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July 1 General Meeting **Yacht Club 7:00 PM** **Heather Ashwood** **Master Woodworkers show.**
July 26 Business Meeting **Little Italy 8:15 AM** **All Members welcome**

Business Meeting Summary – June 21, 2025

- **Finances & Membership:** Balance \$25,061; last wood sale \$883; 276 members.
- **Tool Swap (June 24):** Members 9–10:30 AM; TV residents 11 AM–1 PM; Tugaloo Pavilion.
- **Projects:** 2 ramps built; picnic table for Immanuel House near completion; mini libraries planned; donations/kits requested for Boys & Girls Club fundraiser.
- **Wood Operations:** 1,400+ board feet oak cut; next cutting mid-September; new 24" chainsaw approved; logs from locals being collected.
- **Wood Sales:** Token and special sale policies under review; “Barn Sales” proposed for inventory and access.
- **Mentoring:** Ongoing tool demos (milling, joiner, planer); focus on safety and skill-building.
- **Website & Newsletter:** Google Drive cleanup ongoing; login streamlined.
- **Participation:** Small groups and mentoring forming; “Old Splinters” social lunches invite members.
- **Programs:** July meeting to feature Heather Ashwood and participation update
- **AV & Meetings:** Mic stand approved; better visuals and engagement discussed.

June 2025 Spring Challenge

Contrasting woods.

Judging Categories:

- **Best Craftsmanship**
- **Best Original Design (Creative, Imaginative)**
- **Most Distinctive (Eye Catching, Appealing)**
- **Best Use of Contrasting Wood Types**
- **Best of Show**

Best Craftsmanship

Ron Clayton - Table



The artistry of Ron's cherry wood table is truly exceptional. The exquisite craftsmanship is evident in the polished tabletop, showcasing a distinctive patterned Lace wood centerpiece that adds a fascinating depth to the design. A dark Walnut trim beautifully frames this central section, and the table's turned legs and sturdy stretcher base ensure its stability. Ron's talent shines through in this extraordinary piece.

Well done Ron!

June 2025 Spring Challenge

Best Original Design (Creative, Imaginative)

Marty Shottner - Erratica

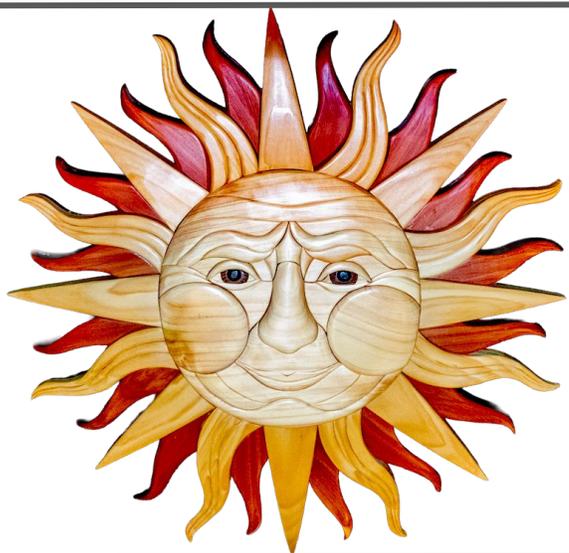
A wood sculpture, that Marty said, takes a form of its own. That's why it's called Erratica

The process to make it involves segmentation and lamination of various wood types.

An Art piece



Most Distinctive (Eye Catching, Appealing)



Randy Brabant - Wall art

The plans for this project were from Judy Gale Roberts. The project was made using Cypress, Cedar and Ebony and finished with Tongue Oil.

Best Use of Contrasting Wood Types

Dennis Smith - Canister set

I wanted to use most of my scrap pieces of wood to make a segmented style canister. I stacked up wood pieces of various thicknesses to a total of 5 inches and a width of about 4 inches. I used 10 vertical segments to make the canister. An 18 degree angle was cut on each side and a 1/8" strip of ebony and cherry was placed between each vertical segment. A large radiator clamp was used to hold the segments in place until the glue dried. A lathe was used to turn the final shape. There are 22 different species of wood in the final canister. It was finished with Crystalac semi-gloss.



