log, ambrosia maple and one other hardwood will be processed.

Wood Treatment C. Hagen was able to get his former company to donate five gallons of insecticide to our club to treat stored logs for powder post beetles and other insects. This material can be hazardous so Carl will be responsible for the storage (at the kiln) and handling of the insecticide. The MSDS sheets for this material will be stored in the resource book.

Mentoring D. Schmid noted that the mentoring sessions are going well however he would make several improvements to next year's program. He would start organizing the summer program earlier and would ask mentors how many participants they could effectively train within a session. A deadline for signing up for a mentoring session should also be established.

Fall Golf Outing There were no volunteers to organize a fall golf outing. A volunteer for this job will be requested at the next General Meeting.

Tool Sharpening C. Anderson will explain the club's blade sharpening program at the next General Meeting. Blades to be sharpened will be brought to the August General Meeting.

Board Meeting Attendance The club's membership will all be sent an invitation to attend the next Board Meeting one week before the actual meeting

Toys for Tots B. Brown presented a number of suggestions to make the Toys for Tots program more effective. After several more suggestions were made, D. Hoffman made a motion to form a smaller study group to recommend changes for TFT program. T. Borloglou seconded the motion and it was passed. The committee will include D. Hoffman, W. McNeal, J. Mitchell, J. Ernst and T. Borloglou.

All members are welcome to attend
The Old Splinters Lunch on the first Tuesday
of the month at 11:45 at Mama's Grits

General Meeting – Spring Challenge

The entries for this year's Spring Challenge were presented at this month's meeting. All projects consisted of mixed media using wood with at least two other substances.

The winners of the four award categories were:

Best of Show: Dick Hoffman
Most Unique/Creative: Thom Lewis
Most Creative Use of Epoxy: Tony Greis
Best Light-hearted/Fun: John Johnson

Photo of the winners are below. Photos of all the entries are included later in the newsletter.



Winners of the Spring Challenge (l-r)
Thom Lewis
John Johnson
Tony Greis
Dick Hoffman (Bob Brown standing in)

New Members



Tom Mills

Lives in Lenoir City. Has a great deal of milled and uncut lumber and eager to learn what he can make



Bill Whipple

Originally from Syracuse, New York. Long time carpenter and trim carpenter. Anxious to become involved in Toys for Tots and other club activities

Letter to the Members

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a follow up to the presentation I made at the last meeting regarding being the Toys-for-Tots co-chairmen. I hope you have had some time to consider taking this position. I can say from having done this last year that it does not consume a lot of your time.

The primary task you would have would be to place the toy donation boxes and pick up the toys roughly once a week, on your schedule. You would also be asked to assist the chair from time to time as the need arises. As co-chair, you would be asked to take over in case the chair was not available for whatever reason. Historically the chair and co-chair spouses have taken care of getting cookies made and handling the kitchen making coffee, setting out the treats and whatever. As co-chair, the following year you would be expected to take the chair position.

The Toys-for-Tots has been an ongoing and highly valuable program for the Wood Working club and being involved is very rewarding. You do not have to be a longtime member to take this position. Newbies welcome.

As a side note, the club does not have storage for the toys and my house is available if that is a consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
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Community Service Project



Wheel Chair Ramp Project

This ramp was taken on and 95% completed by Don Schmid. Barry Brandt, Tom Borloglou and Bob Brown came in at the last minute to install a few rails just so Don couldn't get all of the credit.

Don worked very hard and did an excellent job designing and constructing this ramp.

The lady in the picture is a neighbor of the ramp recipient and kept the crew all straight.

Did You Know?

The tree called "General Sherman" is not only the biggest giant sequoia, but it is also the biggest tree in the world. It is 83.8 m (274.9 feet) tall and its girth at breast height is 24,10 m (79 feet) (near the ground it is 31,3 m or 102,6 feet).



Test Your Knowledge of Woods and Their Uses

Match the wood species with its use:

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| 1. Heavy, almost impossible to split | A. Locust |
| 2. Tough but flexible, used for axe handles | B. Curly maple |
| 3. Hardwood to stain a fabulous golden color | C. Pine |
| 4. Expensive, popular dark wood, stains beautifully, easy to work | D. Sassafras |
| 5. Durable outdoors, heavy and strong, used for fenceposts | E. Oak |
| 6. Lightweight, easy to work, almost white, sometimes with purple streaks | F. Poplar |
| 7. Common softwood, sometimes has many knots | G. Elm |
| 8. Aromatic, easy to work, durable | H. Persimmon |
| 9. Hard, heavy, related to ebony, used to be used in golf club heads | I. Hickory |
| 10. Hardwood with unusual striping, often quartersawn, used for rifle stocks | J. Walnut |

Answers on the last page.

As most of you know Joe Collins, one of our long-term members, moved out of the Village last month. He said if anyone is over his way in middle TN to stop by or just send him a note.

Joe Collins
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Spring Challenge Winners / Entries



Best in Show



Best Light-hearted/Fun



Most Unique



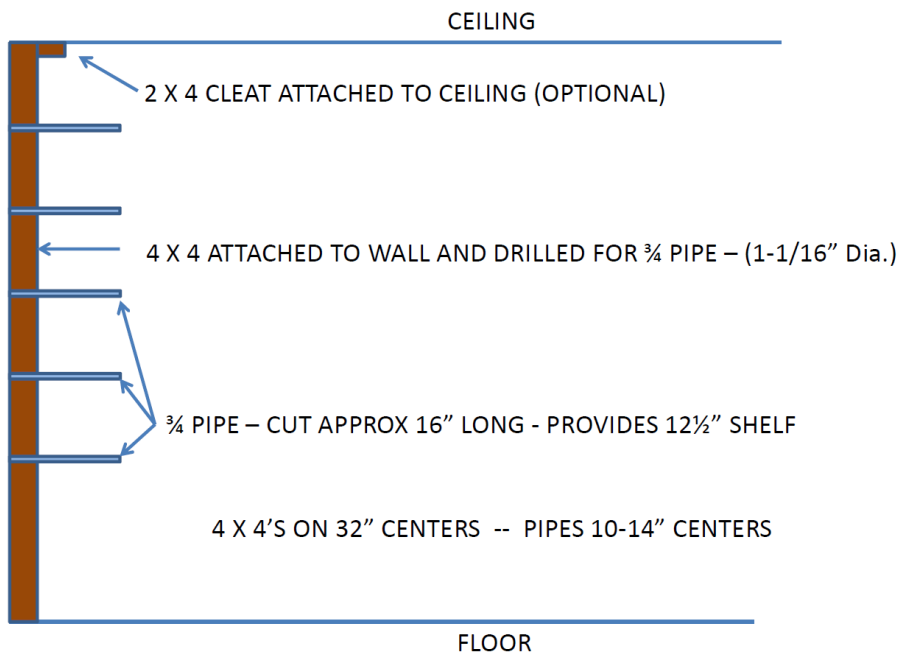
Best Use of Epoxy





Tech Tip – Wood Storage

Here is an idea for homemade lumber storage racks courtesy of Ron Cirincione.



Answers to Tree Quiz: 1 - G; 2 - I; 3 - E; 4 - J; 5 - A; 6 - F; 7 - C; 8 - D; 9 - H; 10 - B