

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



August 2016



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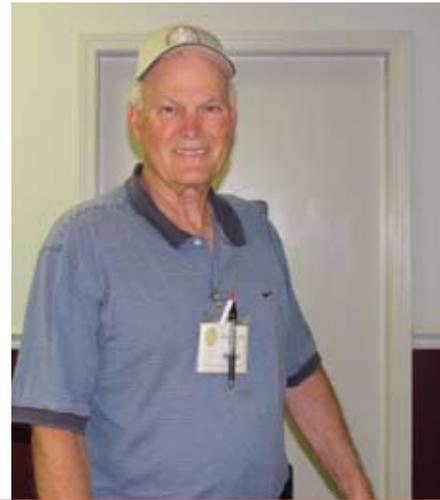
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David Aman
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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

It's hard to believe, but this fiscal year is about to come to a close. We have achieved some of the goals I had set for the year, especially to "protect and enhance the Guild's programs and assets", but we are short on others. Another goal, to improve both internal and external communications has only been partially met. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee, we will soon launch a membership survey that hopefully will help us improve on several levels. My goals for the coming year will be pretty much the same, with renewed emphasis on member communications. I believe that our overall success depends upon our ability to listen, learn, and put into action the thoughts and processes of other members.

What a great program we had in July, with a panel of five of our "Pioneers of the Guild". During their closing comments the question of "Where do you see the Guild in the next 35 years" was discussed. Three issues came to the forefront that need our continued attention: 1) traditional wood working; 2) youth programming; 3) social media. Bob Harvey raised the issue of a need to teach and practice hand tool skills in order to preserve the art and time honored tradition of classical woodworking. Machines and power tools are great in the shop, and all of us want even more power tools, but hand-cut dovetails, mortise & tenons, and other hand joinery must be taught and passed

on to future generations. Thanks to Richard Mackintosh, Wells Doty, Darryl Roberson and many others, we have a very good youth program. But if you look around the Guild, you'll see a majority of retired members that are getting older each year. Kids in our program today will be in their fifties in 35 more years, and those members of my generation will be gone on to a different workshop. Therefore the need is now to attract more youth and young people into this avocation. Which brings us to the third issue: how do we communicate in the future with the general public about our Guild? Michael McDunn talked about what we could do with social media to attract the attention of the younger generation right now. Our current membership base is still learning how to text, and probably aren't ready for Twitter, Snapchat and whatever the future holds for the next generation of social media. But it is clear that we need to accept change, and prepare ourselves as best we can for the future; otherwise we will be unable to capture the attention of newer, younger, prospective members. I hope that we all listened and learned from these five "Pioneers" that there is still an abundance of passion and pride for our Guild, and 35 more years will be celebrated in 2051.

GWG Officer Election

Each year the Guild holds an official business meeting for the purpose of electing officers and conducting other official business. The 2016 GWG Annual Meeting, announced at last month's meeting, will be held on August 1st during our regular membership meeting. The purpose is to elect officers for the 2016/17 fiscal year. Wayne Comstock, Van Matthews, Darryl Roberson and John Roberts are not seeking re-election for another term; all other Board members have agreed to remain.

The nominating committee made a report at our last meeting of the following nominees to fill the four vacant positions. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Allison Yanover,
VP-Communications

Russell Stall,
VP Fund Raising

John Broach,
Board Member at Large

Dick Best,
Board Member at Large



35 Years Later !!!!

At our last monthly meeting Art Welling, a Charter Member, was telling the story of how the newly formed Greenville Woodworkers Guild came about choosing their very first charitable project. After visiting several different organizations to see how they might contribute, all five GWG members visited the Meyer center for Special Children. According to Art, a young girl came scooting through the room on what looked to be a mechanic's dolly, and she immediately stole their hearts. For the past thirty five years the Meyer Center has remained the Guild's primary

charitable project, thanks to that little girl. That young lady, Paige Elliott, has gone on to earn a Master's degree and has returned as an employee of the center. According to Darryl Roberson she is still an inspiration to everyone that meets her. Thanks Paige, for helping us to see that charitable works is the glue that holds our Guild together.

