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January 27 Business Meeting Little Italy 8:15 AM All Members welcome
February 6 General Meeting Yacht Club 7:00 PM Presentation Laser Engravers
February 24 Business Meeting Little Italy 8:15 AM All Members welcome

Business Meeting Highlights: Current Membership: About 300.

Our Place: Jim Self gave a presentation on expansion and provided plans for the cabinets our club will be building.

Service Projects: (2) ramp installations and (1) ramp removal in January.

Treasurer: Balance is \$16,819. Jack suggested the club hold the annual elections in March this year to coincide with filing annual paperwork with Tennessee Nonprofit corp.

Membership: Plans are being made to help register new members.

Wood Operations: A committee is being formed to address and better organize the process.

Programs: The February program is Laser engravers by Dennis Smith and Ron Comtois.

March program will be the Spring Challenge using (1) 4 X 8 sheet of plywood.

Old Business: Arrowmont Registration is now closed. Total of (11) mentors and (18) mentees signed up for the class.

New Business: Rick Mannarino demonstrated the new digital frame for Yacht Club display case used to show pictures of items built by club members.

Mentoring: Bill Nance has gotten mentors to conduct sessions but is still soliciting help to fill several mentor positions.

Elections: Bill Nance reported there are still several open positions available.

Help needed

Audio Visual:

There is a need for volunteers to help Ben with set up and take down at the general meetings. Ben spends a lot of time on these meetings so some help would be great.

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 xxpat@charter.net**

Mentoring Program:

The club will be offering a member mentoring program again in the coming year. The mentoring program / classes were formalized in January 2024.

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January Program

CREATIVE DESIGN IN WOODWORKING

**Dennis Siemsen,
East Tennessee Guild member.**

Denny's primary interest in woodworking has been the creative design of furniture and decorative items in wood. The two pieces he had in the Master Woodworkers show often generated the question "how did you think of that". This presentation will address this through pictures of his observations and the resulting work. He will talk about the technique of using double bevel cutting as used in marquetry into veneer for furniture.

Think creatively!

This was presented at the Guild Woodworking Show and won "People's Choice". He calls it "Leftovers" because it is made mostly out of scraps. He attempted to design something with as few straight lines as possible.

This was also presented at the Guild Woodworking Show



January Program

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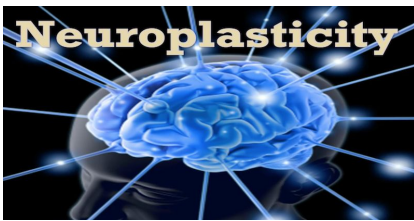
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Creative Design in Woodworking

Dennis enjoys the creative process of designing things and then the challenge of seeing if he can make what he designed.



How does one become more creative and is it possible. His answer is yes.

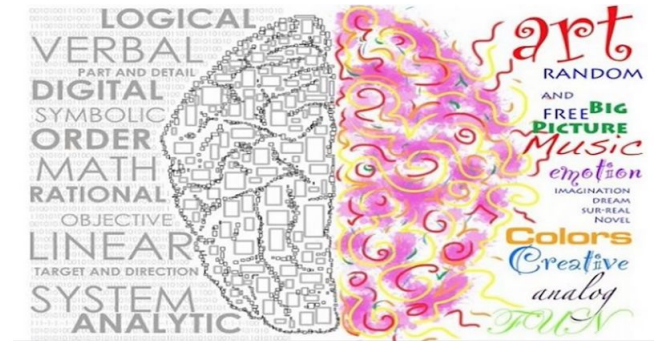


Neuroplasticity:

He's 81 years old and believes his brain is still developing. He urged everyone not to give up. Keep trying for new ideas.

It's best if you can round things out and use both sides of your brain.

He is an engineer, so he believes he has used the left side much more during life, but has made it a practice to develop the right side also.



He feels that to be a woodworker, you need to be a craftsman and to be creative.

Creative Design:

Tools needed – and alert mind, clear, searching eyes and a camera (or phone)

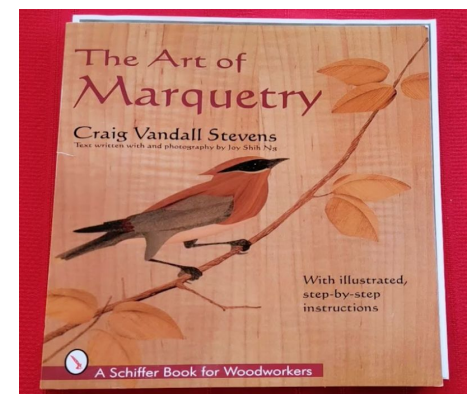
Dennis provided many examples of places to look for inspiration, along with pictures of objects that inspired him along with projects that were inspired by the design.

Idea Development:

You need to come up with a way to develop an idea into a project. He first sketches it and then does a half size or full size drawing to see if the design will work.

Marquetry

He recommends: "the Art of Marquetry" by Craig Vandall Stevens



Show and Tell

Microwave shelf with drawer - David Breen

Winner of First Board pick - next wood sale

My neighbors were tired of leaning down to read the dial and work their microwave. They ask me if I would build a shelf to raise it and if possible match the wood of their cabinets.

The cabinets are cherry which I happened to have some stock. I used pocket screws to attach two sides to the top.

The husband wished to surprise his wife for Christmas by adding a drawer. She formerly used the space to keep bills that needed to be paid. The divider in the drawer is for her to keep the bills separate from kitchen ware. Her husband provided the drawer handle that matches others in the kitchen.

