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Calendar of Events

October 22	Wood Cutting	POA Yard	9:30 AM	
October 24	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All members welcome
November 5	General Meeting	Yacht Club Lower Level	7:00 PM	Show and Tell

Board Meeting Highlights

The TVWC Board met on September 26, 2020. Twenty-three members including the board were in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The budget report for February shows \$3883.62 in the Club Operations Fund, \$433.95 in the Wood Operations Fund, \$8629.89 in the Reserve Fund, \$458.75 in the TFT Fund, \$275.00 in the Charity Fund for an Ending Balance of \$13691.21. It was reported that the POA is no longer charging the club for the kiln space used in the POA yard. Since the club has had limited activities and no meetings for the past seven months, there

was discussion concerning the reduction of membership dues for the 2021 year. It was decided to put this idea on hold at this time.

Membership The club has gained 16 new members since the last meeting and now has 209 total members in the club.

Secretary's' Report Despite the club not meeting for the past seven months, many communications have been sent out to the membership during this time. There have been no reported problems or technical difficulties.

Community Service Projects There are two service projects that are in progress. The Tanasi water station is presently on

hold and work will begin on the "Our Place" sign in the middle of October.

Programs The October General Meeting will consist of the Spring Challenge project presentations and discussion of issues that have arisen during the pandemic. "Show and Tell" will not be part of the October meeting but will make up the agenda for the November meeting. Many projects have been completed during the pandemic.

Newsletter C. Hagen expressed appreciation for the many projects that were submitted for the newsletter during the pandemic. Starting in October, the newsletter will be sent out in the middle of the month rather than the first week on the month so news from both the Board and General meetings can be included.

B. Brown updated the Board on the status of the copyright charges that Cartoon Stock has request from the club for using one of their cartoons in a 2016 newsletter.

Kiln Status The kiln is empty.

Wood Sale The past two wood sales have gone very well. Likewise, the new tagging system has gone well except for a couple of problems with the labels. Next wood sale to be determined.

L. Donnelly is looking for a volunteer to replace him as manager of wood sales.

Wood Cutting John Kaprocki and Scott Duncan are joining the wood cutting team. The team has gathered and painted a number of tools to assist with future cuttings. The next cutting will be held on October 22 and a second cutting is

tentatively scheduled for December 15. It is estimated that we have 2500 bf of a variety of different logs to be cut.

Club Tools The club bandsaw will be relocated from J. Mattavi's shop to R. Cirincione's shop and the club sander will be relocated from J. Jeffrey's shop to J. Johnson's shop.

The club is requesting a volunteer to house the following club owned tools: HVLP sprayer, a block plane and straps for a steam system.

Club Historian The new club Historian will be Dennis Smith.

Toys 4 Tots Toys for Tots chairmen Steve Bolton and Andy Markel have had to deal with many changes in this year's program due to the effect of the COVID 19. The Sheriff's Department has lost the use of the donated storage facility and COVID Guidelines do not allow volunteers to sort and assemble donated toys. Thus, they cannot accept and distribute new toys collected in TV Donation Boxes to Loudon County children. The Sheriff's Department has requested that those interested in donating toys do so by adopting a family or child. We will not have a TFT presentation at the Community Church this year.

Wooden toys can be made this year but instead of them going to Loudon County children, they can be given to the following organizations: Loudon County Sheriff's Department, Boys and Girls Club, Hispanic Church of Lenoir City, Samaritans Charity or the Child Advocacy Center. Fantasy of Trees Charity Auction can use all types of

crafted wooden items and not just toys for their fund raisers.

Current club involvement in making toys include six club members who have volunteered to be on a team, four members are working alone and four teams have been established.

Changes to this year's TFT program will be communicated to residents of TV and Loudon County.

Moving the Kiln The POA has requested the club to move our kiln to another location which has been identified to be adjacent to the saw milling slab. The cost to move the kiln will cost around \$1000 which includes a transformer for the electrical power. The POA has offered to split half of the cost. It was suggested that we take this opportunity to double the storage space when we make this move. A committee consisting of L. Donnelly, D. Hoffmann, R. Cirincione, D. Breen, B. Fagerlin and B. Brown was established to design the new storage structure and to layout the kiln move.

Wheel Chair Ramps A proposal was made to cover the cost of new tools, the reimbursement of member supplies and payment of wood for the building of wheelchair ramps. A committee was formed to study this proposal and to make recommendations to the Board. Members of this committee are B. Ware, N. Miller, B. Brandt, B. Nance and B. Brown.

Vendor Appreciation C. Hagen volunteered to write a form letter to thank all our vendors who has helped us throughout the year with discounts and other contributions.

