



Stained Glass

Ed Eich, Manager

**Kathy Villani
Assistant Manager**

Stained Glass Group Update

Happy New Year to all VWC members! Winter 2019 classes have begun and you are invited to give glass work a try on Friday mornings at the shop. Glass and all necessary tools and supplies are available for our students.

Rick Hart recently completed a framed glass panel:



In addition to the nice glass and solder work, Rick added some “bling” to his panel by adding a design in crystals to the wine bottle. He also made the wood frame for the piece. Looks great, Rick!



Special Projects, Website and CNC

Hans Zassenhaus, Manager

Special Projects

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We are always in need of VWC Members to assist in working on Special Projects. Any member can select a Special Project from the **Green Binder** at the front Desk. Simply choose a project, ensure that you have entered your name on the sheet in the "Assigned To" space and then proceed to fulfill the requirements. When you have finished the project, put a piece of purple tape on the project, store it in the Special Projects Area of the Shop AND notify the Front Desk that you have finished the project. Many projects will require less than one-hour to complete.

The following are statistics for Calendar Year 2018

Special Projects Accepted:	570
Special Projects completed:	644
Total contributions to the VWC:	\$27,363
Total Hours Worked	1885

Pre-Made Items managed by Bernie Harkins

Items Sold	2425
Total Contributions:	\$ 24,967

Thanks to all VWC members who contributed their time and talents in working on these Special Projects and Pre-Made items.

Website:

We have initiated a new series of pages on the website to provide our members with the most recent progress in designing and establishing the second shop, reference <http://thevwc.org/Our-Shop/Second-Shop> . As always, if you have an idea of how to improve the website please send your suggestions to woodshop@thevwc.org.



Administration – Front Office

Anne Bell, Manager

MEMBERSHIP 2019

All members must have their 2019 dues paid by January 31, 2019.

At that time, any members who have not paid will no longer be members of the woodshop.

PAYMENTS AT THE FRONT DESK

Please **DO NOT** put money on the desk and walk away. Even if you have talked to the person behind the desk and think they will remember you and what you are paying for

WAIT until your transaction is processed and you have received your receipt.

If you are not given a receipt, ask for one. THEN CHECK YOUR RECEIPT!

HELP HELP HELP

We are still looking for members who are interested in working at the front desk.

Call Anne Bell at 352-350-2416 if you are interested.



Member Merchandise

Bob Bell, Manager

Nothing new for this past December but will be receiving a Member Merchandise shipment within the next 3 weeks.



Library

Mary Ann Main

No report.



Education

Deb Larouere

The Winter/Spring 2019 Course Descriptions and the Calendar are available both at the shop and on-line. Students must **sign up at the shop** or have any friend go to the shop to sign up for you. We do not take phone or internet registrations since payment is required at sign up to assure students' interest and there is no provision for credit cards at this time. Mail registrations are not practical with our limited staff.

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You could make arrangements for any friend or another willing woodworker to sign up at the shop in person for you. This person will need to pay any fees at the time of sign up, so make provision for that. Also make sure that you meet the criteria for any prerequisites as your friend might not know that. If there are any alternates you would like if your first choice is full, let your friend know that as well.

There is a 2 class limit until January 24 OR on the ENROLL BY DATE if there are open slots

Sign ups for REPEAT classes you have already taken begin Jan 24 OR on the ENROLL BY DATE if there are open slots.

To find a master list of all Course Descriptions and openings still available in this term's classes, go to the website site at theVWC.org

There is an ongoing effort to make this section of the VWC website more user friendly. It's a work in progress. You can Login with your email and Village ID # if you wish, but as of now can still check courses without it. The two web pages below are likely all you need as of right now.

If you are *undecided which class* would suit you and want to see Course Descriptions for all of the classes this term:

- Hover your mouse over the green "Education" tab at the right side of the menu bar on the main page. Click on "[*Class Catalog*](#)."
- On the left side of that page there is a "Click Here". When you click it, a master list of all classes this term, including detailed descriptions, prerequisites, etc. will appear. You DO NOT have to print the report to see it.
- Use the scroll bars at the bottom and at the right sides of the table to scroll down and over to what you're interested in. Keep scrolling down to see the whole list.

If you *already know* which class you want to sign up for but want to check dates and openings:

- Hover your mouse over the green "Education" tab at the right side of the menu bar on the main page. Click on "[*Available Classes*](#)".
- On the left side of that page there is a "Click Here". When you click it, a master list of all classes that still have openings will appear. You DO NOT have to print it to see it.
- Use the scroll bars at the bottom and at the right sides of the table to scroll down and over to what you're interested in. Keep scrolling down to see the whole list.