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Best of Show

Al Streufert - Marble Mover

This project had been on my radar for years and retirement finally gave me the time and opportunity to do it. The plans came from Forest Street Designs. They have many unique and creative projects and I have used them for other builds.



I used almost entirely pieces of scrap and leftovers. Starting with the box, I began by building each “station” individually but always back checking from where it was getting fed and to where the ball was going from there. Nothing was permanently fixed so that it could be removed to tweak if necessary. It has become a grandchild favorite.



June 2025 Spring Challenge

Ron Comtois Segmented Clock:

I got the inspiration for my clock from an English Woodturner who sells them online. I actually made four of them. One for my wife and one for each of our children. I wanted it to have 12 segments to correspond to an actual clock face and an offset finial and pendant for a nautical look. The clock is made of maple and walnut. It is finished with wipe on polyurethane.



Don Naylor Koa and Maple Clock

I had some pieces of Hawaiian Koa wood for many years. It is a "hard" hardwood I obtained from a furniture maker in Hawaii which finishes really nice. I utilized this for the base of the clock. In order to get a good contrast from the Koa dark color I utilized a board of curly Maple. I segmented the maple into 12 pieces and then glued it into a ring. I then used a router to cut the segmented ring into a circle to serve as the dial for the clock. The individual clock positions are inset Koa wood. I used an off the shelf battery clock mechanism. Instead of the clock hands that came with the kit, I made clock hands out of scrap walnut to keep the contrasts of color. I finished the clock with poly only. This has passed the test of my wife allowing it to be hung inside our house! So I consider it a success.



Nancy Kessler - 3 Tier rotating plant stand

A well made contrasting wood decorative solution for displaying multiple plants.



June 2025 Spring Challenge

Beads of Courage American Flag box: Glenn Nief

Inspiration of this piece was from a tiny red, white, and blue dyed wood flag left over from Inlay banding. Instead of throwing it away, I glued a lot of pieces to it to make a box lid. From the lid it became a box made with black walnut, padauk, cherry, and white oak. The box includes two black walnut wooden hinges. The matching sides are made from two halves of a panel made with alternating pieces of Black Walnut Oak and Cherry. The interior is lined with red, white, and blue felt to match the lid. A Beads of Courage bead is inset, and the handle is created using a biscuit joint cut. The word "COURAGE" is woodburned by hand on three sides and around the edges, with letters measuring 3-1/2" tall. The finish is polyacrylic with General Finishes satin wax. The box is made from 135 pieces of solid wood scraps, using seven contrasting types of wood. This is Glenn Nief's first Beads of Courage box.



Kleenex Paper Towel Box Holders - Jack Ernst

My wife asked if I could make wood boxes to hold Kleenex boxes. Thinking she meant normal square Tissue boxes, I said "Sure"...Easy! But what she meant was Kleenex Paper Towel Boxes. This was a much bigger challenge. So, I measured, calculated the angles and drew a CAD plan. Then lots of trial and error getting the miters right and sizing the box so the Kleenex box fit just snugly enough to stay put, but loose enough so the boxes could be replaced. I ripped Cyprus from the Barn and Cherry from my cut-offs bin to 1/4" thickness. I used painters' tape to clamp the mitered and glued joints. For the Cypress boxes I used Black Walnut splines. To finish I used the Crystalac Extreme Protection Satin finish.



June 2025 Spring Challenge

Doug Ingrao - Table

Crafted with care and timeless craftsmanship, this handmade wooden table brings natural warmth and rustic charm to any space. Each piece is unique, showcasing the rich grain and character of the wood



John Johnson - Shawl Pin

The shawl pin was a happy wife project. She saw one somewhere and said you can make that. Made from walnut with a hole plug center and finished with poly. Happy wife might be a good theme for next year to get more people to enter something.



Tom Wiggins - Cheese cutting board

A very well made cheese slicer with contrasting woods



Bob Ware - Cutting board

A very distinctive piece, made with three contrasting woods.



June 24th Tool Sale / Swap Report

Not bad for 1st attempt.

