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## **Covid-19 Special Edition**

Feeling confined, lonely, out of touch - join the crowd. We are asked to stay at home and most of us have complied, to some extent. I try hard.

The results of this stay at home period is likely one of two things, either you have the cleanest most organized work area that you have ever had, or as in my case, the work area is a total mess and the good part is that I have actually accomplished a few things. I hope that you have been able to be creative in your own way.

One thing that really surprised me is that there is so much common verbiage used in the Automobile Production Plants and in my woodworking shop. Some words that were spoken in my shop, I haven't heard since working in the plants. The unfortunate part is that I was the only one in the shop at the time and the words are not repeatable to our club members. I attribute this to my slow learning curve. Typically, three plus tries to accomplish a desired result.

Fortunately for our club, the membership as a whole are much more talented and as you can see on the next few pages, they have had our typical impressive results. Take a close look at the accomplishments and consider these to be a challenge to experiment and try new projects. Don't forget that virtually all of our members are very

willing when problems arise, to provide guidance and mentoring. By the way I did reach out and received good advice for some of my endeavors.

I am asking that we consider the month of June for our next General Meeting. This is of course subject to conditions which are beyond our control.

In the interim, stay safe.

Bob Brown

"There are three kinds of men: The one that learns by reading, the few who learn by observation and the rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves." - *Will Rogers*

***A little quarantine humor:***

**Raw toilet paper for sale \$20**



**Some assembly required**

### **Did You Know**

Almost all of us are old enough to remember when persimmon was used to make golf woods before the use of various stainless steels and titanium. More noted for its fruit, persimmon is technically related to true ebonies (*Diospyros* genus), and is therefore sometimes referred to as "white ebony."

Persimmon wood is heavy, hard, and strong for a temperate species. It has excellent shock and wear resistance, but has a very high shrinkage rate, and may experience significant movement in service. Not commonly found in lumber form, it is available in blocks for turning and veneer.

## Woodworkers “Virtual” Show & Tell

Since we could not meet in April, following is our “Virtual Show & Tell” section highlighting some of the creative projects’ members have built while quarantined.

**Herb West:** Used Aspen, Cedar, Walnut, Pine and Oak.



**Bill McKeel:** Attached are (2) projects completed this month.

1. Cutting board 12' x 18" x 1/1/4' walnut and maple finished with MCT oil.
2. Keepsake box for my 12-year-old great grandson who plays a lot of baseball.
3. The lid is ash like MLB bats the front & back is lacewood the ends are wenge.



**Norm Coe:** I made two carpenter bee traps to give to neighbors out of OAK. Picture attached of one.

Also made 4 roofs for a 5-apartment bird house for a neighbor. Used OAK. Old roofs were rotten. Picture attached.

Also made a "hole shrinker" for another neighbors' bird house. A squirrel chewed the entrance. It was so big; no bird would use it. I made a piece to cover most of the front of the bird house and make a 1.5" hole to attract bluebirds. Used some scrap pine. Owner painted. Picture of finished job.



**David Case:**

Log Cabin made from Kentucky tobacco sticks which are sawmill sawed or hand hewn; sticks are 5-6 feet long and are not square or straight

Used band saw mostly.

Wood glue with just a few screws.

*...Nothing fancy. Fun project.*



**Hugh Aukerman:**

A Shaker Side Table constructed of Walnut. The drawer face is Holly with a turned Walnut knob. The Holly is from Tellico Village Woodworkers Kiln.





**Jack Ernst** As I finally ran out of reasons to procrastinate sorting through stacks of scrap wood in the corner of my shop, I came across some Maple boards with interesting figuring. I think it's a combination of Ambrosia (since there are some bug holes) and Spalted Maple. So, I salvaged enough to make a serving tray, using box joints.



I also made new bases for some decorative metal birds out of scrap Sycamore to go on a coffee table I made from the huge Sycamore tree the Club cut up last year. Beautiful wood, but hard to work with.



## **Robbie Pierce**

Drawer divider and privacy wall.