Hats and Aprons B. Brandt has accepted the responsibility to purchase club hats and aprons for members.

Club Anniversary L. Donnelly noted that the Woodworkers Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in April 2021. B. Brown volunteered to chair a committee to organize a special event to recognize this special date. C. Campbell volunteered to also serve on this committee.

General Meeting

About 40 members were present for our first general meeting since March. Social distancing and mask wearing was practiced by all attendees.



Chris Campbell reported that the club now has 212 members, with 32 new members this year (with 17 added during the COVID break). In addition to some general business, Bob Brown provided a recent update on moving the kiln. This has been put on hold given changes made by the POA including a \$3000 transformer charge that they are not currently willing to split with the club. This change along with the costs associated with expanding the storage area at the new kiln site make this not economically viable for the club at the present time.

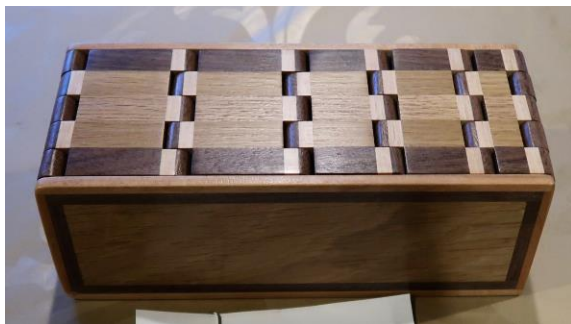
We also received an update from Steve Bolton on changes to the T4T this year along with the Adopt a Child program. This was covered in depth in a recent club email.

The program for the evening was the Spring Challenge. The theme for this year was to make a entry that moves entirely from wood. While there were only 5 entries this year, they were all of very high quality.

The five areas of competition were:

- Best of Show
- Most moving parts/most complex
- Most funtional
- Most creative movement
- Most humorous/entertaining

The Best of Show this year was a hinged top box that contained a two car train. Glenn Nief's creatiuon consisted of 14 moving parts, 9 hinges and 233 separate pieces of wood.



Outside of Glenn Nief's hinged box of cherry, walnut, oak and maple



Inside was a train



Glenn Nief with his Best of Show Entry

The award for the most moving parts/complexity went to Dick Hoffman and his strong box. It had a spring loaded top and a working lock mechanism all of wood.



The outside of Dick's mediocre strong box complete with combination lock.



Locking mechanism in the lid of the box



Dick Hoffman with his "strong" box

John Johnson created his own designed marble game complete with dremel-carved wood marbles and was awarded the Most entertaining entry.



John Johnson

The most functional creation went to Ron Comtois and his egg beater.



Wooden Egg Beater

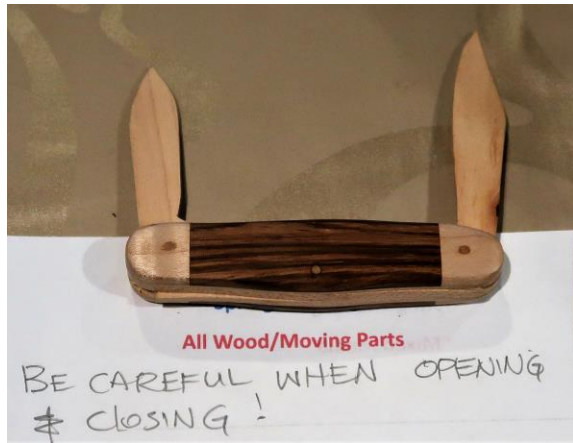


Marble Game



Ron Comtois with egg beater in hand

The most creative entry went to Dennis Smith and his pocket knife. Who knew there were 15 distinct parts to a pocket knife? You do when you take it apart to recreate one out of wood. It took Dennis 20 hours to make his replica. We did not test its cutting ability.



Wooden pocket knife

New Members this Month



Wayne Schroeder

Originally from St. Joseph, MO, Wayne now lives in Kahite. A starting woodworker and willing to learn.



