

## Chairman's Report May 2021

As you know typically the month of May is the last month before our summer break. However, as we did last year, we will continue meeting into the summer months. The good news is that the summer meetings will not be virtual. **The Board has arranged to have an in-person meeting in June (June 12) and July (July 17) at Evergreen Community Park in Ross Township.** The address for Evergreen Community Park is 3430 Evergreen Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. More on this at the end of the report.

### PROGRAMMING

At this month's meeting we will be watching one of the AAW Skill Building series: Fundamentals of Sharpening. It features Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer, John Jordan and Bill Johnston. Four different profession woodturners explain the different ways they sharpen their tools using various techniques. Let's see how sharp you can get your tools after watching this video.

The June (9:00 to 11:30) meeting will be "Show and Tell" where members showcase the projects they have been working on during the pandemic. This will be a gigantic Instant Gallery meeting. Please bring the past pieces that you uploaded online so that we can take a closer look at them too. This will be a time to talk, laugh, and meet the members behind the computer screen.

The July (9:00 to 11:30) meeting will be "Show a Trick and Get a Treat". What tips and tricks have you discovered and used during the shutdown? What new jigs did you make to improve your shop or work? Members will have an opportunity to share a trick or two with the membership for a very special mystery treat. For each participant, there will be a mystery treat but you must pre-register with Bob Gorlick in order to obtain your "treat"

### SUMMER MEETINGS

Set-up will begin at 8:00 am at the park in the large pavilion. Set-up activities include: making coffee, unloading audio equipment, setting up signage, arranging tables, etc. Clean-up must be completed by noon because there is another group renting the pavilion for the afternoon.

We will be doing a raffle and mystery box if I get a volunteer to assist me with this project.

The DVD and Book libraries will be there as well.

Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 9:30 am for your enjoyment.

We are asking all attendees to wear a mask, gather in small groups (5-6) and socially distance as much as possible. There will be several bottles of hand sanitizer available around the pavilion for your use. Those interested in bringing their own lawn chairs are invited to do so.

Thank you to the 36 members who participated in completing the virtual survey last month and providing your comments. They were greatly appreciated and helped guide our decision.

## **WOOD/TOOLS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AT EVERGREEN**

**Please do not dump wood in the park or the parking lot.** Instead leave the wood/tools in your vehicle. We will instruct the members to visit each vehicle and choose what they want by placing their selections in their own car. **REMINDER: THIS IS A PUBLIC PARK. THERE WILL BE NON-MEMBERS VISITING THE PARK.**

## **WOODCRAFT**

As you know the Governor is lifting restrictions at the end of May, so the Board is hoping to hear from Woodcraft's corporate bosses on getting back into the classroom.

## **VETERANS GROUPS**

In the past, Bill Hayes collected completed turned pieces to be donated to veterans' groups. We would like to continue this tradition and have tried to contact the original group but have not heard back from them. If you know of this group or another veteran's group, please contact Rob Martin with the information. ([rob.martin2009@gmail.com](mailto:rob.martin2009@gmail.com))

I look forward in seeing all of you soon,

Becky Maruca