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Calendar of Events

November 21	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All members welcome
December 3	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	Dick Hoffman presentation
December 15	Wood cutting	POA Yard		Details to follow

Board Meeting Highlights

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

Treasurers' Report The budget currently has \$3783.55 in the Club Operations Fund, \$98.95 in the Wood Operations Fund, \$8689.89 in the Reserve Fund, \$498.75 in the TFT Fund, \$275.00 in the Charity Fund for an Ending Balance of \$13346.14.

Membership The club currently has 213 members in the club.

Secretary's' Report A special thanks goes to Sloan's Hardware for donating the use of their Earth auger for the drilling of holes for the "Our Place" sign. Quotes have been received from 7 vendors for club hats and three samples are being sent. Secretarial communications have been very difficult in the past week with several thousand messages receiving "delivery failures". Goggle has blocked many messages or has said we have reached our limit. Our initial distribution list has been broken down into three lists to reduce the distribution size of each mailing. Hopefully, Goggle will not flag out these smaller sized mailings.

Community Service Projects October has been a busy month for service projects as two wheelchair ramps have been removed and one was built. "Our Place" sign has been built and installed, Toqua tee markers are being built, cabinets are being built for the Loudon County court house and a food pantry is being built for the Loudon library.

Programs The November meeting will involve club members presenting their completed projects during the pandemic. An overhead projector will be made available to view oversize projects. Dick Hoffman will present at the December meeting.

Kiln Status The kiln is full with over 1000 bf of lumber that has 70% moisture content initially. The breakdown of lumber includes 65 bf of beech, 380 bf white oak, 200 bf walnut, 250 cherry and 260 bf hackberry.

Wood Sale The tagging system has worked well except for problems with the warping of tags and legibility of markers. L. Donnelly will take the lead in resolving these issues.

Wood Cutting The next cutting is scheduled for December 15 which will include 1200 bf of poplar and cedar. This cutting will be followed by a hardwood cutting in February that will be comprised of walnut and hickory.

The club is appreciative of R. Pierce stepping up to take the saw master job. We are still looking for someone to chair the wood sales.

It was suggested to have members wear name tags at future wood cuttings.

The question was raised if we should give special consideration to those who consistently work at the wood cuttings. This is a commendable thought but impossible to fairly implement with all the various volunteer activities within the club. We are a voluntary organization and no special privileges should be extended to those who donate their time.

Toys 4 Tots TFT program is much different this year because of the COVID pandemic. There will be no local boxes for purchased toy donations from the community. Instead the Sheriff's Dept. is promoting toy donations through the Adopt a Child Program. Because of limited shortage facilities, the Sheriff's Dept. will only have room for 50 toys. This should not discourage members from making toys as the excessive toys will be distributed to other charitable organizations. D. Hoffmann made the motion that a tree be made to hang 10 envelopes for Adopt a Child donation. A box will be made with the tree to hold the envelopes with each \$100 donation. The checks will be taken to Debbie Hines who will then purchase the requested gifts for the family. The tree and box will be placed at the Wellness Center for the community to contribute. For any envelopes that are not filled, the TV Woodworkers Club will use monies from their charitable funds to complete the remaining envelopes.

Moving the Kiln There was much discussion on the possible move of the kiln. The club was disappointed in the lack of financial support from the POA in making this move but it was pointed out that the POA has supported our club in many ways over the past years, i.e. no rental charges

for kiln space, free log storage, Bobcat usage and no fees for the operator, etc. It was decided to not discuss this issue with the POA at this time but the club officers and other interested individuals will meet to determine the optimum kiln layout with accompanying shortage facility. This group would also estimate the costs of moving the kiln and storage area to an area adjacent to the saw milling pad.

It was noted that with all the virtual learning in today's schools, there is a need for children's desks.

Vendor Appreciation C. Hagen has drafted a thank you letter to send to individuals making donations to the club. He has volunteered to make slight revisions to this letter to make another letter that is adaptable to businesses who have been generous in giving us a discount in pricing.

General Meeting

About 50 members were present for the November 5th general meeting. The evening's program was a Show and Tell of various member's projects.



Some of the many projects submitted



Bowl collection from Chris Campbell



Walnut and cherry wine box by Ron Cirincione



Half Bowl with Chickadee Lid from Dick Hoffman



Clock by Ron Cirincione



Maple and walnut bowls and opener collection from Tom Feil



Maple and walnut bowl by Robert Brown



*Walnut, cherry, poplar, maple dizzy bowl
by Dennis Smith*



Poplar and walnut grill tool box by Bill Buelow



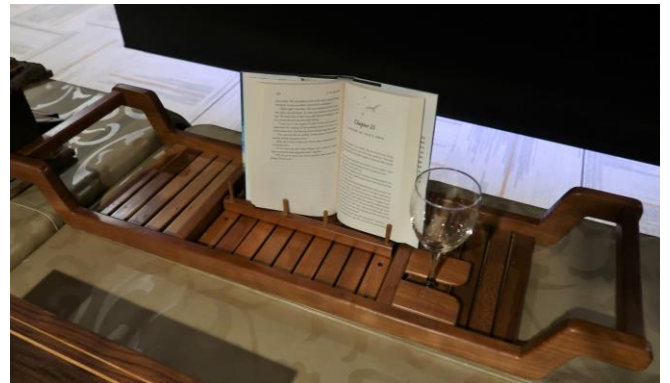
Osprey by Randy Brabgut



Walnut and ambrosia maple lazy susan by Don Schmid



*Maple and mesquite large bowl, maple/walnut
pepper mill and Bradford pear lidded bowl by
Ron Comtois*



Tray by Ned Miller



*Columbarium boxes and beads of courage
by Stu McFadden*



*Walnut and maple chess set using CNC
Router by David Brunson*



Community Service Projects



Ostrich – how fast was it running when it slammed into the tree?

We recently completed this promotional/dedication sign for "Our Place" which is the new adult day center for seniors with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The following club members donated their time and materials to this project: Tom Borloglou, Jack Ernst, Bob Brown and Barry Brandt. A special thank you goes out to Sloan's Hardware who generously allowed us to use their Earth auger to dig the 3' holes for the sign posts



Meerkats on the fence

Did You Know?

Pareidolia is a phenomena where we see faces in everyday objects. Evolutionary psychologists believe that this tendency provided our ancestors with survival advantages.

Here are a couple of examples of pareidolia in wood.



Dog just wants to be pet