

Flintlocks Receive Trailblazer Award



Robert Dale "Bob" Pysher

Bob is married to Carol for 60 years, with 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Bob worked for 38 years with the Reading and Conrail railroads in marketing and sales management positions for his entire career. He retired in 1994 and joined the Flintlocks in 2008. Bob has served in leadership roles since joining the Flintlocks. He served as Vice President till 2014, then was President in 2015 and 2016. Since then, he has continued as a trustee and chair to the present. Bob was President while we were constructing the present Flintlocks building and renovating the Corwin Cabin. He has raised funds from the rotary and Service League to help the Flintlocks. Bob loves teaching the kids with hands-on demonstrations and volunteers at Nobel Cause; Cub Scout Extravaganza, Cub Wood Tools program, and as an instructor at the University of Scouting. Bob has come almost every Thursday for the past 14 years, logging in 4,200 volunteer hours, but has also marshalled his management skills to increase the overall contributions of the Flintlocks to the council.



John "Ted" Marquardt

Ted was a Boy Scout in Westfield, then served as an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 33 in Fanwood while his son was in Scouts. He has had two grandsons who were also in the scouts and two granddaughters. He is married to Carol for 58 years. Ted worked for Dun & Bradstreet for 37 years. He held various management positions, moving up through the ranks, and he served as a national officer for his professional association. He immediately joined the Flintlocks upon retirement in 2001. Ted uses his management skills to recruit more volunteers, raise funds and bring projects to completion. He was the secretary of the Flintlocks for 12 years, from 2004 through 2016. Since then, he has continued as a trustee and is currently chair of the Board of Trustees. Ted participates in many council level activities. Since 2001, Ted has personally volunteered every Thursday for 21 years, for more than 6,300 hours, but has also leveraged his management skills to expand the overall contributions of the Flintlocks.



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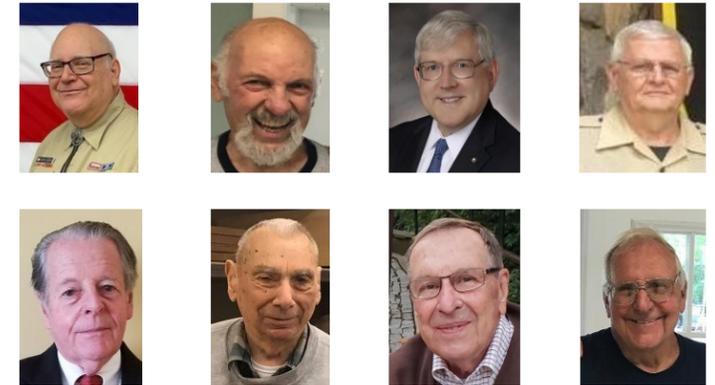
President's Message

2020 was quite a year of starts, stops, starts and stops again. As spring returns, so will the Flintlocks return to camp to pick up where we left off last year. In addition to the pending projects of cabins and campsites, there was a lot of storm damage from fall storms that need repair. With summer camp anticipated again this year, the camp needs some sprucing up to make campers welcome for the outdoor experience that they missed out on last year. Everyone is anxious to get the programs restarted; just wait to see what we can do. We are all looking forward to a successful 2021.

