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November 7 General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 PM How to Square a Board
Presented by Kevin Adams of Kevin Adams Cabinetry.

Show and Tell segment will highlight Fantasy of Trees items.

November 25 Business Meeting Little Italy 8:15 AM All Members welcome
December 5 Toys for Tots Community Church 7:00 PM All Members welcome

Business Meeting Highlights: 29 attendees. Current Membership: 281.

Service Projects: There were (3) ramp removals in October.

Treasurer: club balance to date is \$17500.

T4T: Bill Gulasey reported that there are a total of (16) individuals and teams making toys for Toys for Tots. On Tuesday, Dec. 5th will be a presentation at the Community Church.

Woodworkers club to contribute a total of \$1000 to the Loudon County TFT program.

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Arrowmont update: 8 instructors have been lined up so far. Ned Miller stated Arrowmont has a total of (14) lathes so additional instructors will be needed based on the number of people signing up for the class.

New Business: Extraordinary Contributor Recognition: A group has been formed and their efforts are still ongoing on coming up with ideas to recognize club contributors.

Karl Dutcher has volunteered to take over as the Club's new website coordinator.

SHOP TOURS

OCTOBER 3, 2023

About 60 members met at the **Cooper Center at 6 PM** (across from the Marathon). Three groups formed from those in attendance. Bill Buelow, Neil Wilson, and Glenn Nief were the leaders of the groups. We carpoled to go to each of the three shops. Each tour lasted about 20 minutes.

Workshops: Ron Comtois, Scott Duncan, John Johnson

Ron Comtois SHOP TOUR

I've been woodworking for over 40 years and my shop has evolved over that time. In the early years I was into making small furniture items and building decks and such. However, my interests moved towards woodturning so my shop evolved around woodturning and my equipment needs changed. I still do flat work but it takes a backseat to woodturning. My new shop in Tellico is the smallest shop I've had in a while so I have been forced to consolidate and be more efficient. However, I have a whole room dedicated to the lathe and woodturning. The large part of my shop has my table saw, drum sander, disc/belt sander and bandsaws. I do have 2 bandsaws which is a luxury but I hate changing blades so I am glad to have them. The main shop is really designed to support my woodturning but at least a few times a year I make furniture or repair furniture which I love to do. Another critical item I have is my drill press which I use quite a bit.

My most recent addition is a laser engraver which has come in very handy for embellishing and signing my work. Woodworking has been a journey for me which seems to be ever changing and that's why I love it. It is also why my shop keeps changing with my interests. The shop equipment and setup needs to be continually evolving to meet my needs.

Thanks for visiting my shop,



Ron Comtois SHOP TOUR



Scott Duncan SHOP TOUR

Scott Duncan embarked on a journey to create his dream workshop. After downsizing from a spacious 2000 square foot shop in Connecticut, he carefully considered the design of his new 1000 square foot haven in a custom-designed home. The sale of equipment from his previous shop funded new machinery for the venture.

Duncan ensured easy access to his shop, with connections from the house's lower level, garage stairs, and a driveway entrance through double doors, all without a single step. His focus was on maximizing natural light within the shop, placing the most frequently used equipment and workbenches near the light source.



Dust collection was a top priority, with primary dust-producing machines strategically located on the south side of the main carrying beam. Oneida Air Systems was entrusted with the design of the dust collection system, featuring the V System 3000 cyclone with a 3 HP motor and a 55-gallon drum. Nordfab piping and flex piping rounded out the system, with a total investment of \$7500+.

Electricity was managed through a separate 200-amp shop panel, with both 220-volt and 110-volt circuits. Lighting included two circuits in five distinct areas, featuring expandable LED fixtures.

Duncan's shop featured an array of equipment on wheels, ensuring adaptability as his projects evolved. His impressive collection included lathes, a bandsaw, a table saw, and various Grizzly machines known for their reliability and dedicated service team.

The shop layout incorporated workbenches, storage solutions like tool chests and cabinets, wire rack shelving, and luxury vinyl plank flooring. For added security and convenience, CCTV surveillance allowed him to monitor visitors, while a work sink provided convenience.

Duncan's parting advice for fellow woodworkers was to maintain a flexible shop, periodically reassess needs, and purge items no longer required. As a woodturner, he primarily crafted bowls, platters, pepper mills, Christmas trees, pens, lidded boxes, cutting boards, and even experimented with engraving using a Pyro pen. His products found homes through retail outlets, consignment, and generous gifting, spreading joy and creativity throughout his community.

Scott Duncan SHOP TOUR

With four lathes at his disposal, including a One Way 2436 and Powermatic, Duncan employed various tools, chucks, and finishing techniques, resulting in remarkable woodwork. His finishing methods ranged from Mahoney's Walnut Oil and wax to Minwax Gloss wipe-on polyurethane, achieving stunning results.



John Johnson SHOP TOUR

My woodworking is different than most in that it is driven by needs or fun more than fine woodworking. My interests are in woodworking, metal working and electronics so projects that use all three of these become more interesting. The assembly table was set up with small projects, what I call happy wife projects and pictures of some of the bigger projects.. The table seemed to generate a lot of interest. Most of the equipment in the shop is from "Grizzly" as we lived in the Seattle area for some years. People are wellcome to come by and use the club drum sander and see the shop.



John Johnson SHOP TOUR



Wood Cutting:

Wood Cutting: The next wood cutting is scheduled for Dec. 4th.
Requests for Additional help

FYI: Our current Member count is 281.
For the last Wood cutting only 12 people helped.
The last wood sale there were 80 members present.

