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Calendar of Events

February 20	Board Meeting	Zoom	8:00 AM
March 4	General Meeting	Zoom	7:00 PM
March 20	Board Meeting	Zoom	8:00 AM

Board Meeting Highlights

We had our first ZOOM Board meeting on January 23. We had 15 members including the board in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The 2020 year's end report showed \$3019.36 in the Club Operations Fund, \$251.35 in the Wood Operations, \$8789.89 in the Reserve Fund, \$0 in TFT Fund, \$275 in the Charity Fund for an ending balance of \$12,335.60.

The current budget has (\$140.80) in the Club Operations Fund, \$619.52 in the Wood Operations, \$12,110.60 in the Reserve Fund, \$0 in TFT Fund, \$275 in the Charity Fund for an ending Balance of \$12,864.32.

Membership The club currently has 222 members with 9 being lifetime members. Chris has received 66 renewed memberships to date.

Secretary's Report Despite a reduction of club activities, email communications are as active as ever and it's great to report there have been no problems with the deliveries.

The new club hats have been received and are available for \$12.50.

Community Service Projects The club currently has two active projects. One is the building of cabinets at the Loudon County Court House and the other is building bookcases for the Vonore Historical Society. Nails have been removed from the burnt beams from the county court house and are now ready to be milled into boards at the next cutting.

Programs All programs are on hold at this time but three topics have been identified for future meetings. D. Hoffmann is prepared to present a program on wood inlay, P. Sivak will discuss furniture restoration and T. Boroglou has a group willing to discuss laser printing. D. Hoffmann offered to make his presentation by Zoom so B. Brown will set-up a practice meeting to test the system before making the presentation to the full membership.

Newsletter Nothing new to report but much appreciation was given to those who have contributed to the past newsletters.

Kiln Status Kiln is empty, clean and ready for the next cutting.

Wood Sale There will be no sale until after the next cutting.

Wood Cutting The next cutting will be held on February 9 and we will utilize a two-shift operation.

Discussion was held on how to handle the Bob Ragland lumber. This lumber will be used for the Vonore Historical Society project, Our Place project and boards will

be sold to club members. Revenue from this sale will be placed in the general reserve fund. We will continue to contribute \$50/month to the Kiln Fund and keep this fund separate from the Reserve Fund.

Our ZOOM meeting went well but could only handle 30 people for 40 minutes. Pro Zoom is available which can handle 100 people for an hour but will cost \$14.99/month. D. Hoffmann made a motion to purchase the Pro Zoom for a trial period to be used for club presentations and meetings. M. Pierce seconded the motion and the motion was accepted.

General Meeting

We held our first ZOOM general meeting on January 7th. Around 36 brave members were in attendance.

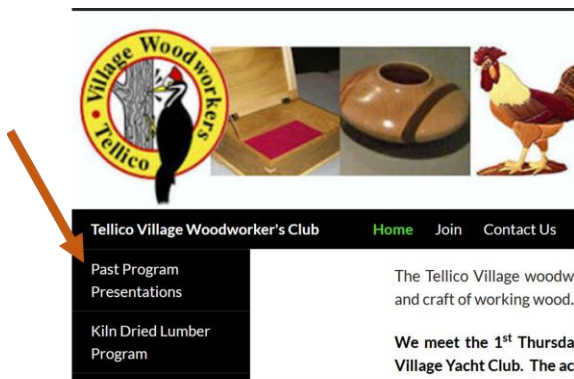
Board members presented information on their respective areas of responsibility.



Dick Hoffman made an impressive presentation on inlays. He covered doing single component inserts on a turned vase and picture inserts on flat work. He made it sound much simpler that it actually is.



Members can view Dick's presentation on the website under past program presentations.



Originally, we didn't have any takers for Show and Tell but Jim Mattavi stepped in with an impromptu showing of a jewelry chest he made for his daughter.

The cabinet is made mainly of cherry wood with maple wood inlays on the frame of the door. The door has a burl veneer on the inside as well as the outside. Brass "pegs" on the inside of the door provide for hanging necklaces and brass knobs and hinges are used throughout. A small bead used around the veneer on the door was made by routing a half-circle on the edge of a wide piece of thin stock followed by

trimming the edge off to desired width on a table saw. Six coats of gel varnish was used to finish the cabinet with sanding with 0000 steel wool between coats.



From Our Members' Shops

Rick Mannarino provided these photos of this chess set he made after playing online with our 8-year-old grandson. This Notre Dame style chess set pieces are pine and cedar and board and storage box are made of maple and walnut with cedar inlays. Cut on scroll saw with lots sanding to clean up. Estimate 100+ hours. Poly finish and black velvet drawer liner and piece bottoms.

Rick hopes the set makes it through multiple generations. When I asked his grandson to research Notre Dame, he came back and said "it burned down".



Did You Know?

Mahogany is a material that dates all the way back to the 17th century in Great Britain. It's no surprise that it has maintained a presence in the world of fine wood strength, workability, and aesthetics. pleasing.



Mahogany is the national tree of the Dominican Republic and Belize. Today, most mahogany is imported from Peru, where most of it is harvested illegally.

In the Philippines, environmentalists are calling for an end to the planting of mahogany because of its negative impact on the environment and wildlife.

Tips and Tools

This month's tip comes courtesy of Don Schmid.

Don is building a L shaped bar for his son. The top is a 24" wide by 1 3/4" thick. I found these 81mm x 35mm ZIPBOLTS from Lee Valley to secure the mitered edge.

The picture is a 2x4 sample to see how they work. They create an amazingly strong joint.