Next Social / Tool Sale - Adjust Hours; Better Notification & Definition of Event.

Several items changed owners.

- Robert Welsh (former Member) donated several Tools that were offered for sale with Proceeds going to TFT & Boys & Girls Club. 3 items sold (3x\$20=\$60).
- Donation Bucket netted \$60. TFT \$60 B&G \$60



Looking to add a woodworking tool or woodworking supplies to your collection.

Protected: Sale on Woodworking Supplies – Don't Miss Out!
Looking for woodworking supplies or have extras collecting dust!

[Link to woodworking tools or supply sales](#)

Give them a second life with a fellow club member! Click the button above to explore unique finds and share your own treasures with our creative woodworking community.

Results of June 17 Red & White Oak 8/4 cutting

Thanks to everyone who showed up to support the cutting of 8/4 oak boards. Since some of the boards were cut into slabs they were quite heavy. At the end of the day we loaded 1430 BF into the kiln. There are 89 boards in the kiln. Thank you for your hard work today.

The sale is expected to be in September. This will mean that there will be no cutting in the hot summer months. Have a great summer. Larry Gardner & Wood Operation Team

Wood sale June 6, 2025



LINK to June Meeting on Google Drive

[Club Meeting 20250603](#)

Anyone with the link can access the contents as a viewer
Caution some users that non-gmail accounts may require a secondary authorization by me which I will do as soon as possible. Ben LaPointe benclapointe@gmail.com

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2025 Spring Challenge Photos of meeting and each entry

2025 Toys for Tots

Every year Toys for Tots presents us with an opportunity to help children in nearby communities experience the joy of Christmas. Richard Ganch is our 2025 T4T and Children's Hospital Festival of Trees coordinator. He is planning to officially kick off the campaigns in August and hopes to expand the T4T toy building by using it as an opportunity for some of our more experienced members to mentor those of us with less experience. He is currently seeking some members who are willing to open up their shops for small teams to work together to build toys.

CHRISTMAS MIRACLES

- Our Kids were so excited to be able to sing at the Toys 4 Tots event. Thank you so much for such an amazing experience!



Boys and Girls club



Richard introduced Jordan Campbell, the manager of the Madisonville Boys and Girls Club. The facility is part of the Monroe County Boys and Girls Clubs. Jordan expressed thanks for all that we had done to support them last year. She said we had provided the children with some “Christmas miracles”! First of all, she said that the group of kids that attended our event in December were excited for the opportunity to travel out of their community to come and sing for us. They were also thrilled with the toys that they received.

Thanks to the donations given by club members and those in Tellico Village that dropped off toys in our donation boxes, all 150 kids at the Madisonville facility were able to go home with a gift at Christmas last year. Additionally, our \$500 donation was used in part to help the family of a single working mother that was in desperate need and had only asked if they could get some towels. The Boys and Girls Club was able to give them clothes, shoes, hygiene supplies, etc. for Christmas.



Boys and Girls club

MIRACLES CONTINUED...

Thanks to the donation of gifts we were able to bless ALL of our members. All 150 kids went home with a gift this year! Thanks to your club this is the first year that we were able to do that!

we used the \$500 donation to bless all of our kids but specifically a family in desperate need of clothes, shoes, Backpacks, hygienic supplies, etc. They likely wouldn't have had a Christmas otherwise. Also because of the Donations that Michelle Johnson and the Knitting Group made, our kids that needed warm hats received one for the winter.



HOUSE WHEELS

under the leadership of John Johnson and the help of Richard Ganch and many of you we were able to get amazing house wheels and now have one that's being used at all 17 sites! Since the implementation of the house system we have seen incredible improvement in our kids behavior, grades, and social skills. Thank you for your hard work!



FLOWERS!

Thank you to all that worked on the flower cut outs for our kids! Our members loved getting to paint them and were so excited to give them to their Mothers, Grandmothers, or Guardians for Mothers day!



