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### **Calendar of Events**

- March 1                    Wood Cutting 9:00 a.m. POA yard.
- March 3                    General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. "History of Furniture Making in East Tennessee" Ronnie Young
- March 19                   Board Meeting 8:15 a.m. Sloan's Hardware All members welcome.
- April 7                    General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 p.m. "Intarsia" presented by Robert Puhlman, Hickory, North Carolina.

### **Board Meeting Highlights - 2/20/2016**

The TVWW Board met on Saturday, February 20, with 22 members present. The following matters were discussed and appropriate action taken.

There have been five service requests in 2016, three of which have been completed.

Wes McNeil announced that he will retire from his position as Club Secretary effective at the end of March.

Treasurer Rick Mannarino reported that the club has a total of \$3801.01 on hand, including \$940.95 in the General Fund, \$160 for Toys for Tots, and \$2700.06 in the Kiln Amortization Fund.

Membership Chairman Chris Campbell reported that membership renewal forms

### **In Memoriam**

#### **Bob Christman**

Bob will be missed by all.  
May he rest in Peace.

were sent out February 20 and next year's dues are payable by April 1. A new membership card will be emailed to renewing members.

Rick Mannarino reported the results of a cost/income study of wood sales for 2015. The Club held four wood cuttings, totaling 3745 bf of lumber. It sold 2587 bf and essentially broke even on this activity. After some discussion, the Board decided to maintain the selling price at \$1.00/bf.

## **Highlights (con't)**

As previously announced, photo plaques are near completion, which will be presented to Sheriff Guider and to Debbie Hines, in honor of their work and the collaboration of TVWW in the Toys for Tots program.

A slate of new officers has been prepared by the Nominating Committee and will be voted on by the membership at the April meeting.

Documents for the keepers of club tools and plaques to be placed on the tools are now available. Two new tools are now available for members' use: a spindle router, housed by John Johnson, and a clamping straight edge, housed by Lloyd Donnelly.

Updates and design changes to the Club's web site, proposed by the Web Site Redesign Committee, will be finalized after discussing their feasibility with Karen Brown.

The Club's 2016 picnic is tentatively set for September 21. Barry Brandt has agreed to again lead this event.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a flash drive containing all previous issues of "Wood" Magazine for \$150. After discussion, it was decided to table the motion pending outcome of a poll of member interest at the March meeting.

The Board will look into adding TVWW club brochures to those of other clubs on display at the TV Visitors Center.

A request has been made by "Stay in Tellico Village" to make a presentation to club members at a future meeting to generate interest in becoming service providers. The Board agreed to provide five minutes for this at a future meeting to solicit individual members, but not the club.

## **New Members**

Ken Metz  
Peter Phelps  
Allan Weber

Welcome to the Club!

## **February Meeting**

Our presenters at the February meeting were Larry and Jeanne Nelson, who operate "Smoky Mountain Time", making and selling intricate and beautiful wood clocks. Larry gave an entertaining and informative presentation, sharing many insights into how he makes his clocks.

Members were quite impressed with his work, but some were also a bit hesitant to jump into such an intricate craft.

Thanks to Larry and Jeanne!



## March Speaker

*Dennis Stanczuk*

Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Ronald Young of Chattanooga. Ronnie will talk about the unique furniture styles found in Tennessee and how they were developed. In the late seventeenth hundreds and early eighteenth hundreds, pioneers traveled the wilderness roads into Tennessee and the West Country from the large eastern cities. Many of these pioneers were craftsmen who brought their skills with them. Ronnie will show several photographs of this style of furniture which is unique among American furniture styles.

