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Coming soon

July 7 General Meeting Yacht Club 6:30 PM Refinishing Antiques - Randy Morse
July 25 Business Meeting Chota Rec Ctr 8:00 AM All Members welcome

Summary - June 2026 Business Meeting

Meeting Location & date - Future Meetings are 4th Saturday each month at Chota Rec Ctr

Mentoring – Steve Bolton anticipates roll out August-September.

New Member Orientation Scheduled for July 22, 6pm at Chota Recreation Center.

Treasurer Club Balance approx. \$28,000.

Annual Picnic September 16, John Miranda reported Small Town BBQ is catering

[Ben LaPointe will not be at the picnic and a volunteer to take photographs is needed](#)

Community Service Evaluating Our Place Memory Ctr request for cabinetry

Wood Operations Drying 1622BF estimated to be finished in Mid September.

Programs

July – Randy Morse – his history and practices for refinishing antiques

August – Franklin Mackel – his career as a forester and the making of baseball bats

September – Randy Morse – presentation of one of his refinishing projects

October – Smoky Mountain Vintage Lumber – an outlet for handmade wood items

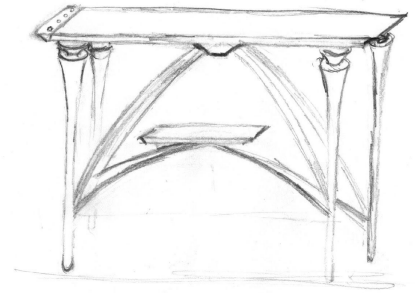
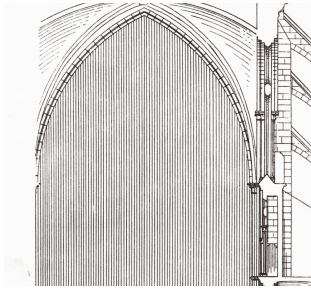
November – Jim Varschaeve – relief carving in plywood

December – Toys 4 Tots presentation to community

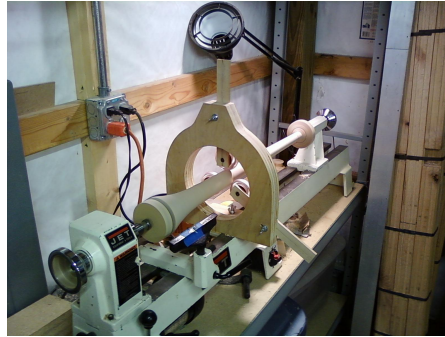
April Presentation

Gothic Hall Table - Bruce Brown

Bruce designed and made this beautiful Gothic design hall table. You can clearly see how his design incorporated the elements that inspired him to create this project.

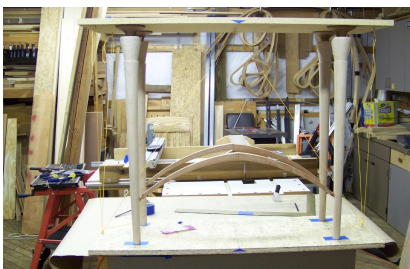
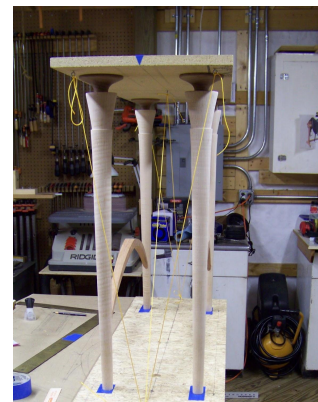


Each of the legs were turned on his lathe using a shop made steady rest. He came up with the idea to cut a tenon between the top of the leg and the cutoff pieces. He was then able to drill out the cutoff and reattach it over the tenon so that he could put the leg back onto the lathe for sanding.



He then turned the Cherry table base and cut the arched table stretchers adding tenons that would be inserted into the table legs.

Attaching the table stretchers so that they could be glued in the correct position while keeping the table square required a jig and carefully placed strings that was a work of art in itself!



He rough cut the curve for the shelf using a bandsaw and shaped it with a drum sander. The end result is the beautiful table shown here.



April Show and Tell

**Randy Morse -
Urn with inlay**



**Tony Grenis - Bandsaw Owl,
Boxes and Charcuterie board**



**John Johnson's -
Cutouts for Boys and
Girls Club**



**Tom Westcott -
Box joint cutting
board**



Ned Miller - Wall sculpture



**Glenn Nief - 250th
anniversary
boxes**



May Presentation - Tool Maintenance

- Nancy Kessler, Larry Gardner and Bill Nance,



Nancy Kessler - Rust prevention

For non-climate-controlled shops:

Rust Prevention Techniques

- **Wax Dipping:** Coat chisel blades in a heated wax bath for a winter-long moisture barrier.
- **Sealed Storage:** Protect tools by storing them in a repurposed, thrifted ice chest.
- **VCI Bags:** Use Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor (VCI) bags (popular for firearms and recommended by Rob Cosman) to protect precision tools like planes.
- **Lubricants:** Apply Boeshield T-9 for protection. Avoid silicone-based products (like some WD-40 formulas), which can interfere with future wood finishes.