Lumber

Stephen Yovan, Manager

Year-end inventory shows we have over \$11, 000 worth of lumber in stock.



Toys

Conway Williams, Manager

The Toy Department Team has achieved another record year in 2018

I want to give my sincere thanks to all the Elves and to Jo Harlos and all the painters who make up the TOY TEAM, for an awesome job in the service of our clients in the Tri-County area during 2018.

On the production side we continue to achieve new heights!

- On November 6th we produced our 8000th toy for 2018, the first time we have ever achieved that level!
- On December 18th we produced our 9000th toy for 2018, another milestone.
- In December we produced 415 toys which brings our total produced in 2018 to 9,047 toys. That's 1,779 toys more than last year's record of 7,268 toys.

On the shipment side of the ledger we have also significantly increased our volume.

- We made 2 shipments in December which totaled 1,517 toys and an additional donation value of \$10,735.
- This means that we shipped 8,326 toys in 2018 with a donation value of \$64,795.00!

Another note of interest is that since 2001 and the existence of the VWC building, our members have now produced 75,057 toys thru the end of 2018!

Please come out and support the Toy Department at Toys on the Square Wednesday January 9th 5-830 pm at Lake Sumter Landing.



Board of Directors, Safety and Turners

John Herega, Chairman of the Board and Manager of Safety and Turners

BOD:

This evening we will elect three BOD members to a three year term to replace those whose term has expired

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TURNERS GROUP

The turner's group monthly meeting will be held in the wood shop Tuesday January 15, 2019 promptly at 7:00PM in the shop. Please bring a show and tell item.

The demonstrator this month will be Ron Browning.

We are looking for members that would like to demonstrate their skills or techniques to the turners group, for the edification of the members. Anyone interested please contact John Herega. We bring in various demonstrators from local clubs and surrounding areas, we are looking for demonstrators that are new to the group, we would love for our very talented members to share their talents with us. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome

Following the meeting there will be a social period and demonstrator critique. Snacks will be provided, bring your choice of beverage.

APPAREL

There is a limited supply of woodshop caps available, carvers and general membership, see John Herega or front desk personnel.

VWC apparel, shirts and hats are available at Custom Apparel 3451 Wedgewood Lane, Buffalo Ridge Plaza, rt.466. Aprons, smocks, respirators, dusk masks, safety glasses and side shields are available in the shop. Inquire at the front desk or contact John Herega.

SAFETY

The next Safety Committee will be Monday January 21, at 9:30 am in the library. Any member wishing to join the safety committee is welcome to attend the meeting(s).

WHATS NEW

#2 MORSE TAPER STRONG BORE MODULAR BORING SYSTEM:



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The strong bar system is a series of 3" sections, or extensions, when needed for pepper mills or starter bores for deep hollowing for hollow form vessels.

It is constructed of thick $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter steel and mounts directly into the tail stock which means there is no need for a Jacobs chuck. It can be used with any $\frac{3}{8}$ " shank Forstner bit or any other type of drilling tool with a standard $\frac{3}{8}$ " shank. It is modular and can be extended (5", 8" & 11") simply by adding extensions to the standard assembly



1. Thread extension section into taper adaptor and secure in place by tightening together using a $\frac{5}{8}$ " wrench and tightening the set screws. **NOTE;** When disassembling make sure to loosen set screws before un-threading sections.



1. Thread Forstner Bit holder extension and secure in place by tightening together using a $\frac{5}{8}$ " wrench and tightening the set screws. **NOTE;** When disassembling make sure to loosen set screws before un-threading sections.
2. Insert desired bit into the

3. Forstner bit holder and secure in place by tightening both set screws in Forstner bit holder.



4. Insert assembly into tailstock of lathe and firmly seat assembly into tail stock. **WARNING:** Failure to seat assembly into taper firmly may cause the assembly to rotate when boring.



Above: System with all extensions and Forstner bit installed in tail stock.

When disassembling be careful not to lose any of the set screws, return to the tool crib.

