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### Calendar of Events

November 7	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:15 PM	
November 23	Board Meeting	Sloans	8:15 AM	All members welcome
December 5	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:15 PM	Toys for Tots

### Board Meeting Highlights

The TVWC Board met on October 26, 2019. Sixteen members were in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The club presently has \$4262.76 in the Club Operations Fund, \$32.17 in the Wood Operations Fund, \$0 in the Special Wood Operations Fund, \$4850.06 in the Kiln Amortization Fund, \$2053.75 in the Toys for Tots Fund, \$200.00 Charity Fund for a total ending balance of \$11,398.74.

Membership The club currently has 191 members. We will start renewing 2020 club memberships at the November General Meeting. Renewal membership forms will not be sent out to be completed by past members in future years.

Community Service Projects There are six open service projects. The request for a wheelchair ramp in Greenback was denied because the club has agreed to not install ramps outside of Tellico Village.

The Yacht Club has requested that the club repair some damaged serving tray holders and bar stools. B. Brown volunteered to

contact the Yacht Club to discuss liability issues that might present itself with the repair of bar stools.

Programs Dr. David Matthews from UT School of Architecture will be the featured speaker at the November General Meeting. December's meeting will be the presentation of toys to the Sheriff's Department. N. Miller reviewed numerous ideas for next year's programs. Any ideas for future programs are appreciated. January's meeting will include a critique of the Toys for Tots Program for future improvements. It was noted that the short videos that were presented at our monthly meetings on woodworking skills and techniques were useful and should continue.

Kiln Status There approximately 150 bf of cherry and 950 bf of oak in the kiln drying. These boards started with 60% moisture so we can anticipate the completion of this drying cycle to be at the first to middle part of December.

Wood Cutting Our log inventory is low and there is no established date for the next cutting.

Mentoring Plans for the final mentoring session are being coordinated with the TV library. A November date is planned for this Sketch Up session.

Toys for Tots J. Mitchell reports that there are 60 members working on various teams with another 10 members making toys as individuals. He will also head up a committee to study how the TFT Program can be improved.

Invitations to attend the Toys for Tots Presentation will be sent out to local pastors and other individuals by J. Mitchell.

Club Tools There were suggestions to purchase the following club tools: horizontal borer/drill press, miter fold dado set and oscillating spindle sander. Board members showed minimal interest in these tools; thus the purchases of these tools were put on hold at this time. The club did purchase eight Bessey 50" clamps for all club members' use.

The club is looking for a new home for our 14" Jet band saw. The member who currently houses the band saw is gone a significant part of the year thus someone who is available throughout most of the year would better serve our club members. Please contact B. Brown if you are willing to care for the band saw.

***All members are welcome to attend  
The Old Splinters Lunch on the first  
Tuesday of the month at 11:45 at Little  
Italy Restaurant***

### **General Meeting**

As is usual for our October meeting, we visited three of our members shops. This year Bruce Dillingham, Hugh Ackermann and Tony Grenis were our hosts.

Certainly, the cleanest, most unusual and high tech work space belonged to Bruce Dillingham - a dedicated lower level filled with all sorts of neat toys.



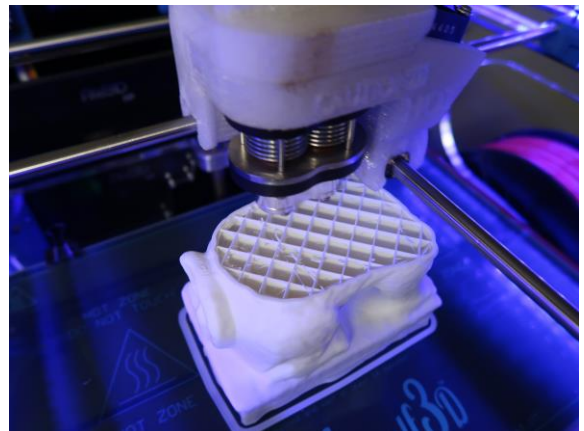
*Part of Bruce's workshop*



*Laser cutter output*



*Bruce's ShopBot CNC Machine*



*3D printer using ABS to create objects*



*Trotec Laser Cutter and Engraver cutting miniature had saws and gears*

Tony Grenis converted part of his garage into a workshop with plenty of room for his tools.