Their drawers and the cabinet above the microwave have a 3 flute detail which I needed to match. The only router bit I was able to find was from a company called FINDBUYTOOL. I ordered a bit from them and was surprised that the company would have to make the bit and ship it from China. It came in 2 weeks - in time for me to get the job done for Christmas. Very high quality.

I found that among other items, FINDBUYTOOL sells helical cutters for jointers and planers at discount prices.

For the drawer, I used hackberry from my stock. I've had a dovetail set that I put away years ago after trying for a day to get it to work. JOHN JOHNSON came over and spent two hours teaching me how easy it is to make a dovetail drawer.

I found the ball bearing drawer slides in my stock. They still had a \$3 sticker on them from a former tool sale. Isn't the club great?

The finish is water based semi-gloss polyurethane from Crystalac.



Beads of courage box - Barry Brandt

Since the Beads of Courage is such a wonderful program, I've always wanted to participate so this box is my first attempt. It is made with a walnut top, bottom and splines while the sides are from spalted maple. The lines on top are poplar. My one big mistake was making the lid before getting the hinges and I then found the hinge screws were slightly longer the lid thickness. After cutting the tips off the screws, I ended up stripping the threads in the wood trying to tighten up the hinges. Dick Hoffman showed me how a sliver of wood can tighten up a small drill hole to hold the screw. Now the lid opens and closes with no issues.



101 box with the incredible intarsia - Mike Smith

I wanted to learn how to make a box so signed up for the 101 class. Bill Nance was my mentor. He did an amazing job of showing techniques for building a box. He was patient and committed a lot of his time for this and I am very appreciative.

After I finished the box and being an "Intarsia Guy", I decided to add artwork. I thought ducks would look good on the walnut top so I added Mallard ducks flying over cattails. Then I got carried away and added more ducks on the sides of the box: Green wing teal, Wood ducks and more Mallard ducks. The plans for the ducks and cattails came from the collection of patterns that I have amassed over time.

There are over seven types of wood used for the Intarsia art work and box. The finish for the box was Polyurethane.



3D Canister and Vase - Dennis Smith

I started with scrap pieces of wood at least 3/4" in one dimension. I probably had 15 different species of wood. I glued enough strips to get a 16" square. I cut 3/4" strips perpendicular to original strips. I then proceeded as if it were a segmented vessel.



Chess Set and pieces - Chuck Turner



Music Box - Chris Silvestri



Wood Cutting - January 29th

Great turn out and a nice kiln load of White Oak boards for our members



Total # of Boards	178
Total BF	1248

Species cut	Total BF	Wood Source	
		Club	Amy
Red Oak	384	384	0
White Oak	864	271	593
Total	1248	655	593

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Red Oak	50	0	50	
White Oak	48	80	128	
	98	80	178	

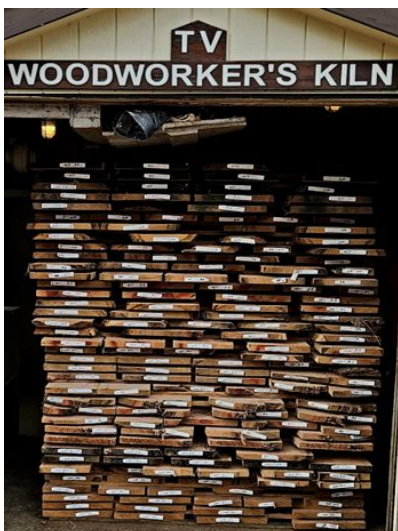


Nicely grained, live edge White Oak great for charcuterie boards



On Jan 29 the club cut White & Red Oak logs into 178 boards for a total of 1248 Board Feet of 4 qtr lumber. The kiln was started and should be ready for the next sale about the 1st or 2nd week of March. The next cutting is scheduled for March 12. Dan Greenlee will be taking care of the kiln after Feb 28. He will lead the kiln monitoring, unloading and loading of the kiln during March.

Barn Inventory Available



Wood Sale Jan 24

Attached is the Sales Report from the January 14th Tellico Village Woodworkers Club Wood Sale. Exceptionally large turnout: we covered our costs and provided our members excellent wood at a pass-through cost, which is our goal. Not sure if having the sale on a Sunday influenced the large turnout, or if having Walnut and Cherry was the cause. All things considered the sale went smoothly and was a success.

Jack Ernst

Tellico Village Woodworkers Club	
Wood Sale Report 01/14/2024	
Kiln Material Available for Sale	BF
Hackberry	372
Cherry	608
Walnut	116
Purchased Walnut Boards	191
Total Material	1,287
<i>Less Donor Wood</i>	
Total BF Available to Club Members:	1,287
Electric Meter	
Current	17,400
Previous	15,950
Usage - KWH	1,450
Expenses	
Procurement (<i>Wood acquisition</i>)	\$293.00
Sawyer	\$350.00
Electricity @ \$0.12/KWH	\$174.00
Fixed Costs (allocated Kiln amortization)	\$75.00
Total Expenses	\$892
Total Sales - Kiln Wood plus purchased	\$1,182
Yield - (Percent of available wood sold)	92%
Profit/Loss	\$290
Purchasers	67
<i>74 numbers distributed, 67 paid buyers</i>	
Avg Purchase	\$18
BF leftovers - Some members may have included wood from the Barn when entering their numbers on the log.	105

Ramp Build - Thursday January 25th

Ramp build was successful. Members doing the work were Vince Evans, Scott Rotunda, Hugh Aukerman, and Dave Breen.

