

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



December 2016



Greenville chamber singers A Note Above

The December meeting features The Greenville Chamber Singers. They were formed in 1996 and are under the direction of Angela Lemere, district choral coordinator at Dorman High School. They will be presenting a concert featuring familiar favorites (with some fun twists!) as well as some new music.

Christmas Dinner with the Spouses

Please mark Monday night, December 5 on your calendar for a “dinner date” with your significant other. This will be our annual Christmas Dinner at the Guild, starting at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00. Mutt’s of Greer is preparing a wonderful dinner of turkey & dressing, baked ham, macaroni & cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, drinks and dessert. All of

this for just \$16 per person. We will have sign-up beginning at the November membership meeting, and afterwards through our membership e-mail program.

Come early and see “show & tell” from various members, then stay for an entertaining program. This year we are pleased to have as our guests The Greenville Chamber Singers. They were formed in 1996 and are under the direction of Angela Lemere, district choral coordinator at Dorman

High School. They will be presenting a concert featuring familiar favorites (with some fun twists!) as well as some new music.

Again this year members are asked to bring a handmade item to be given as door prizes. So get busy now so you can showcase your original and creative genius. Our goal is to have one gift for each spouse and guest in attendance.

This will be our best Christmas Dinner yet. You don’t want to miss it!



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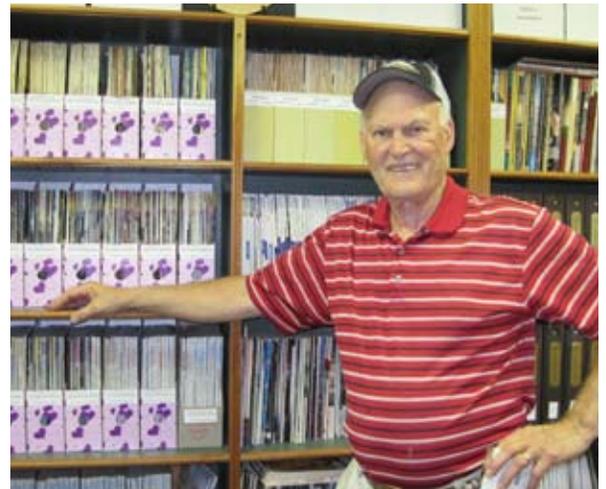
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Thanksgiving, which has just passed for this year, is a time for reflection on all that has been achieved during the past year. It is a time for being grateful for all that we have, such as family, friends, good health, and our livelihood. It is a celebration that brings us closer together, especially as we gather around the table to enjoy all of earth's bounty and give thanks for our many blessings. I can't think of a better way to close the year than in thanksgiving for our Guild. We are so fortunate to have members that dedicate their time, energy, and resources to the many operations of this Guild, from mentoring other members, keeping the shop machines operating, making toys for the kids, participating in charitable projects for the community, keeping the grounds and facilities maintained, and the governance and leadership that keep us operating for all members. Our membership meetings, seminars, and newsletters are also vital to the well-being of our Guild. Nowhere else can you find the people, facilities, and energy that we have in the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. I hope that you will join me in expressing special thanks to everyone that makes "it happen".

Now it is time to look forward with hope and faith toward the

Christmas season and beyond. With all of our past achievements, we should aspire to even greater things for the coming year. With our membership and resources, we can increase meaningful charitable projects for the community, including toys, "Beads of Courage" boxes, and other activities. With 700 members, we should have double the number attending monthly meetings and seminars; we should have much more involvement and participation for Board positions, charitable projects, mentoring groups, shop supervision, assistance on grounds, events, facilities, and every other program of the Guild. Imagine if we had forty percent participation rather than twenty percent; our auditorium would be full for meetings, and many more members would have an opportunity to improve their skills, and achieve more community needs.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of my fellow guild members for all of your support during the past weeks during my illness and recuperation. Everyone has stepped up to keep everything on an even keel. I plan to be at the Christmas dinner, and I hope to see you and your spouse for this special occasion!

