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## Another Covid-19 Special Edition

### Message from Our President

I sincerely hope all of you are doing as well as you can during the current crisis. I may be incorrect, but it seems that conditions are improving and people are moving around more freely. With that in mind I am anticipating we will be able to resume our board meetings on the 20th of June and have a general meeting on the 2nd of July. This is subject to cancellation, should conditions warrant continued postponement. If we are able to go ahead and have these meetings, it still remains a personal decision as to whether you care to attend.

We all have had enough of being restrained and should enjoy the opportunity to congregate at the appropriate distance with our friends. Personally, I will be delighted to resume our meetings and enjoy the spontaneous communication that the club provides.

I will formally put out a notice of restarting the meetings at the appropriate time.

In the meantime, make chips and saw dust, but most of all be safe.

Bob Brown

## **Notable Woodworking Quotes**

“When the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail” - *Abraham Maslow*

“You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters” - *Saint Berna*

“He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.” - *St. Francis of Assisi*

“One only need two tools in life: WD-40 to make things go, and duct tape to make them stop.” - *unknown; attributed to G. Weilacher*

“The carpenter is not the best who makes more chips than all the rest”. - *Arthur Guiterman*

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” - *Abraham Lincoln*

“When a work lifts your spirits and inspires bold and noble thoughts in you, do not look for any other standard to judge by: the work is good, the product of a master craftsman.” - *Jean de la Bruyere*

“Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind.” - *Johannes Brahms*

“There are two men inside the artist, the poet and the craftsman. One is born a poet. One becomes a craftsman.” - *Emile Zola*

Measure twice, cut once. – *Old English Proverb*

## **Did You Know**

Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) is commonly used in matchsticks. Inherently a poor burning wood, it is soaked in ammonium phosphate which acts as a fire retardant. Its growth range is restricted to the upper Midwest, the Northwest and Canada. North of the border it is mainly for pulp products such as books, newsprint, and fine printing paper. It is especially good for panel products such as oriented strand board and waferboard. It is light in weight and is used for furniture, boxes and crates, core stock in plywood, and wall panels. Indigenous North Americans and European settlers used Aspen bark extract as treatment for burns, skin rashes and reducing fevers – it contains an aspirin-like substance called salycin.

## Woodworkers “Virtual” Show & Tell II

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

### Dave Breen

Beads of Courage boxes from before the halt for new boxes. Wood is walnut and spalted beach. Box joints were cut using box joint jig made from mentoring class. With a piece of elastic band, bead becomes part of latch.



### David Warmbold

Circles by Sheryl & David. We took a piece of plywood and painted it black, attached a number of circular wood pieces from various trees around Tellico (many thanks given to Tony Grenis for assistance cutting some of the wood circles and overall technical

advice). The wood circles were then cast onto the plywood with epoxy, followed by sanding and many finishing coats of epoxy. The edges were cut at 45 degrees to provide a finished looking edge. The project is a wall hanging so a French clip type hanger was installed on back. The whole idea was created by my wife Sheryl and we both spent quite a few hours completing “Circles”. It was fun and looks great on the wall!





**Bill McKeel** This is a keepsake box for my grandson to-be who is at Emory University in Atlanta getting his PHD in Chemistry The wood is 1) top-walnut burl 2) the case is tiger maple.



### **Chuck Martin**

Three team Jokers and Pegs game set made from maple and cherry with black epoxy inlays. Finish is rattle can gloss lacquer. Game pieces are tapered bamboo candy sticks cut to length and topped with necklace beads. The custom box is made from 1/4 and 3/8 baltic birch plywood.



## Hugh Aukerman

What is a Roorkee Chair? “The lightweight and incredibly portable Roorkee chair was a mainstay of the British military up to World War II. Named after the British headquarters of the Indian Army Corps of Engineers in Northern India, this portable chair was developed in the final years of the 19th century as the British military become more mobile after humiliations it suffered in South Africa during the second Boer War (1899-1902).” -Taken from the book “Campaign Furniture” by Christopher Schwarz.

This chair is constructed of mahogany and leather. The finish is two coats of garnet shellac followed by a coat of black wax. It has no fixed joinery. The stretchers connect with the legs using tapered tenons and mortises. As the leather stretches from use, the belts and buckles can be tightened. It can be completely disassembled and takes up little space (8” x 8” x 24”). It is a very comfortable chair to relax in!



## Norm Coe

Two Beads of Courage boxes are made of cherry with holly accents. They are finished with wipe on poly. The white wood used for accents is from some strips Dick Hoffman brought to a wood sale and gave them to anyone who wanted them. I wanted to laminate some holly to cherry for the handle and another accent strip in front on the bottom. The grain follows around three corners on each box.



## Ned Miller

- 1) Toy Spring Challenge entry
- 2) Beads of Courage box made of bark and barn wood
- 3) Charging station for an iPhone and Fitbit watch suspended from a shoe rack



## Bruce Barbee

A small side table made from free walnut from the club. The feathering was in a couple of side slabs thrown into the scrap pile at a cutting 3 or 4 years ago. The other walnut was from a "cherry" 4x4 offered free to members by a friend of a member (Don Schmidt I think). It remained unclaimed in the racks by the kiln for several weeks -- probably because it looked like an old fence post until joined and planed. The floating top is 1/8" walnut veneer resawn from 2" slabs, glued to a ply substrate, framed in walnut with the enlaid, dual ebony borders.



## **Bob Brown**

My easiest project is the segmented bowl made from walnut, maple, cedar and red wood. However; a majority of my time went into an entertainment center that turned into a display cabinet. I could not and would not have approached a project such as this if I didn't have the expertise of all of my fellow wood workers. I had learned a lot of the techniques by working with others on various projects over the last few years and bending of ears, of a few specific members with question on how to accomplish what was needed. I was fortunate enough to utilize much of the hickory I acquired from our wood sale, most of which came from the trees from my lot, taken down during construction and additionally some wood

provided by club members. In the view of the display unit picture, the fireplace mantle is also visible, this is again hickory, taken from my lot.



### Dennis Wolken

Since we had a spare recycling bin, I decided to use it to provide a place for a couple vegetables and flowers. The interior bottom has a raised platform for drainage. Legs built from scrap 2 x 4s with recessed panels and 3/4 pine.



### Tom Ringenbach

Photo of the cutting boards I have been making the past couple of weeks. They are made from various combinations of maple, walnut, cherry, and sycamore. I suspect they will end up under the Christmas tree of various family members.



Not sure why Tom looks so serious.