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Calendar of Events

May 22	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:00 AM	All members welcome
June 3	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	Spring Challenge
June 19	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:00 AM	All members welcome
July 1	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	

Board Meeting Highlights

We held our first in-person Board meeting since the start of Covid restrictions on April 24. There were 16 members including the board in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The current budget has \$4028.62 in the Club Operations Fund, \$286.52 in the Wood Operations, \$6001.41 in the Kiln Reserve Fund, \$6259.19 in the General Reserve Fund, \$100.00 in TFT

Fund, \$594.20 in the Charity Fund for an ending Balance of \$17,449.94.

Membership The club currently has 222 members. 23 members have not renewed their membership. Delinquent members will have until May 31 to renew their membership before being removed from the rolls. T. Lethan was unanimously voted to become a Life Time member.

Secretary's Report All communications have been going well.

Community Service Projects Since last meeting three service projects have been completed which includes two wheelchair ramps and a shower bench. Ongoing projects include benches, cabinets and shelving for Our Place, bookcase for Vonore Historical Society and cabinets for the Loudon County Courthouse. A new project being pursued is a sidewalk library for Loudon UMC.

Club member J. Dezzutti along with the Building Team members J. Weaver, J. Self and B. Taylor discussed the Our Place project which will be breaking ground on June 15 to build a 2100 sq. ft. facility for adult day care. They have raised over \$600,000 but are still short \$200,000 for the project. Thus, they pulled \$40,000–50,000 out of the contract for cabinets, tables, chairs and shelving. The building team is asking assistance from the TV Woodworkers to building primarily cabinets and shelving for the facility which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year to early spring of 2022. B. Brown volunteered to head up a team to pursue the building of these items. Other volunteers for this committee are D. Schmid, J. Chapman, J. Ernst, B. Barbre, L. Donnelly, B. Brandt.

Programs The May General Meeting will consist of members presenting their favorite homemade jigs and fixtures.

Kiln Status The kiln is now working but there were problems with a vent not properly working during the last drying load which resulted in a high usage of electricity. Many thanks go to R. Cirincione and J. Johnson for their troubleshooting efforts to resolve the issue. The current lumber in

the kiln contains 55% moisture and will not be completely cured until the middle of June.

Wood Sale There were two sales during the past month. Presently, there is approximately 1200 bf of lumber drying in the kiln and will be ready to sell sometime after June 10. There is still lumber available in Greenback for future sales.

Most of the excess lumber stored at the kiln has been claimed and only undesirable lumber is left. B. Brown will send out a memo to the club asking for interested members to take all remaining lumber that can be used as firewood.

L. Donnelly suggested forming a new team to mark and identify lumber. He will write and bring a proposal to form this team to the next Board meeting.

Wood Cutting The last wood cutting went well except for the tardy arrival of the sawyer. B. McKeel will contact Jason to emphasize the importance of a timely arrival to better utilize the time of our volunteers.

Golf Outing The Board agreed to have a golf outing sometime in the September/October time frame. B. Brown indicated that someone is willing to organize this event.

Mentoring Program Bob Brown will begin planning for this year's mentoring program.

Visitor Greeting B. Brown and B. Barbre will fill in for B. Ware to welcome visitors and potential new members at the next General Meeting.

General Meeting

This evening a number of our members showed and discussed some the jigs they have made and used for various woodworking projects.

These members presented on the following jigs:

Ron Comtois - Thread Cutting Jig



Jim Kurowski – Routing Curved Molding

Dick Hoffman - Box Joints, Router Table Slot/Dado, Bandsaw Jigs For Resawing, Elliptical Router Jig



Don Schmid - Convex Curve Cutter
Patented jig purchased by the club for members use





John Johnson



Dave Breen – Table Saw Blade Alignment Jig



Nancy Kessler – Curve Pattern Inlay



Community Service Project

Tony Grenis and Aaron Cox built these bookshelves for the Vonore Museum with assembly assistance from Bob Brown and Ron Cirincione.



From Our Members' Shops

After purchasing a bandsaw from a recent tool sale, Marshall Lounsberry put it to good use making these boxes. These are the first ones he has ever made.



Ron Comtois sent in these photos of an ambrosia maple vase with embossed flowers finished in Deft satin lacquer and an Olive wood pepper mill with a French polish shellac finish.





Hank Holevinsky provided photos of his recently completed garage cabinet and workbench project. He used 1x4 and 1x3 to frame the left and right tower cabinets, knotty pine for the skin, and the nicer particle board for shelves inside. 3/4 birch plywood was used for the roll-out cabinets, and all bench surfaces. 2x4 framing for all three work surfaces, connecting the end units. The two roll-out units serve as storage and work benches, and roll under the “standing-height” work surfaces when not needed. The center work surface is lower, for sitting to work. The final piece is a third cart for the miter saw, built so the saw surface is the same height as the other two mobile carts.



Did You Know?

Trees never die of old age – trees are only ever killed by elements outside of their control, including insects, diseases and people. That’s why sometimes, if they’re really lucky, a tree could live to well over 1000 years old.

That being said, the Great Basin Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus Longaeva*) has been deemed the oldest tree in existence, reaching an age of over 5,000 years old. The methuselah tree is located in the Whote Mountains in eastern California



Tips and Tools

How to create a straight edge on a bowed board (from Jack Ernst)



- Rip a piece of plywood, 2" to 3" wide, 8 foot long or the length of your board.
- Attach it with double sided tape to the board, positioned so the factory edge of the plywood will run straight against the table saw fence.
- Rip the board with the straight plywood edge against the fence.
- Remove the plywood and use the newly cut straight edge to rip the other side parallel.

Save the straight edge plywood strip to reuse for straight line ripping later