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Calendar of Events

April 24	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:00 AM	
May 6	General Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM	Homemade Jigs
May 22	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:00 AM	
June 3	General Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM	Spring Challenge

Board Meeting Highlights

We held our third and hopefully last ZOOM Board meeting on March 20. We had 18 members including the board in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The current budget has \$2028.62 in the Club Operations Fund, \$124.52 in the Wood Operations, \$5951.41 in the Kiln Reserve Fund, \$6259.19 in the General Reserve Fund, \$0 in TFT Fund,

\$275.00 in the Charity Fund for an ending Balance of \$14,638.74.

Membership The club currently has 228 members. 154 members have renewed their membership for this year while we have not received renewal from 56 members. If memberships aren't renewed after the April General Meeting, they will be removed from the rolls.

Secretary's Report All communications have been going well, thanks to J. Ernst who covered the emails for 6 days.

Community Service Projects No report

Programs The Board agreed to hold the April General Meeting outdoors and will include the election of officers, discussion on changes to the TFT program and a tool swap. This meeting will be held at one of the TV pavilions and will start at 4 pm.

The April General Meeting will include the election of new officers. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers: T. Grenis – President, B. Nance – Vice-President, S. Duncan – Secretary and J. Ernst – Treasurer. Anyone interested in running for one of these positions should be at the April meeting to make their nomination.

Newsletter C. Hagen and J. Ernst will write a brief biography for new members that will be included in the next newsletter.

Kiln Status The present load in the kiln has a moisture content of 3% and the drying cycle will be completed in time for a wood sale on April 6. After the wood sale, the Greenback lumber will be placed in the kiln to go through a bug kill cycle for 5 days.

Wood Sale Next Wednesday (3/24/21) the scheduled sale of the “Jason lumber” will be held. If this sale is rained out, it will be held at a time after April 20. The sale of the Greenback lumber will be held on March 13.

Wood Cutting The next wood cutting is scheduled for April 20 and will include primarily hickory. Sixteen logs have been recently delivered to the POA yard for future cuttings.

Toys 4 Tots S. Bolton gave an extensive Toys for Tots report on his committee’s concerns and future direction of the program. Contacts with the Loudon County Sheriff’s Department indicate their 2021 TFT program will have similar constraints as they did last year. Like last year, they have no storage facility for toys and thus are needing less toys, particularly low-end toys, and would prefer more donated purchased toys and monetary contributions. It is time for the club to assess our involvement with the Sheriff’s Department and other charitable organizations along with the types of toys we make and how to organize our efforts within the club. To keep club members aware of these issues, S. Bolton will give a TFT status report at the next General Meeting. In addition, an article will be written for the next newsletter to give the past background of the TFT program and the need for a change of direction with new ideas.

L. Donnelly noted that the TVWC Memorial Plaque at the Yacht Club is not up to date. He will work with several other club members to make this current.

B. Brown has recruited a number of new club members to serve on various club committees. V. Evans has accepted the chair of the wheelchair ramp committee

Its official! Our new officers for this year are

Tony Grenis – President
Bill Nance – Vice President
Scott Duncan – Secretary
Jack Ernst – Treasurer

We thank our past officers for their service to the club!



*Club Ball Cap on Sale for \$12.50;
contact Barry Brandt*

General Meeting

We held our first face to face meeting since March 2020 on April 1st at Tugaloo Beach pavilion.

It was a Happy April's Tools Day Sale for the club tool swap. There was quite a selection of tools for sale along with some free items. The weather was a little cool but everyone was happy to be outside together.



Some of the items for sale or free





An unusual hammer



A box of what for sale?



Decisions, decisions, decisions



*Steve Bolton discussing changes to the Toys for Tots program for this year
See note on last page*



Tom Borloglou trying his best to auction off some remaining tools

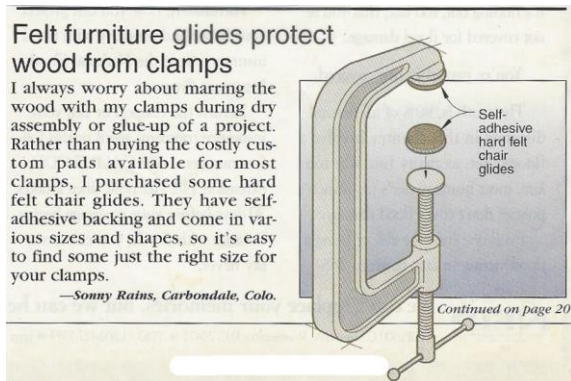
From Our Members' Shops



Tom Lane submitted photos of this baby cradle he made. Wonder if it's really waterproof?

Tips and Tools

Another tool tip from a woodworking magazine long ago courtesy of Dennis Smith.



Did You Know?

We are all aware of the soaring prices of construction lumber in the US with future contracts 4 times the price in April 2020. Much is due to the pandemic with logging and mill/kiln shutdowns in anticipation of slower consumer demand and difficulty in ramping production back up.



Clearing beetles by fire in BC Pine forests

However, there is a long-term shortage as the result of the resurgence of the mountain pine beetle in British Columbia which is supplying only half of the lumber it used to 15 years ago. The predominance of the beetle has been blamed on warmer winters and reduced cold weather kills. For a while loggers were able to harvest recently killed trees but now are waiting for the forests to regrow.

Despite options to import wood from other regions of the world, predictions are that lumber prices will remain volatile for the next three to four years.

***Calling for All Workshop Santas Calling for All Workshop Santas
Volunteers Needed***

The TV Woodworker' Toys for Tots Program objectives are Comradery, Expansion of Member Skills through Toymaker Teams and Charitable work producing Wood Toys with the results shown in the ***Smiling Faces of Children.***

How will you make a Child Smile in 2021?

The Toys for Tots 2021 program involves making Wood Toys, Jewelry Boxes, Bird House Kits, and other items for two organizations; The Loudon County Sherriff' Office Toy Program and The Festival of Trees Auction to benefit the East TN Children' Hospital.

Join us for a Zoom Meeting on Monday April 26th at 6:30 pm, when the TFT Committee will discuss the program, present ideas, and answer questions.

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