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### Calendar of Events

November 27	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All members welcome
December 2	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	
December 18	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All members welcome

### Board Meeting Highlights

Our last board meeting was on October 23. There were 16 members including the board in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

#### Treasurers' Report (Jack Ernst)

The current balance has club operations of \$3796, wood operations of (\$689), kiln reserve fund of \$6301, general reserve fund of \$6259, TFT fund of \$150, miscellaneous charity fund of \$1279 for an ending balance of \$17096. Wood sale

profit was around \$260 offset by Our Place expenses to be collected at project end.

#### Membership (Chris Campbell)

Currently 219 members, updated roster on website

#### Secretary's' Report (Nancy Kessler)

Updated mailing list

#### Community Service Projects (Bill Nance)

Rick Mannarino worked on TBART project. A Lady Linksters project completed by Don Schmid. No new ramps this month.

### Programs (Ned Miller)

October meeting will be a mini presentation of the Toys for Tots creation. The December meeting will be part two of the club tools, with 8 videos. The January meeting will be a jewelry maker using exotic woods.

### Kiln Status (Bruce Barbe)

Kiln is currently empty but needs new moisture probes.

### Wood Sale (Jim Chapman)

Sale planned for November 17<sup>th</sup>

### Wood Cutting (Robbie Pierce)

We have many logs: walnut, white oak, poplar in inventory sufficient for 2 - 3 cuttings

### Our Place Project (Bob Brown)

There has been great progress: lower cabinets are completed and the upper cabinets are half completed, shelving is mostly done. The facility construction is ahead of schedule, and we may have access in November.

### New Business

- We may need to replace the club planer's carbide tips.
- Tool sharpening: Larry Gardener is looking into this.
- Need a team to clean up for Vince's ramp team.
- A motion was made and approved to sell the scrap to members at \$ .50/b.f.
- The service project of the trophy case for the TV golfers should be a community service project opposed to a contract service project.

- Bob Brown will look into the utility costs associated with moving the kiln up to the wood cutting area.
- Bob Brown will donate a power washer, and Ned Miller will house it.
- Dick Hoffmann said that the bandsaw presenter mentioned a tool to determine the tension of a bandsaw blade. A motion was made and approved to purchase the tensioner up to a cost of \$350.
- John Johnson stated that BR2 Builder will join the club and will donate the trees from cleared lots to the club.
- We will verify that our program of welcoming visitors to the club meetings including the welcome/instruction sign be in place.
- It was suggested at a tour of Tennessee Hickory Products in Monroe County be investigated.

### General Meeting

At the meeting, members saw a presentation on the recent field trip to West Penn Hardwoods in Hickory, NC. Seven members with four spouses enjoyed the visit to the 125,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility which contains over different species of domestic and exotic hardwoods. Our members had lots of fun spending over \$2100 on material for future projects.



One example was this beautiful piece of australian red gum burl.



We hope to be able to repeat the trip next year.

Members also enjoyed a powerpoint on the various teams that produced toys and other items for this years Toys for Tots and Fantasy of Trees. Pictures can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Here is an update from Steve Bolton:

Toys for Tots 2021 program benefited from the efforts and skills of 5 groups, comprising 21 woodworkers and 20 individuals working to produce 306 wood toys and wood products.

The first delivery to the E TN Children's Hospital Fantasy of Trees was made on 11-18-2021.

The Chairperson Pat Scott and staff were impressed with the quality and quantity of donated toys and wood products that ranged from a small table, wood chair, jewelry boxes, rocking horses, charcuterie

boards, step stools, birdhouses, chess set & board, chinese checkers board game, toy trucks & cars, doll cradles and puzzles.

The second delivery to Loudon County Sheriff's Office is set for Monday AM 11-29-2021. Approximately 120 wood toys will be presented for donation.

New Unwrapped Toy Collection boxes are in place at the Wellness Center, Chota Recreation Center, TV Welcome Center and Kahite Clubhouse. Donated toys from these locations will be provided to 4 local charitable organizations. Thus far more than 5 large bags of toys have been donated by the residents of Tellico Village. New Unwrapped Toy Collection will end Sunday Dec. 12, 2021.

The Toys for Tots FY2021 thanks everyone for their support and efforts. We hope all enjoyed the time spent in the workshops making toys and wood products. And, the pride and warm self satisfaction that comes from charitable work.

Additional details on the individual and teams will be presented in a future newsletter.

### **Show and Tell**

Despite all the work that has gone into Toys for Tots program and OUR Place cabinetry, some of our members have found time to work on some of their own projects



Bill Nance brought some lazy susan boards along with some cedar inside out Christmas ornaments.



Marty Schoffner brought in some 8-segmented Christmas ornaments of cocobolo, holly and walnut finished in epoxy.



Here are some very cute ornaments by Chris Campbell.

### **Did You Know?**

Located in Oslo, Norway, Kebony is a “wood modification” company that is developing a process to modify softwoods to act and behave like hardwoods. This is desirable since softwoods grow to maturity much faster than hardwoods do. Interestingly, the process uses waste from sugarcane and corncobs to treat the softwood. These modified woods are intended to be used in construction in both Europe and the US.

Here is a link to the article and the company’s website for those who are interested:

[Kebony raises \\$34M to make sustainable softwood behave like hardwood, using food waste – TechCrunch](#)

[Home - Kebony USA](#)

*Photos of This Year's Toys for Tots*