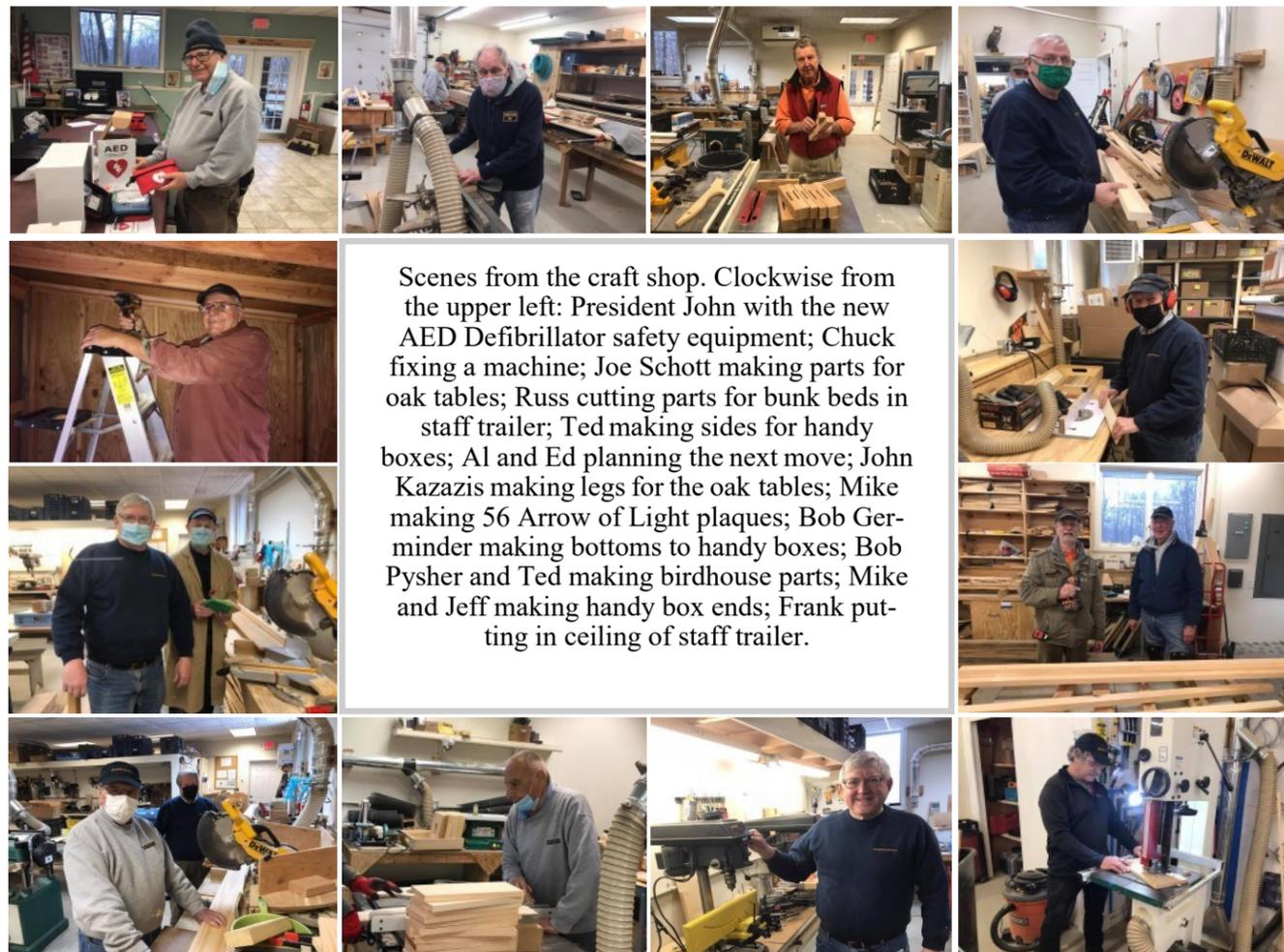
John Koneski
President, Flintlocks BSA

The Flintlocks are returning to volunteer at the camps, but with the proper precautions:
vaccines suggested
masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer and temperature checks required. Guests are always welcome- first building in Camp Winnebago, on Thursday mornings, 8 am to 2 pm.

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Photos of Flintlocks Officers and Trustees for the coming year: top row left to right: President John Koneski; Vice President George Van Dyke; Secretary Michael Hart; Treasurer Russ Jenkins; Second row L to R: Chair of Trustees Ted Marquardt; Trustee Bob Germinder; Trustee Bob Pysher; Trustee Frank Wallace.



Scenes from the craft shop. Clockwise from the upper left: President John with the new AED Defibrillator safety equipment; Chuck fixing a machine; Joe Schott making parts for oak tables; Russ cutting parts for bunk beds in staff trailer; Ted making sides for handy boxes; Al and Ed planning the next move; John Kazazis making legs for the oak tables; Mike making 56 Arrow of Light plaques; Bob Germinder making bottoms to handy boxes; Bob Pysher and Ted making birdhouse parts; Mike and Jeff making handy box ends; Frank putting in ceiling of staff trailer.

