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**Happy New Year!**

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### Calendar of Events

January 4	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	Our Place Recap
January 22	Board Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All members welcome
February 1	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	Battle of the Finishes
February 15	Wood Cutting	POA Yard	TBD	

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## Board Meeting Highlights

At the last Board Meeting in November, the decision was made to no longer publish meeting minutes. Only actions required and decisions made will be reported.

Due to concerns about chain saw safety, the board authorized \$250 for safety equipment purchase.

## General Meeting

After the officers reports, memers were presented with Club Tools, Part 2.

The following tools were presented by the keeper for the tool.

### Wood Dowel Threader – Norm Coe

Useful for making both internal and external threads for dowels. Portable

### Tenon Cutter – Bill Nance

Will make a 3/8 inch tenon on 3/4 inch stock as wide as you have. Not a portable tool.

### Elliptical Router Jig – Dick Hoffman

Will make ellipses of different sizes and eccentricities. Portable.

### Edge Belt Sander – Bill Nance

Four inch wide, 150 inch long. Great for sanding flat surfaces and the drum end can be used for curves. Not a finish sander (about 100 grit) and definitely not portable.

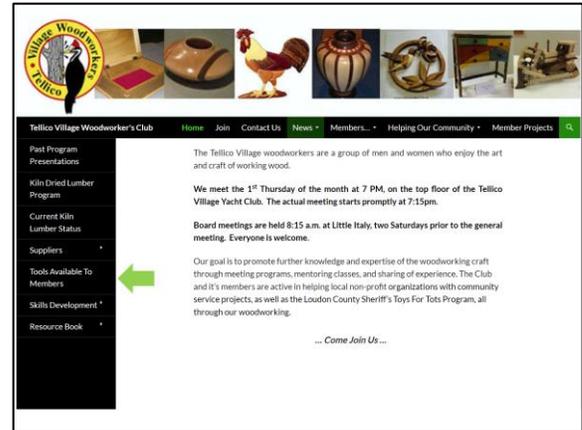
### Carving Tools – Thom Lewis

A variety of bit sizes that can be borrowed

## Planer – Bob Brown

Maximum width of 14 7/8 inches and 6 inch maximum height.

Remember, complete listing of all tools and their “owners” can be found on the club web site.



Note that the first part of this presentation was done at the September meeting - you can visit the web site to see it under Past Program Presentations.

### Note from Jack Ernst:

One of the best benefits of being a member of the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club is the availability of a wide range of woodworking tools for your use. As part of the year end tool inventory Club tools, a member usage survey was completed. While many of the Club's tools were checked out, or used by members in the keepers' shop, about 30% of the Club owned tools were not utilized in the last 12 months. The Club owns 28 tools ranging from industrial planer to pin nailers kept and maintained in various members shops. Heavy duty equipment like the planer, jointer and drum sander may be used in the

tool keepers' shop, while the smaller tools such as Bessey 50-inch parallel clamps, or the Club's Fuji Mini-Mite HVLP Spray System, can be borrowed

**Show and Tell**



*Beads of Courage Boxes by Wes McNeal  
Cherry and mahogany*



*Cherry vases by Dick Hoffman  
Painted using acrylic paint, sawdust and  
glue applied with a toothpick*



*Segmented bowls and candy dishes by Bill Beulow  
Walnut, oak and cherry*



*Treasure Chest by Randy Schwerdt  
Cherry with a secret door*



*Shadow Box by Dave Breen  
Walnut with box joints  
Contains piece of the Berlin Wall*

### **Did You Know?**

The origin or the use of Christmas trees goes way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans. They used evergreen trees like fir or pine trees, wreaths, and garlands. And the use of modern Christmas trees started in Germany in the 16th century. Instead of the glitzy decorations that we see on them today, they were decorated with fruits and nuts.

As woodworkers, we typically don't think much about the most common fir, Douglas fir. It has a wide range of construction uses due to its strength and stability. Although it is a softwood, it is one of the strongest woods by weight grown in the US. And it

retains its dimensional stability even in moist environments.

Douglas fir contains lower levels of resins compared to other softwoods so success can be had with paint and clear finishes. But staining is a problem due to color variation between the growth rings causing uneven stain uptake.



Douglas fir table



Douglas fir flooring

### **Tool Tip**

If your table saw blade is bogging down, it just may need a good cleaning. The top of a 5-gallon bucket is the perfect size to soak your blade in a commercial tool cleaner. Homemade options include soaking in hot baking soda solution or 50% laundry detergent in water. Don't use oven cleaner as your blade may be damaged.