

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



August 2022



Our August 1 membership meeting will feature an old friend of the Guild, Harold Dodson. He will discuss his passion for the Maloof style chairs that began in 1987. Since then he has built approximately 800 chairs and is still as enthusiastic as the day he began chair number one.

BIO

Harold Dodson

Harold Dodson began wood-working in 1976. In the early 1980's, he read an article in Fine Woodworking Magazine about craftsman Sam Maloof and his rocking chair. Harold became fascinated with the idea of the rocking chair, particularly Maloof's style. In 1987, he finally crafted his own Maloof rocker.

At that time, Harold was a sawyer in a hardwood sawmill. He was able to saw and handle many different types of hardwoods, learning how each looked and felt. In 1998, he went into business as a full-time woodworker. Harold crafted a new style of rocker in 2006 which had more curves and fit the body better.

In 2011, Harold suffered a massive heart attack which led him to have a quintuple bypass. Because of this life-altering experience, he designed his own rocker, which he calls "Divine Intervention," a tribute to his surviving the almost-always fatal heart attack.

Harold has built almost 800 rocking chairs over the course of his

chair-building career. In 2004, he began teaching classes where people could learn to craft their own rocker under his guidance. Approximately 150 people have taken his class and left with their own rocking chair.

Harold is married to Ginger and together they have two daughters, who are both educators. They also have five grandchildren, who range in age from 9 months to 15 years.

Harold believes the rocking chair embodies the American spirit: a spirit that never stops moving even when it is resting, and this is the root of his fascination with the rocker.





Harold is shown with his signature rocker which he designed and named "Divine Intervention"









Joe Boyd
President



T H E P R E S I D E N T S C O R N E R

Each month your Board of Directors meets to discuss many important areas of the guild's business and from time to time must deal with difficult subjects. As was the case last month, we were forced to place the Youth Program on hold after learning that our insurance carrier was no longer going to offer abuse claims coverage for our youth. This was an unexpected and unwarranted decision, but is the apparent impact of social changes in our population that has led to more and more cases of abuse allegations. Please know that the Board continues to seek appropriate coverage so that we can once again offer this valuable service to the youth of our community.

We are happy to announce that the Board has approved the purchase of two CNC machines to add to our CNC program. You may remember that during the month of March, the guild sent out a survey to its membership to gauge the interest of additional CNC activities and it was overwhelmingly supported by the respondents. As a result of a most generous donation by one of our members who requested the donation be utilized for our CNC program, a committee was formed to investigate

how best to utilize the funds to expand our current program by adding more powerful equipment, along with laser cutting and engraving technology. While it will take a couple (or more) months to receive the new machines and set them up in our facility, we are excited to see the additional interest in individuals who want to become certified in the use of CNC. We realize that there can be frustration in signing up for classes only to discover that the class is full, but please know we are working hard to alleviate the backlog of individuals that desire this training. Unlike other certifications, CNC requires several days (weeks) of training and hours of instruction to validate one's competency on the machines. We ask for your patience as we continue to hone the effectiveness of our training program.

Lastly, the month of August ends the current Board's membership and we usher in a new year of activities. I would once again like to commend Robert Tepper and Al Socha for their loyal dedication and contribution over the years by serving on the Board. We will sorely miss them as active participants of the Board. As you see them

around the shop, please take a moment to thank them for their service to the guild. During our May membership meeting, you elected new members, Charlie Legrand and Bill Schmidt, to our Board. They have already begun to make significant contributions and we look forward to another successful year.

In closing, allow me to encourage you to make every effort to attend our monthly membership meetings that are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. The enthusiasm and attendance are growing and you will not want to miss the enormous opportunity to learn more about this hobby of woodworking that we all cherish. Our list of presenters has been exceptional and we thank both Don Clarke and Bobby Hartness for their dedication in arranging our programs and presenters each month. Until we meet next, please enjoy your guild.

Joe Boyd

Job Opportunities for Guild Members

We have received a request via one of our members from Nicholas James Fine Woodworking, a cabinet making company that may have an opportunity for some members.

The company is growing and they are looking to hire cabinet makers, installers, and cabinet finishers. These positions come with excellent benefits and could be a great fit for some Guild members. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

For additional information about Nicholas James Fine Woodworking, Inc., visit their website: nicholasjamesfw.com

GWG New Members

Karen BrackGreenville, SC
David DietzGreenville, SC
Gregg Jocoy.....Simpsonville, SC
Charlie Logue.....Simpsonville, SC
David RobinsonGreer, SC
Doug SnipesGreer, SC
Thomas TurnbullTravelers Rest, SC
Brandon UrregoGreenville, SC
Jeff VerkonGray Court, SC
Matthew WilsonGreenville, SC
Paul Wood.....Greenville, SC

G W G A C T I V I T Y R E P O R T

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / June 1 to June 30 , 2022

	Hours
Meyer Center	103
Bunk Beds for Ukrainian Refugees	197
Member Sponsored Charitable Projects	8.5
Toys	285
Total.....	593.5