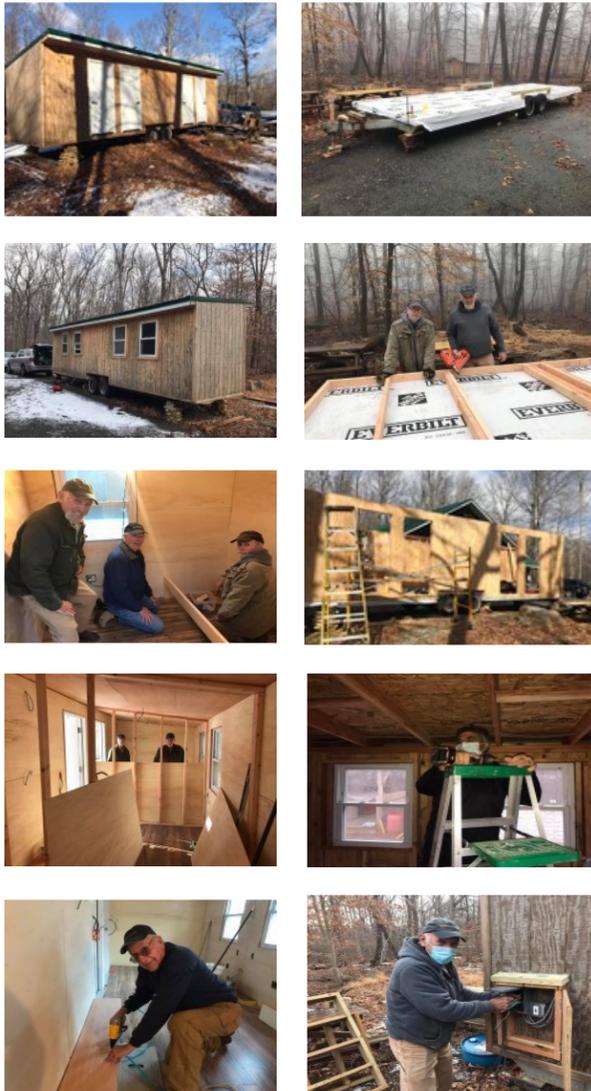


Staff Trailer

This project is paid for and constructed entirely by the Flintlocks, and will be donated to the council. The trailer sleeps 8 staff members. Includes 4 rooms, electricity, a metal roof, and can be moved to wherever it is needed.

Construction scenes below. Clockwise from upper right: base trailer; Al Thomas and George starting frame; framework is up; John Kazazis insulating; George wiring; Frank drilling; George and Al putting in walls; George, Ed, and Al installing the bunk beds; window side outside; door side outside.

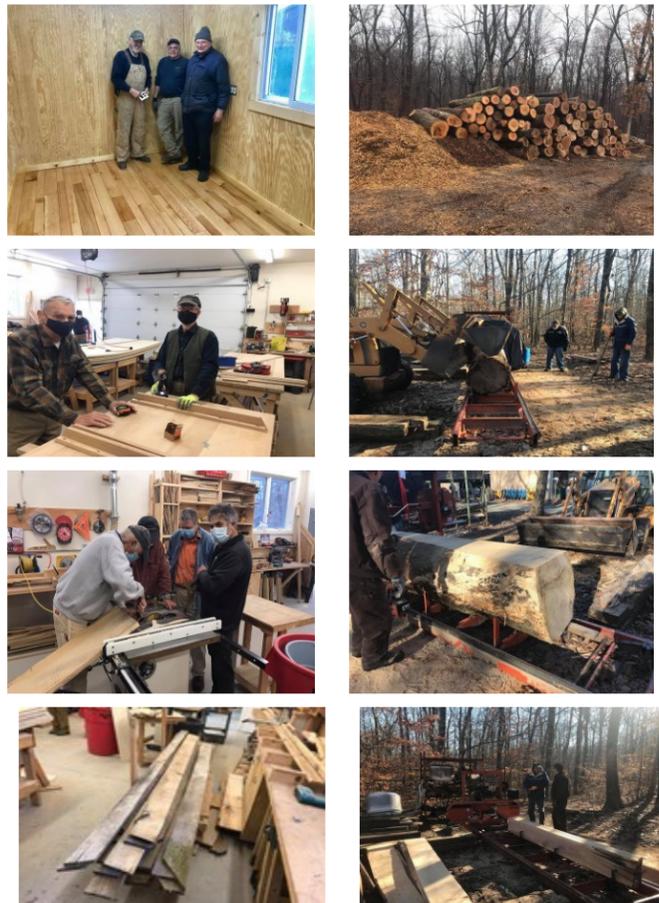
Staff Trailer Construction



Department of "Making Lemons into Lemonade"