ROUTER SAFETY TIPS:

- Few will argue that the router is one of the handiest, most versatile power tools in the shop.
- However, because of its high operating speeds and horsepower (most routers run at between 18,000 and 25,000 rpms. and offer between 1hp and 3hp of brute power), failure to follow proper safety procedures can make the router one of the most dangerous tools in the shop. By following these safety rules for router safety, you should have no problem:

GETTING STARTED

- Your brain is the most influential tool in your workshop. (“TAKE TWO”) Think your cuts and movements before you power up your router and begin your cut(s).
- Dress properly, wear short-sleeve shirts or long sleeve shirts with rolled- up cuffs. Wear a shop apron or tight clothing. Make sure that your hair, jewelry, etc., will not become entangled with any moving parts of the router.
- Always unplug the router before installing, changing or removing router bits.
- Do not use mounted abrasives, carving burrs, drills, or other non-routing tools and cutters in routers just because they have shanks that are the same size as the router’s collet.

- Use a router table and fence when feasible.



- Proper alignment of the fence and pilot.
- Avoid shaping small stock. Instead, shape a larger piece and reduce its size afterwards. If you must shape a small piece, build an appropriate jig or secure the work within the jaws of a wooden hand-screw clamp. If you're using a router table and your workpiece is too small to grip safely during an operation, use double stick tape or a dollop of hot melt glue to mount it to a larger piece of scrap stock, giving you added control.

MORE ROUTER SAFETY TIPS NEXT MONTH



Carvers

Pete Bankowski

I am proceeding to see Kevin V. To order some plaques of northern basswood for people who would like to do relief carving.



Certification & Monitor Training

Dick Besler

No report.



Vice President

Jim Spallone

As most of you know by now the “Colonial Days” event scheduled for Jan. 18th has been canceled by the Villages Recreation Dept. No reason was formally given for this decision, but it is our thought that past events did not produce the desired participation.

Prior to the cancellation, preparations were under way to make various items for sale and auction as well as establishing a team to man the booth, provide transportation and loading and unloading. We were well under way towards completion of our goals when we received the notice.

So, a big **THANK YOU** to all those that volunteered to help; Conway Williams and his elves for providing all those toys, Steve Yovan and his merry turners for providing the auction items, John Herega for laying out the logistics for the demos and all the others (I’m sure I forgot someone) who willing volunteered to assist.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Maintenance/Shop Administration

Dave Adamovich

Glen Croteau

The SuperMax drum sander is out of order. The controller for the conveyor is inoperable. Have been unsuccessful in contacting SuperMax/Laguna. A new 18” wide belt sander has been ordered from Grizzly and is backordered till March 26.



Woodworking Technology

Jerry Leinsing

Lowell Sundermann

The Laser appears to be up to full operational capacity due to the efforts for Jerry Leinsing and Dave Adamovich. Bob LaHarway is returning to The Villages in January and will teach classes on CorelDraw and how to operate the laser January through April. One class per month, six students per class.

CNC classes will also resume in January. Class E503 will officially begin in January, and alternating classes of E501 and E502 will continue starting in February. Members completing E503 will be scheduled for one-on-one operator certification with Jerry or Lowell.

For those interested in having projects milled that have been designed, look to a list of certified operators posted by the CNC machine for you to contact. If you are interested in having someone design a project for milling, ask around for those that have completed E501 and E502 that might help you out. A listing of designers willing to offer their assistance will follow.

We hope to continue with and expand the value of the Woodworking Technology User Group. All graduates of any of the Woodworking Technology classes are invited to attend. Rik Pierse leads the group. Contact him if you are not getting email invites.

Happy New Year, and may you enjoy the fun of computerized woodworking in 2019.

Corel Draw Update

Good news, not so good news concerning Corel Draw software.

Good news: Enough members have purchased the Corel Draw Educational version that we are soon to sell out the 50 copies we obtained from Corel Draw.

Not so good news: We don't see at this time that we can justify buying another 50 copies. The club runs a fairly high risk of being left holding the bag – while software changes by the moment.

Good news: Corel Draw will sell to our members, since we purchased a 50 copy license, and since we are a 501(c)(3), individual licenses for \$60.00 plus tax plus any administrative fees, if any, imposed by the club.

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More Good news: If any member no longer cares to keep its copy of Corel Draw, it is legal to transfer the license to another member. A price would need to be worked out between the member and the seller, and the club must remove the seller's license from the Corel administrative system.

Warning: Do NOT confuse the Educational version being offered by Corel Draw with the Home and Student version available at Amazon, Staples, and elsewhere on the internet. They are not the same. Only the Educational version is a fully operational version of the \$499 retail version.

Stay tuned for further developments, but for now these are our options. How we will administer these options needs to be refined and to follow.



President

Mike Borfitz

2018 was a busy exciting time with the introduction of new technologies and commitment to a second shop. Please see compilation in the State of VWC report on the website.