MENTORING CLASSES / June 1 to June 30 , 2022

	Hours
Combined Total Hours For Adult Classes	570.5
Youth Classes	78.5
Total.....	649

GWG Class Schedule for August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
	9:00 AM Router Table K. Fissel		9:00 AM Festool D. DeFrancisco			
			9:30 AM New Member Orientation Best or LeGrand			
		6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press B. Schmidt				
	6:30 PM Guild Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Yang	6:00 PM Jointer/Planer M Stucker	6:00 PM Sanding Machines J Stradling/J. Arnold		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
			9:00 AM Basic Bandsaw T. Sparks / B. Scott			
	6:00 PM Router Table G Leonard	1:00 PM Table Saw H. Ireland	6:00 PM 2 of 5 Lathe Woodturning Cert J Kilton/M. Stucker	5:00 PM Lathe- Pen/Ornament Turning J Broach / R Painter		1:00PM Epoxy for Woodworking Charcuterie W Morin
	6:00 PM 1 of 5 Lathe Woodturning Cert J Kilton/M. Stucker	6:00 PM Table Saw H Ireland	7:00 PM Accu-slicer L Martins	6:00 PM Basic Bandsaw B. Fuller	6:00 PM 3 of 5 Lathe Woodturning Cert J Kilton/M. Stucker	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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1:00 PM Table Saw M Franklin			6:00 PM Sanding Machines B. Armbruster/J. Stradling			
	6:00 PM Jointer/Planer B Reeves		6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong			
	6:00 PM 4 of 5 Lathe Woodturning Cert J Kilton/M. Stucker	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Yang	6:00 PM 5 of 5 Lathe Woodturning Cert J Kilton/M. Stucker			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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				6:00 PM Basic Bandsaw B. Fuller		
				7:00 PM Accu-slicer J Arnold		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
	5:30 PM Supervisor Meeting					

**Classes open for Registration
on Monday 7/25 at 6:30 PM.**

GUILD HISTORY

Aubrey Rogers

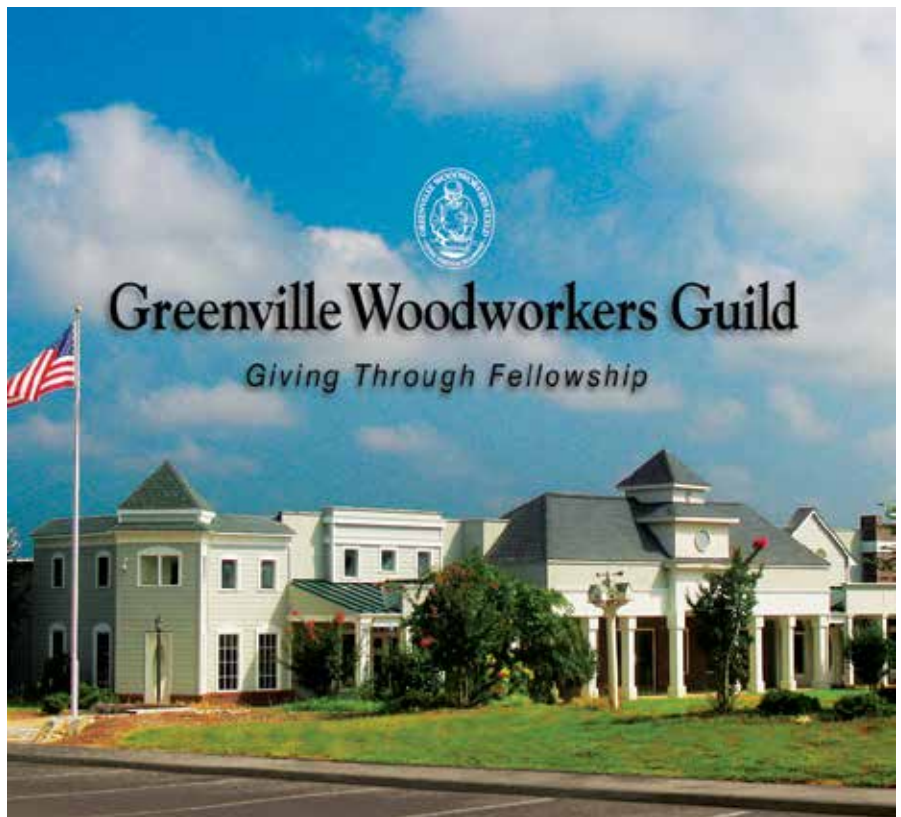
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August 2021

By August 2012 we had settled into our new shop. Buzz Sprinkle was president, Steve Padula shop superintendent. Buzz's theme was focused on suggestions to get members to know each other better. Seems appropriate for today's environment. Steve focused on the importance of dust collection and our preventive maintenance program.

Featured presenter is Pickens chair maker, Harold Dobson. Inspired in the 1980's by Sam Maloof's rocking chairs, Harold embarked upon another career from sawmill sawyer to cabinet maker to custom chair maker. For years Harold's chairs resembled those of Sam, and he expanded the look to include side chairs, children's rockers, and benches. Harold will now introduce his new chair called "divine intervention", a unique chair that has great demand in the marketplace.