After Hurricane Sandy destroyed a number of trees at the scout camps, the Flintlocks sprung into action. Using Ron Jaremca's sawmill, we sliced up an oak tree to make lumber. Pictured below clockwise from the upper right: a pile of damaged trees cut down; Rich and Ron putting a log on the sawmill; log being cut; oak planks being sized; a cart of planks in the shop; Frank, Joe and John cutting planks; Bob G and Al Thomas making oak tables for the Winter Lodge; George and Frank proud of the Oak floor installed at Wink Dousa. Lumber was free; Labor was free, no Sales Tax, no Profit, resulting in four solid oak tables and an oak floor which will all last 50 plus years.



Dr. D Michael Hart

Michael Hart grew up in Mountainside, has been married to Eileen for 45 years with two children and three grandchildren. He studied at F & M college then Columbia University Dental School, and worked as a dentist for 37 years. He has earned many dental awards and accolades. As a lad, Mike went through Scouts from Cubs to Boy Scouts to Explorers, and is an Eagle Scout. He joined Scouts again as a leader when his son started in 2001 (also, an Eagle). When another father died suddenly, Mike mentored the boy to earn the last 3 badges and do his Eagle project, fulfilling the father's dying wish. Mike joined the Flintlocks upon retiring in 2017. He restarted the Facebook page and writes the quarterly newsletter. Mike was elected secretary in Feb 2020. He likes working in the craft shop and somehow became the "sign guy" making 128 engraved signs for the camps, which needed to be replaced for accreditation. He has been able to obtain a number of grants to purchase pinewood derby cars for special needs children. One notable achievement was to obtain one grant for \$18,000 from the Westfield Foundation, so the Flintlocks could build the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. He was awarded the council Trailblazer Award in 2020. Mike has attended the camp almost every Thursday, contributing approximately 1200 volunteer hours in the last 4 years. For community service, Mike has been active in the Rotary since 1982. He was president of two different clubs, district governor for central New Jersey and is currently the district foundation chair. He created the Rotary district foundation, ran many fundraisers and completed many projects to help the community. As foundation chair, Mike was able to arrange for the Rotary to obtain grants to purchase 10 ventilators and a high-tech hospital bed for area hospitals. He also volunteered to administer the covid vaccine through the Union County site. Mike likes being with the guys and doing good in the world.



Alan Thomas

Alan grew up locally in NJ. He has been married to his wife, Eileen for 41 years. They have two adult sons. Al worked in information technology- for 45 years at Selective Risks Insurance Company, and retired as a Production Control Supervisor 6 years ago. Al was in the Boy Scouts as a lad, and joined again when his sons joined in 1996, and has been active ever since. Al helped start the new Troop 86 in Newton and has been a leader with the Troop ever since. He loves going on the camping trips once a month with the troop, and has attended most of the summer camps. Al is also on the district activity committee, attends the roundtables and helps plan the camporees. Al Thomas joined Flintlocks when he retired in 2015. He brings a wide variety of skills to the Flintlocks. He has the ability to do electricity, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC, auto mechanics, and masonry among other things. (Not to mention his computer skills). Every week Al shows up at camp with his truck, filled to the brim with all sorts of interesting and exotic tools. Al has been on the teams to construct the following: Flintlocks building; Quonset hut at Allamuchy; STEM lab at Allamuchy; floor in Wink Dousa; paneling inside the A building; Wheeler Office at Allamuchy; metal roof on the container behind the rangers house; metal roof on the NYLA trailer; extended roof over the porch at the Gerrity Cabin; new archery range at Winnebago; restored the Dan Beard treehouse. The list goes on. Al has been involved in every construction project at the camps for the past 6 years. An important part of the Silver Beaver award is to show service to youth and the community outside of scouting. Al volunteered as a coach for his two sons' sports teams. He helped raise funds for a variety of local charities, and is active in his church. He has been active at his local units for 26 years and is also active with helping the Flintlocks improve the camps two days per week. Al says he has a good time working with the guys, and it is for a good cause.