Additional Advice

- **Source Wisely:** Be skeptical of "As Seen on TV" miracle products. Visit automotive stores for a wider selection of professional-grade rust preventatives and lubricants.
- **Digital Privacy:** Clear your browser cookies after niche searches to avoid being stalked by irrelevant, persistent online ads.

Larry Gardner - Chainsaw Failure & Repair

- **The Issue:** Heavy smoking during operation revealed melted, fused internal components (oil pump, lines, bearings, and crankcase frame).
- **The Repair:** Larry Gardner and Dan Greenley spent 20 hours on a full engine teardown. An additional \$16 part (fuel plunger) was required to finalize the repair.
- **Cost Efficiency:** The club spent **\$186** to repair the unit, significantly less than the **\$540** cost of a new replacement.

Takeaways & Prevention

- **Root Cause:** Suspected "domino effect" due to improper assembly after previous maintenance; emphasize correct reassembly.
- **Equipment:** To ensure reliability, the club acquired a **Stihl 026** and a **Stihl MS 251**.
- **Advice:** Consistent, diligent maintenance is essential to prevent catastrophic failure.

[Tool Maintenance Website link](#)

May Presentation - Tool Maintenance



Bill Nance - Preventive Maintenance

- **Routine:** Conduct shop-wide inspections annually (a great winter project) using a consistent checklist.
- **Lubrication:** Use white lithium grease for internal gears (like table saw trunnions) because it dries non-sticky and won't collect sawdust.
- **Surface Care:** Keep machined surfaces (cast iron tops, lathe ways) rust-free and smooth by applying silicone-free paste wax.
- **Rust Prevention:** For storage, use rust-prevention bags (VCI) or protective sprays like Bostik/Boeshield T9 for metal tools.

Troubleshooting & Repairs

- **Start with Electrics:** If a tool fails, check the power source, cords, and switches before assuming the motor is dead.
- **Thermal Resets:** If a motor cuts out during a cut, it may have tripped a thermal reset; wait for it to cool down before trying to restart.
- **Switches:** Dust-clogged switches are often non-repairable commodities. Replace them with new units or durable, sealed manual motor starters.
- **Belts:** Vibration is frequently caused by a "set" (deformation) in a belt that has sat idle. If a machine loses power during a cut, check for a stretched belt before troubleshooting the motor.
- **Seized Parts:** For stuck mechanical components, avoid brute force, which can shatter castings. Use penetrating oil, heat, and gentle, methodical tapping over several days.
- **VFD Protection:** Protect expensive Variable Frequency Drives by installing an external disconnect switch to cut power when they are not in active use.

[Tool Maintenance Website link](#)