How to Avoid the Long Hot Summer

Two of our members, Tony Archino and Allison Yanover, have been conspicuously absent from the Guild and our 90° plus temperatures for the past several weeks. They have been at the “Islesford Boatworks” on Little Cranberry Island, Maine, teaching youth boat building classes. They have about 30 children in the program that are learning the traditional craft of wooden boatbuilding. Allison called last week during a 93° day here and reported a “heat wave in northeast Maine of “almost 75 degrees!” She is also participating in a 10K “Row-a-thon” around Little Cranberry Island to raise funds for the school. Both Tony and Allison support our Guild in many ways through our youth program, charitable projects and leadership roles. We hope to welcome them back soon.



Calendar of Events

August 1
August Membership Meeting

August 1, 2016 through
July 15, 2017
McKissick Museum Exhibit of
Furniture Makers

August 24-27
International Woodworking Fair
Atlanta GA

Late August
Visit from Portland Oregon
Woodworkers Guild

September 12
September Membership Meeting
*(Please note the change from
1st Monday!)*

October 3
October Membership Meeting

October 29
Next Tool Sale/Auction
(proposed)

November 7
November Membership Meeting

Mid November
Shop & Grounds Clean-Up/
Fix-up Day

December 5
December Meeting &
Christmas Dinner

The Jigs Up!

Our program chairman Glenn Torbert wants to add some interest and ideas to our “Show & Tell” feature during future meetings. He believes that many of us have favorite jigs or fixtures that we use on a frequent basis to make a certain process go more quickly or smoothly. These may include hand made “one-of-a-kinds” or store bought jigs. They can be for routers, band saws, table saws, drill presses, circular saws, etc. Glenn proposes that we feature jigs or fixtures for a different machine or tool each month at “Show & Tell”. We will begin at the August meeting with jigs/ fixtures for the table saw. Please bring your jigs to show, and plan to share a few words on why you like it, how it is used, etc. You are welcome to take a picture or measure them and build your own.



Jig for
45 degree
picture frames

Jig for cutting
segmented bowls



New Message Board

We have a new “scoreboard” thanks to David Dewease, Mac Bowman and others. A high definition TV screen has been installed between the shop and assembly area that will scroll pictures, information, schedules, and other important messages for our members. An existing screen and computer was used, so there was very little cost to the Guild. If you have a brief message or item to share, send it to David Dewease for up-dates. Stop and view all the latest information; it only takes a minute or so to view it all.

Another charitable project completed.

Triple Tree Aerodrome Workstations

David Dewease,
the project leader,
with four of the finished
workstations.



Ed Kroposki (LEFT)
Dick Best (RIGHT)
Working on the
8 Triple Tree
Aerodrome
Workstations



News from the Fine Arts School

This picture and news item appeared on the Greenville Fine Arts Center website. A total of fourteen tables were made by the team led by Mark Barnes, with help from Dick Best, Mike Epprecht, Jim Stradling, and Larry Watts.

"Thanks to the Greenville Woodworker's Guild for building the studio tables for our new Fiber Arts Program. In 2008 when we moved in to our new facility, they were also responsible for building our benches for our 3D Metals Studio!

A fabulous organization!"

Gwinnett Woodworkers visit GWG

About thirty five members of the Gwinnett Woodworkers Association visited the GWG on July 16 to tour our facilities and discuss common issues. Thanks to about twenty GWG members for giving up their Saturday to host our guests and enjoy lunch together. Gwinnett meets every Saturday at Peachtree Woodworking in Atlanta and has about 150 members. They have different groups that meet separately, including scrollers and turners.



More Visitors

We recently hosted a youth group from Greenville's First Baptist Church. They got to see our shop in action, learn about our Toy program, youth program, and other activities. They also got to see the video for "Beads of Courage" and see some of the boxes our members have made. One of the guests recognized a friend of hers in one of the pictures of the Center. Thanks to Don Waldrop for arranging this visit.





Beads Of Courage

by Ken Fissel

The guild's mission statement tells us we are dedicated -

“to help our members become better woodworkers”

“to elevate public knowledge of woodworking as an art”

“to help charitable causes through our woodworking skills.”