AUCTION ITEMS

its coming up on auction time again and you all were so gracious with your beautiful items that you gave last year. If you would like to give again this year we need items by **July 15th**

Boys and Girls club

At the June Woodworkers meeting, Jordan Campbell, the manager of the Boys and Girls club, shared the positive impact that the TV Woodworkers have on her club. She is most appreciative and is very grateful for our relationship and the impact it has on the many young boys and girls she works with each day. As with many non-profits, each days brings the challenge of securing funds to continue to operate. One way they address this need is through their annual auction event. The attached flyer provides info on this very important evening. If this is something you find interesting, please attend as you will get the opportunity to see how this organization changes lives! I will be there with John Johnson and our wives. They are also looking for items to put into their auction. If you have a woodworking item or any item that you feel could bring value to this auction, please consider donating it. They ask for all items be provided by July 15. If you have something to donate, you can bring it to our meeting on July 1. Or call/text me at 219 688 2588 and I will arrange with you to make a pickup. Thank you so much for making a difference. Richard Ganch



Discounts and Perks –

One major benefit to Club members is that the club produces low cost lumber for sale to its members. The lumber is priced at a fraction of the price charged by lumber yards. This is a result of using trees donated to the club and hiring a sawyer to cut the logs into boards. The resulting lumber is loaded into the club's kiln, operated by club members.

Links to Club website

[The Club's Kiln Dried Lumber Program](#)

[Lumber yards and wood suppliers](#)

[SPECIALTY SUPPLIERS](#)



Volunteering has many benefits, including:

Skill Development – Learn new woodworking techniques, refine your craft, and gain hands-on experience from seasoned woodworkers.

[Link to Technique & Skill assistance](#)

Community Engagement – Meet like-minded people, make new friends, and build a sense of camaraderie within your local woodworking community.

[Link to Helping our Community](#)

Mentorship Opportunities – Share your knowledge with beginners and learn from more experienced members, creating a supportive learning environment.

[Link to Mentoring program](#)

Access to Tools and Equipment – Our club has specialized tools that members can use, saving you money and space.

[Link to Tools available to members](#)

Project Collaboration – Work on community projects, charity builds, or group commissions that enhance your skills and contribute to good causes.

[LINK TO Contract Service Requests](#)

Personal Fulfillment – Giving back to the community and helping others learn a valuable skill can be incredibly rewarding.

[Link to Beads of Courage donations](#)

Discounts and Perks – Our club has discounts with local suppliers. One major benefit to Club members is that the club produces low cost lumber for sale to its members. The lumber is priced at a fraction of the price charged by lumber yards.

[Link to Current Kiln & Barn wood lumber status](#) [Link to Wood operations](#)

Volunteers needed

Wood Cutting & Sales: Token and special sale policies under review; “Barn Sales” proposed for inventory and access.. **Contact Mark Laven lavenmark@gmail.com**

[Link to Log Cutting and registration](#)

Historic TVWC documents/items 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**

Meeting Programs: Ned Miller is looking to add another member to the Program committee, especially someone who has contacts in the community.

Contact Ned Miller tenned@gmail.com

Picnic: John Miranda will assist Vince Evans. Toqua Pavilion is reserved for September. Tell-E-Gram Article: Writer needed to reintroduce TVWC, highlight volunteer work, promote the website, and encourage log donations.

New Villagers Rep: More volunteers needed for future meetings.

Tee markers for the Tanasi Golf Course



The club was asked at the end of 2024 to design and make tee markers for the Tanasi Golf Course. Working with the golf course personnel we developed a design that was in the shape of a Cherokee feather (Tanasi's symbol) that would also be able to be marked with the various colors that denote specific golf tee locations throughout the course. The need was for about 10 – 12 markers per golf hole and a group of spares to last for the next few years. The total request ended up being for 250 individual markers.



Don Naylor led the effort to produce the markers. We used both white oak and red oak from our inventory in the barn. Oak was chosen due to its toughness to withstand the prolonged use of the markers, including the inevitable whack from a frustrated golfer (yes it does happen!). Once the wood was gathered and prepped to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, the feathers were cut out using a template and band saw. A recessed circle was routed into each side of the feather. This served as the area that would be painted different colors to mark tee locations. The Tanasi maintenance staff took receipt of the markers at that point. Due to the slower winter golf season they had time to complete the markers by painting the circles, installing two spikes to hold them upright, and put a final fishing coat to protect the wood from the weather.