**The Christmas Toy Program
built and delivered over 625 thanks to
our members who have worked
all year to help make this another
joyful season.**



The Christmas Toy Program began April 1 and ended November 1. John Arnold and Rob Barhorst were co-project leaders with a core group of 15 members. The group met at the Guild every Tuesday morning. We were also supported by numerous other GWG members throughout the year. The Guild built and distributed over 625 toys this year. The total recorded hours our members gave was 1,746. Big THANKS to everyone!

Below are the charities the Guild supports with toys for children.

Center for Developmental Services

Child's Haven

Project Host

GMH Cancer Center

GMH Childcare & Therapeutic Center

Children's Hospital

Mauldin Fire Department

Mauldin Police Department

Meyer Center

Ronald McDonald House (Greenville)

Arden School

Saint Anthony's of Padua School

Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club





Supervisors Picnic

About the only perk for supervisors is the annual “Supervisor’s Picnic” held at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. They were treated to all the fixin’s and homemade desserts. Mac Bowman, Shop Manager, announced that Buddy Turner was the “Supervisor of the Year” for 2016.



Birdhouse Competition

Don’t forget the “Bird House” competition that will be held at the February membership meeting. There will be separate divisions for adult and youth (under 18). There will be three categories in each division, “Functional”; “Decorative”; and Whimsical/Green”. Each person may enter one birdhouse in each category for great prizes! For details and rules concerning the competition or entries, please see the fliers that are posted around the shop. So get busy now, and get those birdhouses made!! We hope to have several to place around our grounds for our feathered friends to use!

Youth Activities



On Saturday, November 12, the Greenville Woodworkers Guild Youth Group participated in the "Second Saturday" celebration at Roper Mountain Science Center. The youth participated in woodturning and demonstrated hand tool woodworking, using modern and classical hand tools. Since the Roper Mountain activities conflicted with the planned "clean up day" at the Education Center, the youth group spent Thursday's entire training session cleaning the front (bench) room, the youth lathe room, the Training room, the wall filters and various other items, such as tools, work stations, etc. through out the center. They did so in appreciation of the support of the membership for the Youth Program and all the assistance the group has been given over the past year.



Show and Tell

Box by George Thornton



Carvings by Vince Dicarlo



Ornaments and Pendants by
Sandy Cochran

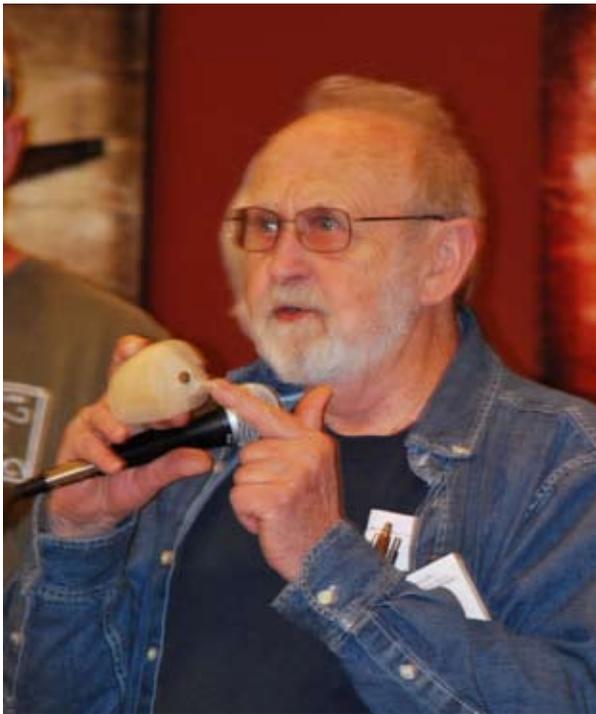


Tool Chest by Dean Coss

Segmented Bowl by Tom Johnson



Lathe Steady Rest by Dean Loomis



Hedgehog by Dave Paul



Oval Shaker Box by Lamar Delaney

NEXT GUILD MEETING CHRISTMAS DINNER - MONDAY, December 5, 2016
Meeting begins at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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