### John Seinar

This is a rocking horse made of oak for great grandchildren.



### Jim Chapman

I have used this time to build a couple projects I have wanted to build for some time. Attached are several pics of a Miter saw station I found in a Woodsmith magazine, Vol. 42/No. 248. I built it using birch plywood for all parts except the caster plates for which I used some of the 8/4 white oak which came from a tree felled on my property and donated to the club.



When the "wings" are up it has 100" to hold lumber and with the wings down it is 33" wide which makes it easy to set aside. A dust collector will sit below, and I will install doors which will help to reduce the noise.



### Stu McFadden

We were doing some "long range" planning for our funerals and I decided to build our Cremation Urns for the Columbarium at St. Thomas.

The 2 boxes are made to fit there, and I learned that they must be minimum of 200 cu in.

My wife's Urn is made from purple heart and 150-year-old barn wood from her grandparent's farm. The Cross and flowers are marquetry veneers placed on an oval medallion on both boxes. Some color was added also. The finish is 3 coats of polyurethane.

My Urn is made from birds eye maple, walnut and cherry.



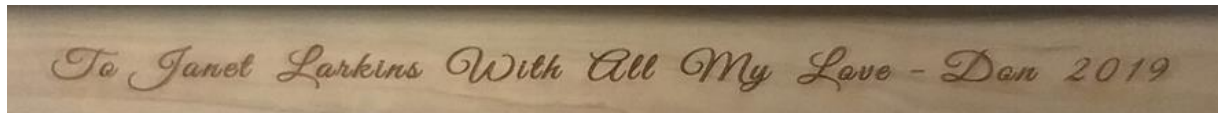


## Don Larkins

I have been working on a bible stand for my wife, it's all done except for finishing. I plan to use spray lacquer but I'm waiting for the humidity and dew point to go down. It is 24" wide X 36" high X 11" deep, has three shelves and a tilting top. There are 49 pieces, all cherry from the same tree. It had a few challenges. My first time for making the sides with moveable panels with all the tongue and groove, luckily, I left stock on the thickness for finishing after assembly. Five of the six joints were flush one not so good, but after finish planing to 3/4 they are all flush, and I had to step a couple of keys during assembly.



Patty did the laser lettering, it was a challenge, the book rest was to close and it hit the arm in machine, but she said she could do anything, so she turned it upside down and backwards, and it came out beautiful.



While I'm waiting for dry weather, I am fixing things in the shop that I have put off for years. Converted my table saw from 110 volts to 220 volts. I also enclosed my table router for dust collection



**Randy Schwerdt**

My project has been the restoration of an old Hoosier cabinet base that was given to us about 5 years ago. It was my next project that I had already started but was not very far along.

It was not usable due to extensive water damage, worn drawer slides, and a missing section of the front cabinet door. Just about every glue joint had come loose and every panel need to be taken apart and re-glued. The pictures show what I was dealing with and the progress I have made over the past 30 days.





**Rick Mannarino**

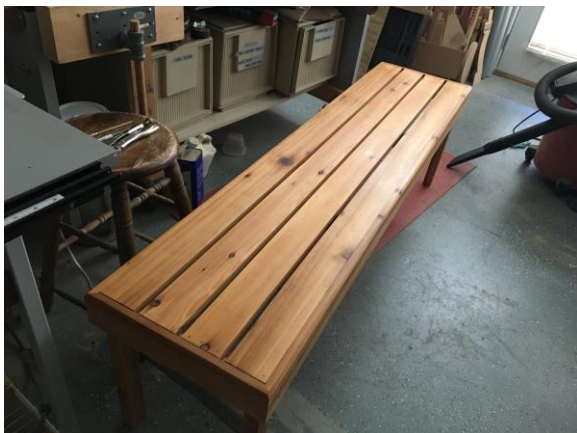
Golden Lab Intarsia



Stripping Heirloom Parent's Bedroom set  
(Thanks Paul and Annelie Sivak for consult)



Barbara Western Cedar Garden plant bench



**Dennis Smith**

Bud Vase