*Tony's Shop*



*Tony Discussing His Shop Layout*



*Vacuum hose reel*

Hugh Ackerman's impressive shop consisted of a separate workshop and set up/finish room



*One of Tony's Current Projects – Ambrosia Maple and Butternut chairs strung with Kevlar cord*



*Hugh discussing his woodworking background with club members*



*A finished chair*



*Signed Anarchist's Tool Chest that Hugh finished*



*Hugh talking about his favorite planes*



*Robust Lathe*



*Project ready for assembly*

### **Road Trip to Hickory, NC**

Twenty-one Club members participated in the Club's October 24-25th field trip to Hickory, NC. Thursday, the group was greeted by West Penn Hardwoods owners Rocky and Kim Mehta; given a tour of their more than \$8 million inventory of specialty lumber and were able to take advantage of some exceptional buys.

West Penn Hardwoods, Inc. was started back in 1995, by Rocky and Kim Mehta as a retail specialty lumber business where anyone could come in and buy small or large quantities hardwoods, including curly and quarter-sawn, at fair prices. West Penn has grown to become the premier East Coast supplier of exotic hardwoods, offering such hard to find species as Pomelle and Waterfall Bubinga, Bee's Wing Mahogany, Quilted Sapele, Curly Makore, and many other musical grade woods.

For turners Wes Penn inventories figured domestic and exotic woods in commonly used sizes for pool cue makers, material for knife makers and pen turners, as well as bowl blanks up to 10 x 10 x 4" thick. They consistently have a great supply of Lignum Vitae, Australian Burls, Pink Ivory, East Indian Rosewood, African Blackwood and Ebony as well as the more commonly found items like Cocobolo, Purple Heart and Bloodwood. A group dinner followed the West Penn tour.



*Barry Brandt, Lloyd Donnelly and Ron Cirincione on the hunt for deals.*



*Mark Harrington utilizes one of the shopping carts to transport his purchase selections.*



*Kim Mehta leads the tour of West Penn's 150,000 square foot plus warehouse. Kim and Rocky explained how they source wood from around the world; transport it, cut, surface and store it to make selection and purchasing easy for their customers.*



*In addition to domestic and imported exotic hardwoods, West Penn has a large inventory of live edge slabs*

On Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Woodworkers attended **Klingspor's 2019 "Extravaganza"** in Hickory, NC. More than 40 tool and equipment vendors were on hand offering demonstrations, advice and product discounts. Our group also had the opportunity to tour the Klingspor sandpaper manufacturing plant. Information on West Penn Hardwoods and Klingspor Woodworking is available on their websites: <https://wphardwoods.com> , and <https://www.klingspor.com> .



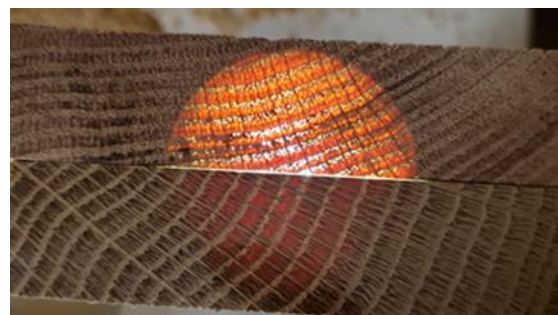
### Did You Know?

Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) is a species of walnut native to the eastern United States and southeast Canada. Sometimes called white walnut, butternut has a narrow band of white sapwood. Most lumber is heartwood which is medium brown resembling American walnut, straight grained and coarse but with a soft texture. Due to blight disease, its range is greatly diminished and is greatly admired by woodworkers.



### Did You Know?

How to tell difference between a Red Oak board and White Oak board? Cut a very thin slice from the end of the board. Put it on top of a flashlight. If the light shines through, it's Red Oak. If it doesn't, it's White Oak. This is why White Oak is used to make wine barrels!



## 2019 Woodworkers Golf Outing

Thirty-one woodworkers and their spouses participated in the club's annual golf outing on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Tanasi Golf Course. It was a great day on the links and everyone enjoyed the fall day. Congratulations to the team of Aaron Cox, Bill McKell, Jack Fellers and Bill Buelow who posted a 31 to come in first place. The team of Dave and Dorothy Case and Jerry and Euleta Jeffery came in a close second.

