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The ringmaster area has taken on a new look to accommodate three new mini lathes and a lathe tool-sharpening consolidation. The new surfaces for mounting the lathes and grinders were made by past president Ray Peterson. Steve Klingaman and his maintenance



A view of the club's new mini lathes.



Steve Klingaman stands beside the new Powermatic lathe, which he and his maintenance crew assembled in bay 24.

crew mounted the equipment.

Two of the three mini lathes and a new donated one stand on a table built by Peterson as an extension of the ringmaster table.

Still to be added to that is a vacuum intake, which can connect to the system

already in place for the shapers on the other side of the divider. It's on that side that Peterson built a new table and tool wall for the grinders. Two new buffers were installed below the grinders. They are strictly for lathe tool sharpening.

Don't try polishing your bowls there.

The three new lathes represent a club



investment of nearly \$6,000. Other recent purchases for the club were \$500 for a new belt sander and \$500 for new magnifying lamps for the scroll saws.

Properly cared for and used, this new equipment can give the club years of service.



A view of the new grinding area for sharpening lathe tools.

Klingaman and his crew, who roll out around 5:30 Friday mornings to fix things in the shop, do their share. Often more.

It's up to club members to ensure that all equipment and tools are properly used, not abused. So watch, as they say, it.

Another party time

Our first summer social drew around 80 people and was labeled (what else?) a success. So we're going to do it again. On Tuesday, June 23. The shop will provide the hamburgers, you and your guests bring a salad, beans or dessert as your contribution. A signup sheet will be posted soon in order to gauge how many hamburgers will be needed.

Quality control

If you haven't noticed it on the bulletin board or in your e-mails, Jim Schriber, our quality control manager, has posted the summer schedule for checking things you want to offer for sale in the Village Store. Inspections will be made from 9 to 11 a.m. on June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18. The regular schedule will resume in September.

Mugs and cards

Club treasurer Dave Whitehouse announced a new photo-taking policy. Bob Baker, our photographer, will take your photo only on the first Monday of every month (orientation day except July and August) between 1 and 5 p.m. New members' photos will be taken then. Badges will be made for everyone who is photographed that day. Notices will be sent out if orientation class days change. If you think you need a photo taken for a new badge, run your card through the reader at the shop's front door. If you see that you already have a photo in the system, just sign up on the list on the bulletin board for a new badge. Otherwise have your photo taken. There are still 34

new badges ready for pickup. Please pick yours up soonest. Anyone with a blue badge should be able to get yours for you.

The Web Master Warble

This tip and plea from our web master, Ernie Mills.

For those woodworkers interested in finding some PLANS for their next project please log onto the web site www.scwoodshop.com and click on Projects. You can now click on PHOTO to see what the project looks like and/or click on the PROJECT to download the plans. To make this a successful link please send me a photo and PLANS to add to this list for other woodworkers to select.

Wood and watercolors

Who in the club hasn't seen Tom Jones's intarsia tiger on a watercolor jungle scene painted by Kathy Neal? If you didn't see it in person in the club while Tom was working on it or after it was finished, you probably read about it. It was reported in the Recreation Center News as well as in the local papers. We tried for television but probably the tiger wasn't burning bright enough for their interest.

Anyway, if you haven't heard the back-story, Tom, a retired police officer who had never done any woodworking until he joined our club, got the idea to combine intarsia with a painting. Obviously canvas wasn't going to be sturdy enough. How about MDF board? Well, how about an artist? Tom strolled over to our neighbor club, Sun West Art, and the first person he encountered was Ms. Neal, who has taught and painted for 30 years. Tom told her of his idea. Ms. Neal reacted like a true artist: Let's try it. She wasn't sure how watercolors would work on MDF. Well, they did. Tom provided Ms. Neal with the board and a copy of the tiger plans. They fitted the tiger space onto the board and Ms. Neal painted her scene around that. In the meantime, Tom was busy (it took him nearly six months) cutting and fitting the pieces of his tiger into the finished product that was glued onto the picture.

If you haven't seen the picture, here it is....

If you want to on over the library and check it out. You might even find something g-r-r-reat to read. Like a poem about tigers burning bright or palling



Tom Jones and Kathy Neal show off their art collaboration in the wood shop. Ms. Neal made the painting with watercolors and Jones made the tiger with intarsia and mounted the finished product on the painting. The picture is on display in the SCW Library.

around with a kid named Mowgli. see it live, it's hanging in the SunCity West Library. It will be there for an indefinite period. But not forever. So if you want to see it without having to ring Tom's doorbell, go

No accident(s)

Vice President Jim Rowe reports that as of June 3, the club had gone 100 accident-free days. Sometime we should explore what that means? No one lost a finger or an eye? Or no one got a minor, but bleeding cut, from a sawing, sanding or grinding? No one threw his or her back out emptying a garbage can into the trash container outback or lifting equipment or lumber? How many band-aids do we go through each month? Just wondering. You?