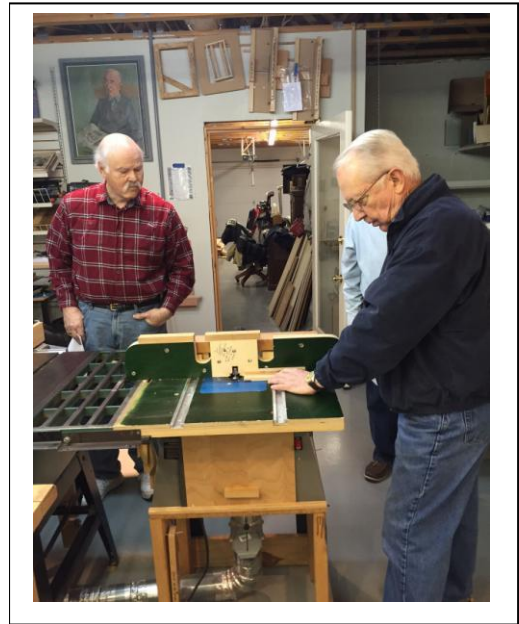
Ronnie is a native Tennessean from Columbia in Middle Tennessee. He has an engineering degree from Tennessee Tech, and worked as an engineer for TVA's Nuclear Division for 30 years. He started building furniture after college to furnish his home and became very interested in Tennessee furniture. In the last ten years or so he has been teaching classes and workshops in period furniture construction. Over the years Ronnie has built several hundred pieces of furniture and this year he received the Cartouche Award for lifetime achievement in period furniture making from the Society of American Period Furniture Makers at their annual meeting in Colonial Williamsburg.

Here is an East Tennessee piece that was on display last November at the 18th Master Woodworkers Show in Knoxville.



## Mentoring Workshop

On February 13, a group of seven club members met at the home of Lloyd Donnelly to learn more about how to use the router to shape small objects safely and accurately. Lloyd was well prepared with a variety of techniques and jigs to demonstrate, as well as a comprehensive handout documenting virtually every item discussed. The session was highly educational and well worth the time spent.



Bob Brown observes as Lloyd demonstrates a routing technique.



Jigs for routing small drawer pulls.

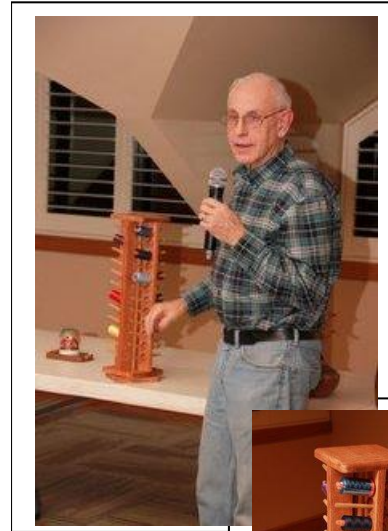


## From Our Members Shops

The Show and Tell portion of our February meeting had our usual variety of interesting and well made projects.



Paul Sivak shows off his newest cigar box guitar and strums a few chords.



Dave Breen continues to assist his wife with her sewing hobby, making this thread spool rack for her "shop".



Dick Hoffmann describes his turned vase and craft-made wood flowers. Dick also brought a beautiful jewelry box, which has a tray that raises as the box is opened.



Gary Stickel describes the router table sled he made to address problems of precision and tear out in routing the ends of the rails and stiles for cherry cabinets he is building.

Complete plans for Gary's router sled can be found at:

<http://www.woodsmithshop.com/media/pdf/609/router-table-sled.pdf>

## Tools and Tips

# *Auto-Scribes*

## *Shop-made center finding*

By Tom Hintz

Locating the center of a piece of wood is a common task in woodworking. While finding the center of a wide piece of wood is easily done with a tape measure, centering tape or ruler, the same task on a narrow piece is much more difficult to do accurately. The Auto-Scribes came from my frustration with finding an easy, fast way of handling this task.



Make these handy, time-saving tools in your shop for a few dollars!

The crux of this tool design is accurately positioning three equidistant points, in a straight line. The outer two points are drilled for 1/4-inch hardwood dowels, and the center point to accept a small screw through the scribe's body.

I built the set of Auto-Scribes pictured here from 1 1/2"-wide by 3/4"-thick poplar. Virtually any kind of wood can be used but I strongly suggest poplar or a hardwood.

Before final assembly, I shaped edges on the router table with a 3/8-inch roundover bit. This step is primarily for looks and comfort.



To use the scribes, choose one that fits easily over your board. Place a dowel on each side of the board, rotate so they are in firm contact with the boards edges and slide it along, letting the screw tip make a fine scratch down the center of the board.

The only adjustment to the Auto-Scribes is setting the screw for the depth of scratch desired. Remember, you need only be able to see the scratch. It is also important to remember that in some situations we will have to sand the scratch out before finishing.