The famous Mark Adams seminar will be held on August 25, covering joinery and veneering. A woodworker's fellowship gathering was initiated. Art-in-the -Park will be held Sept 22- 23. Volunteers, coordinated by Butch Scott, are needed for set up and tear down, shift coverage, demonstrations and of course your items for sale or display. Show and tell featured Karl



Kelly's wooden toys created from plans from Wood magazine. Over 24000 hours were recorded in the shop, charity hours were 267, and shop support 590 hours.

The July meeting was opened with a performance from Robert O'Brien, three pieces from Bach for the Cello. Robert is from the Governors School and Assistant principal Cello for the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. This was followed by Greg Lange, a violin specialist from Columbia and owner of Palmetto Strings. He covered wood

composition, the various components and how they are made, finishes, and how to improve tone.

Members Projects



Gourd Made Into an Instrument That Makes Sounds Like Rain and Thunder by Sandie Pollock



Maple Hollow Form and Segmented Bowl by Van Matthews



Slab Table by Karen Sheldon



Burled Maple Charcuterie Board Filled With Colored Epoxy by Chuck Pressley

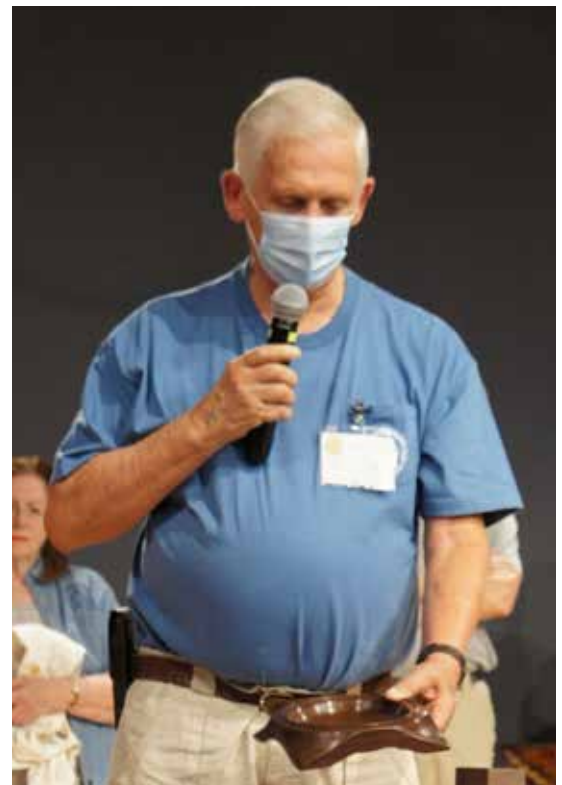


Epoxy Resin River Bench and Guitar
by Micheal Franklin

Beads of Courage Bowls for the Children's
Cancer Hospital by John Stiehler



Square Rose Wood Bowl
by Jim Kilton





Pentagonal Shaped Box and Box with Veneered Polar Bear by John Arnold

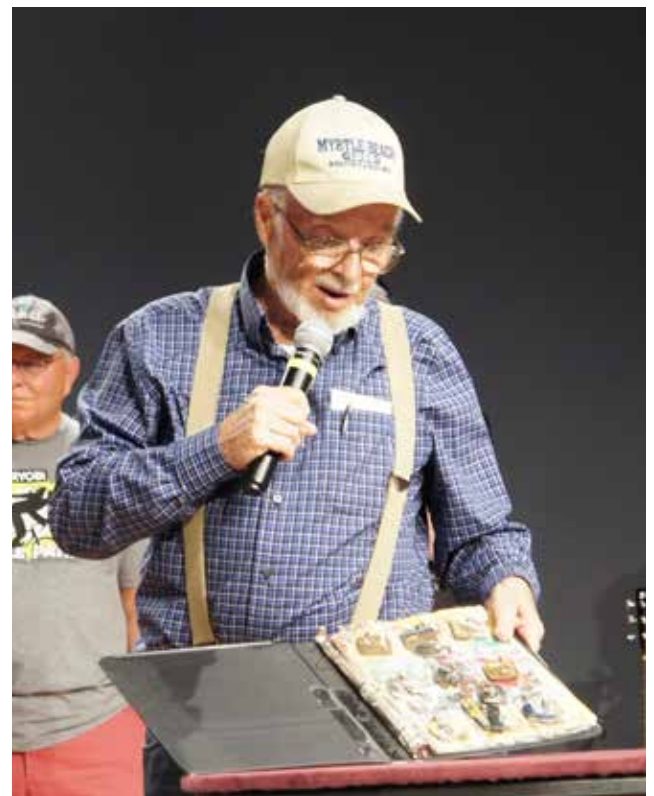


Splined Box by Joe Black



Sam Maloof Inspired Chair Designed by Bobby Hartness

Dale Cooper's Railroad Pocket Watch Fob Collection



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