May & June Show and Tell



**Christa Greenlee -
Bowls and vases**



**Bill Nance - Moveable
Kitchen Island**



**Dennis Smith - Chess
board and pieces**

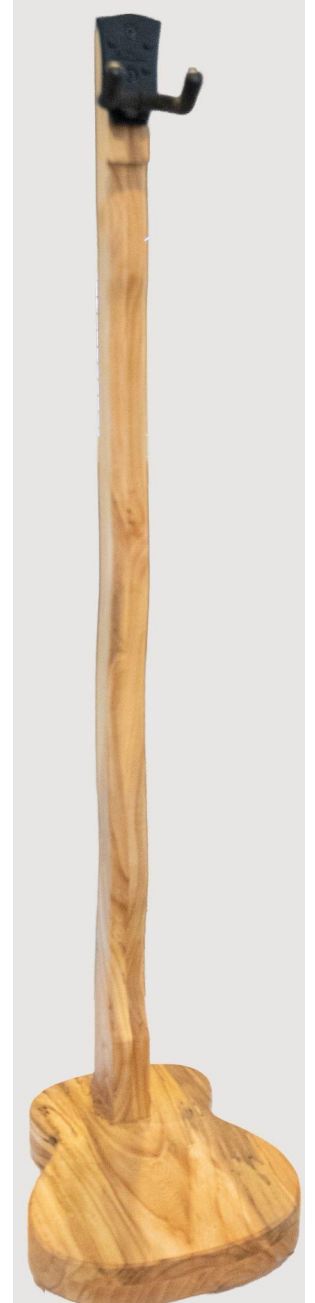


Mike Smith - Carved Nativity

**Randy Brabant -
Model ship**



**Jim Kuroski - TFT - Beetle,
Batmobile, Pickup truck and
Soccer mom mobile**



**Jerry Striph -
Acoustic Guitar
Stand**

June Spring Challenge - 22nd annual

Beads of Courage boxes



Best of Show - Dick Hoffmann - Minion



Distinctive - Stu McFadden - Rootbeer float and Coke glass



Most Unique - Barry Brandt



Best Craftsmanship - Bob Brown



Nancy Kessler - "Don't Ask" Box



Jerry Striph - Superhero-themed box



Thanks to all the volunteers



Glenn Nief - Box

[Spring Challenge: Making Sounds or Beads of Courage -Meeting](#)

June Spring Challenge - 22nd annual Noise Makers



**Best of Show - Dennis
Smith - and-carved
merry-go-round.**



**Most Unique - Marie
McClendon - lightning,
rain, and thunder boxes**



**Best Craftsmanship -
John Johnson -
woodpecker tapping
against a tree stump**



**Distinctive - Steve Bolton
- Train Whistles**

[Spring Challenge: Making Sounds or Beads of Courage -Meeting](#)

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: Members interested in gaining more experience with cutting, sales, log selection, etc. **Contact Larry Gardner** fasttrain114@gmail.com

[Link to Log Cutting and registration](#)

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

Yacht Club Display Case:

If you would like to display an item please

Contact Richard Ganch rich0153@comcast.net

Community Service Projects

Loudon United Methodist Church has requested the club to make "Food Pantries". Volunteer is needed to lead the effort with more volunteers to assist

Our Place has asked for the club to build a kitchen work counter from red oak to match the existing cabinets. Someone is needed to lead the effort and volunteers are needed to assist **Contact Randy Neuhaus** rneuhaus22@gmail.com

Wood Stored in Barn:

Rough cut dried Boards in the barn are for sale to the club members. The plywood and dimensional lumber (2X4, 2X6 etc...) in the back bay are NOT for sale. This wood is used for building ramps.



[Current Kiln and Barn wood Lumber Status](#)

Prices are marked on the wood. Select the wood you would like to purchase. Record the species, number of boards and the board feet or price for each species on the paper hanging on the center post in the barn. Pay the club treasurer, their name and address is posted above the clipboard.

We try to keep an updated barn inventory as shown below however boards can be sold at anytime. The club counts on you, the members, to record the boards removed so an accurate inventory can be maintained.

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](#)

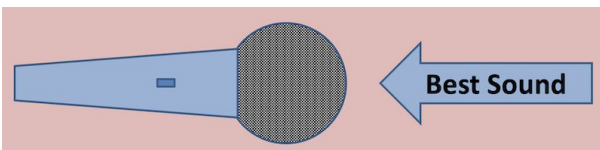
Give them a second life with a fellow club member! Click the button above to explore unique finds and share your own treasures with our creative woodworking community.

[LINK to June Meeting on Google Drive](#)

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

Microphone training - Ron Cirincione

Ron instructed the club on the best way to hold and use the microphone.



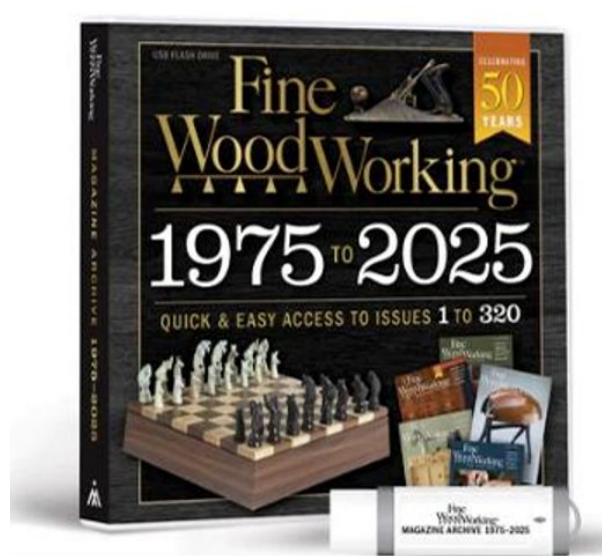
[How to Drink a Microphone presentation link](#)



1975 - 2025

50 years of Fine Woodworking Archive

The library now has a digital archive of the last 50 years of Fine Woodworking magazine. It's on a USB memory stick, which can be checked out and used on your home computer. Below is a description of what it is and does.



This easy-to-search resource includes 50 years of content from Fine Woodworking magazine, starting with the first issue in 1975 and including all 2025 issues. 320 issues in total.

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