All markers were turned over to the golf course back in January, however the golf staff held off on installing the markers until May to coincide with the updates to the course ratings and tee locations. If you get out onto the Tanasi course or are just driving by, you can see all the handiwork by the club.

Many thanks to Randy Neuhaus, Phil Roels, Nancy Kessler, and Don Naylor for their work on this project. These markers are greatly appreciated by the TV golf staff and represents the Woodworkers Club commitment to the community.



Marshall Pierce

Marshall Pierce, a life member of the Woodworkers Club. We have the kiln thanks to his generosity.

Marshall Eugene Pierce, age 82, passed away June 14th 2025 at home in Loudon Tennessee. He was born in Chicago Illinois. He was preceded in death by parents Marshall Morgan Pierce and Dorothy Schamania, wife of 32 years Concetta Pierce, and son Thomas Pierce. Marshall is survived by his wife of 9 years B.J. Pierce, son Michael Pierce, and stepsons Jeffrey Klatt (Vicki) and Allen Finley (Toni).



In 1962, Marshall enlisted in the Army. He served for 8 years as a track vehicle mechanic, reconnaissance Squad leader, and platoon sergeant in Vietnam and Germany. During a NATO training exercise in 1969, a 20 mm blank round was discharged at close range. Marshall was blinded and lost partial hearing from the explosion. Marshall received multiple commendations before being discharged in 1975.

After recovering from the accident, Marshall received an Associate's degree, Bachelor's degree, and two Masters degrees, with the final degree in Blind Rehabilitation teaching. His education afforded him jobs teaching the visually impaired at the Blinded Veterans Association, Tennessee Rehabilitation Center, and the Hines VA Blind Rehabilitation Center in Chicago.

Due to the evolution of technology and computers. He assumed the responsibility of evaluating the best adaptive computer equipment to enable visually impaired individuals to access computers. He made equipment recommendations, trained visually impaired clients on the equipment, and was a troubleshooter for the installation and provided other consultations as needed with both client and employer. Marshall enabled many blind and visually impaired individuals to obtain employment using computers, or maintain their present jobs by keeping up with technology. He made countless employers aware of how the visually impaired can be just as productive as the sighted with the proper technology. Taking the opportunity to give back some of the help he received when he became blind. Marshall touched the lives of many other Blind and visually impaired individuals.

In 2003, after retiring from the Hines VA blind center, he moved to Tellico Village. He was an avid woodworker and joined the Tellico Woodworkers Club in 2007. For many years, he worked with the Toys for Tots campaign. He created the collection plates for the community church and First Baptist Church in Tellico Village.

Marshall hated the word "amazing", or "hero" pertaining to himself, but he truly was....

Marshall Pierce Presentation February 2015

February Meeting

Charlie Anderson

Members and guests at our February meeting were rewarded with an extremely interesting presentation on how a blind person goes about working on a woodworking project. Club member Marshall Pierce began the evening by explaining how he became blinded in his mid-twenties during his time in the military. Also, he shared how he is able to mentally cope with the everyday functions of living which we all take for granted.

Marshall demonstrated how he is able to measure within 1/16 of an inch using a "click ruler". Little dimples in the ruler indicate measurements. He makes his mark on the workpiece using an awl and then scribes his

cutting line for feel. He can then set his saw blade, whether a table saw or any other type saw, a fixed distance from the scribed line. He then proceeded to cut a measured piece using a cordless circular skill saw. Some in the audience appeared a little nervous watching Marshall work, but he assured everyone that he was well aware on how he was handling the task at hand.

Marshall emphasizes safety precautions at all times. He prepares for all his work by first considering all safety aspects that he needs to follow before starting the job. He still has all 10 fingers.



Marshall demonstrates how he accurately and safely uses his circular saw.

Marshall is an inspiration to all of us, not only in how he performs all tasks but also in his attitude towards attempting to live a full and rewarding lifestyle.