Dennis Smith explaining to the members how he created his project

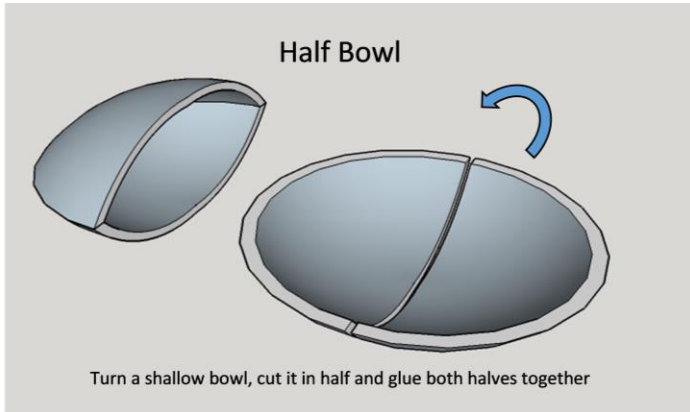


Mike Napierkowski

A halfback from Venice, FL, Mike wants to get into more serious woodworking

From Our Members Shops

Dick Hoffman has been busy making some half bowls. Below is a picture he provided explaining how you make them.



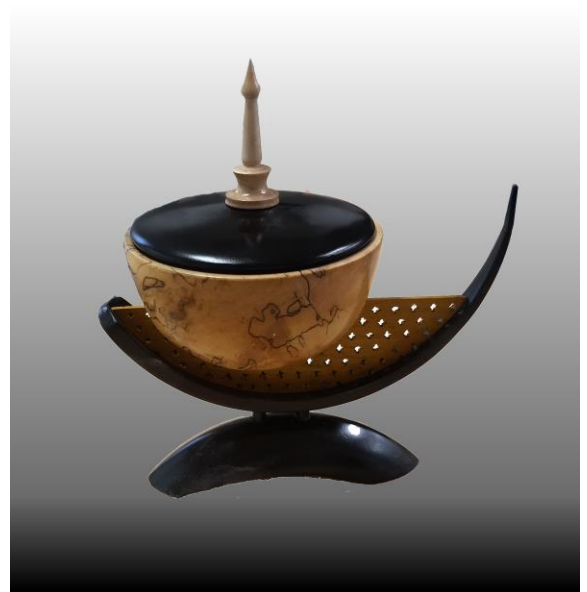
Half Bowl Description



Spalted Maple Bowl In Half Bowl Bits Front View



Segmented Half Bowl



Spalted Maple Bowl In Half Bowl Bits Side View

Did You Know?

Scientists have created a transparent wood that could replace glass. Balsa wood is oxidized until it is nearly clear and then is impregnated with PVA (poly vinyl alcohol).



It is more thermally efficient than regular glass in addition to being stronger and flexible (it will bend rather than shatter if damaged).

If you would like to learn more, here is the link to the story: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/scientist-create-transparent-wood-as-clear-as-glass/ar-BB19J7oR>

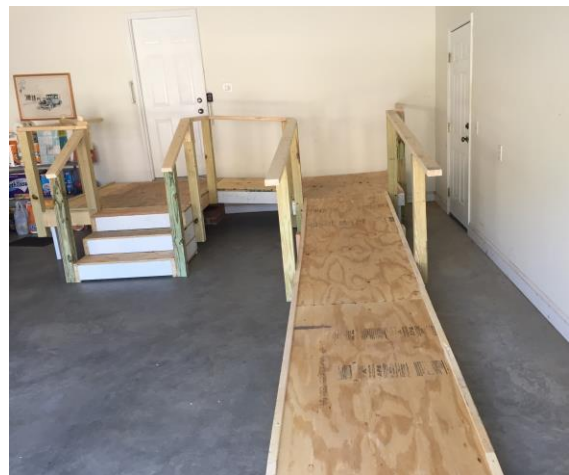
Community Service Projects



Bruce Barbre built these steps for Benchmark Physical Therapy here in Tellico Village.



We had a successful ramp build in September. Participants were Barry Brandt, Dennis Wolken, Jerry Mitchell, Mark Knott, Dick Hoffman and Bob Brown.



Wheel chair ramp consisting of 21 feet of ramp and two platforms were built by Barry Brandt Tom Borloglou, Vince Evans, Bill Whipple, Robbie Pierce, Mark Knott, Bob Ware and Bob Brown.



Sometimes we get a request to remove an existing ramp. Recently we needed to remove one quickly. We had a great turnout with little preparation. Participants were Barry Brandt, Larry Schaefer, Tom Boroglou, Vincent Evans, Steve Bolton, Bill Whipple and Bob Brown. Needless to say that the ramp was removed quickly and efficiently with this great crew.

Moving Club Equipment

In early October, the club needed to move some of our equipment to new locations.

The clubs' 18" band saw was moved from Jim Mattavi's workshop to Ron Cirincione's work shop in his basement. The move was performed by Jim Mattavi, Ron Cirincione, Don Schmid, Aaron Cox, John Kaprocki, Ralph Monserrat and Bob Brown.



Here is the team that moved the club sander from Jeff Jeffries to John Johnson shop.