Wood Operations: Many logs lined up for pickup over the next few weeks. It was noted that the club needs 3-4 people to be available to tow the Club trailer to move the logs. It was also noted that there was a very poor turnout for the last woodcutting. Various ideas were suggested to help improve the turnout for future woodcuttings. club needs 3-4 people to be available to tow the Club trailer to move the logs.

Historic TVWC documents/items volunteer request

The club is revising the role and activities of the club historian, and is looking for volunteers to assist in converting archived print materials to digital media. If you have access to a scanner and are available to help us digitize our historical records,
Contact Ben La Pointe, benclapointe@gmail.com

Meeting Programs:

Requests for future program ideas - *Neil Wilson*
At every meeting we try and have a guest speaker, or member participation event. If anyone has a program idea, or wants to provide a certain woodworking experience you have, **Contact Neil Wilson crawil@charter.net**

Log Hauling:

Volunteers needed for hauling logs - **Contact Bob Brown xpat@charter.net**

Mentoring Program:

The club will be offering a member mentoring program again in the coming year. At the last Business Meeting, it was decided to schedule the mentoring activities to be completed during the winter and spring of 2024. We will be seeking members to participate as mentors and mentees, and will put out a call for topics of interest in the coming months. We look forward to being able to offer this interesting and useful club program once again next year. The mentoring program / classes will be formalized in January 2024. Bill Nance

Toys for tots December 5

December 5th meeting there will be a presentation at the Community Church.

Calling All Workshop Santa's!

The Tellico Village Woodworkers will be making & donating Wood Toys and Wood items to the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and East Tennessee Children's Hospital Fantasy of Trees.

Who?

Are you interested in building toys and other wood gifts for these worthy causes?

Would you like to work with a Team or Solo?

Are you willing to be a Team Leader or Member of a Team?

What?

What would you like to make? Below are a few helpful guidelines.

Toys should *not* have Sharp Edges or Points

Toys should *not* have Glass that can be broken.

Toys should *not* have small parts that can be separated from the main body and lost or eaten (choking hazard).

Unsure of What to build? We have a few ideas!

Toys 4 Tots

- Bird Houses / Bird Feeders - Kits
- Jenga Game & Box
- Chinese Checkerboard
- Puzzles
- Rockers & Scooters
- Cars, Trucks, Trains, Planes, Helicopters
- Pull / Push Toys
- Jewelry Boxes
- Small Benches & Chairs
- Small Craft Tables that may be folded
- Stilts
- Ring Toss
- Go Karts
- Spinning Tops

Fantasy of Trees

- Cutting & Cheese Boards & Serving Trays
- Rockers & Scooters
- Jewelry Boxes
- Cheese Slicers



Some Pictures from last years T4T



This years' delivery dates are Wednesday November 22nd for Fantasy of Trees and December 5th, 2023 for Toys 4 Tots.

Please contact Bill Gulasey, Coordinator at wgulasey@gmail.com or cell

Hands-on training session in Turning at Arrowmont

The Program Committee is setting up a two day hands-on training session in turning at Arrowmont for next March. Learning how to turn was the top topic of interest identified at our Orientation sessions.

The Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is in central Gatlinburg, immediately north of Anakeesta. It's a residential school for adults with weeklong classes in a variety of media: fabrics, ceramics, painting, wood, etc. Its offerings are known throughout the world.

The part of their wood shop that is devoted to turning features 14 lathes.

Ten years ago, the TVWW Club rented this studio for two consecutive days. Dick Hoffmann and Tom Borloglou served as instructors and each student was led in the creation of two projects. I (Ned) made a pair of candlesticks and a bowl.

At the end of the first day, we all ate dinner at Calhoun's then spent the night at a nearby hotel.

We hope to re-create and enhance the experience in 2024. The lathe studio has been reserved for March 7 and 8. Already, Dick, Tom, Chris Campbell and Ron Comtois have agreed to serve as instructors. We hope to recruit a few more, maybe even enough to provide one-on-one instruction. Class size will be limited to the number of lathes.

I will explore the possibility of overnighing and having all of our meals right at Arrowmont. It has also been suggested that there be a preliminary session in the Village to go over the basics thereby allowing us to maximize our hands-on time at Arrowmont.

A signup to participate will be issued later this year. Students will be responsible for their own food and lodging plus sharing the cost of the studio's rent and the instructor's' lodgings. More will be issued later as plans solidify.

Ned Miller

Pictures from March 10th, 2015, when 25 TV Woodworkers converged on Arrowmont



Log Hauling - October 16

In my search for a way to haul a big 36" pin oak plus a couple hickory logs from a house in Farragut, I was referred to a very nice gentleman named Larry Davis in west Knoxville who used to run a local sawmill but is mostly retired now. He still has a big boom crane truck that he uses to haul logs on occasion, and he was very willing to help us pick it up and bring it to our kiln log pile.

Given our efforts to try and load/haul logs less than half this size, it was fun to watch him just pick and load them onto the truck. It did not take even five minutes to get the three logs loaded. Then about the same when we unloaded them in the POA yard.

Afterwards, he visited for a few minutes and Larry Gardner gave him a tour of the kiln and storage barn as well. Mr. Davis enjoyed the visit and offered to let us call him again when we have a need for hauling things like this that are beyond our capacity. It was a fun and productive morning. Bill Nance.



TVWC Log Team 10/16/2023