As a guild member we are all committed to this mission, and all our efforts related to the guild should reflect this philosophy.

With that said, I'm asking for everyone to create a “Beads of Courage” treasure box for a child suffering from a serious illness. By doing, so you will fulfill every charge of our mission, but there is MUCH more to be gained, personally, than simply fulfilling these goals.

If you were to be on hand when the kids are given the choice of boxes to select from, you will easily see that their hearts soar when they realize we are there with them, to help make their journey a bit less daunting.

As can be seen, the collection of boxes in the lobby reflects the care and creativity by those who have

already given of themselves to donate a box, but, unfortunately, the job is not yet completed. As a matter of fact, the numbers at this time are low. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far.

We need everyone's help to keep ahead of the need.

To find out more about the program talk with Jim Kilton, David Aman or Ken Fissel and we can help guide your efforts and ideas. We also have beads to place on the treasure boxes. You can also go to “www.beadsofcourage.org”.

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / June 7 to July 4

	Hours
Beads of Courage (Bead Boxes).....	50
Fine Arts Center (Desk).....	127
Mauldin Police (Display Case).....	5
Childs Haven Toy Chest	25
Santa's Workshop (Toys).....	204
Total.....	411

MENTORING CLASSES / June 7 to July 4

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	275
Youth Classes	179

In spite of this being a summer month, Charity sessions and hours were exceeded by only two previous months! The Fine Arts Center and the Toys folks had nice numbers!

Mentoring sessions and hours were respectable as well!

Of special note however, is that almost fifty percent, that is, 50% of the Mentoring sessions were Youth program sessions, and of the 746 Mentoring hours recorded, 471 of them, 63%, were Youth program hours! These figures include mentor and student sessions and hours combined.

Now, if that doesn't make us feel good, for the year to date, 48% of the total mentoring sessions for the year, and 55% of the total mentoring hours for the year, were tallied by the Youth program! Lathe mentoring was really close but no cigar! To know that more than half of our mentoring efforts are dedicated to the youth of our communities should make GWG pretty proud of itself!

It shouldn't go unsaid that all the credit goes to those mentors, whatever skill they are teaching, to those who answer the call to assist a charitable organization, to those who maintain the shop and its tools, and to those supervisors that look out for us every day, that make the GWG the great organization that it is! In thanksgiving for all we are!

– Jack McKay



Last months meeting featured a panel of five of our "Pioneers of the Guild"

Left to Right:
Art Welling; Bob Harvey; Bobby Hartness;
Michael McDunn; Bob Ripley



Wells Doty
Corian Vessel & segmented vessel



Gary Morris
"Hooked on Fishing"
"This House"
Muhammed Ali



John Arnold
Box with fossilized fish

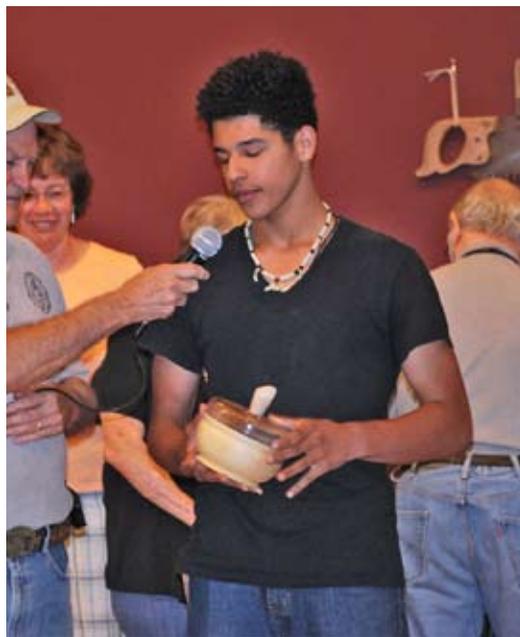


Mike George
Three bowls



Karen Sheldon
Beads of Courage Bowl,
Heart cutting board,
End tables

Sandy Cochran
Beads of Courage Bowl



R.J. Woodruff, (Youth member)
Beads of Courage bowl

Dave Fisher
“Pretty Place” picture frame.



NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, August 1, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

New member orientation begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. / Social time begins at 6:15 p.m.

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