

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



August 2023



Join us at our next Monthly Meeting on Monday, August 7, at 6:30 pm.

Meet Brian Brace, who handcrafts fine furniture from his Black Mountain workshop in North Carolina. Brian works primarily in the Arts and Crafts style, while incorporating his own creative style, calling it “Arts and Crafts with a twist”.

Brian Brace Bio

At 14, Brian Brace made a two-story clubhouse with a neighbor using leftover lumber from his parents' deck in a small town in the mountains of Vermont. He knew back then that he wanted to build. While still in high school, he began a fine woodworking apprenticeship under a local master furniture maker. Upon completing the 8,000-hour apprenticeship program at age 20, he became the first to achieve Vermont State certification. His five-year journeymanhood followed, beginning in Vermont and extending to Naples, FL. In 2004, his dream of being a Master came true when he opened his first shop in Naples. In 2010, he expanded that dream by relocating back to the forests in the North Carolina town of Black Mountain.

Brian's belief is that fine furniture should be crafted to endure use over multiple lifetimes - to be passed on to future generations. Each piece he makes goes through an extensive series of time-honored processes. From thoughtfully selecting the finest lumber, to applying hand rubbed oil finishes, every step is carefully executed to achieve the highest quality standards. All of Brian's pieces are constructed using traditional mortise and tenon joinery, which maximizes wood strength, while forming pieces pleasing to the eye.

Brian is a Roycroft Master Artisan, a Vermont Certified Master Craftsman, Southern Highland Artisan, and a Piedmont Craftsmen Artisan. His work was featured in a Gustav Stickley American Craftsman Documentary.

Brian has been a featured Craftsman at the Grovewood Gallery at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC and was a participating artist in the 32nd annual Arts and Crafts Conference at Asheville's Omni Grove Park Inn. He has been featured in the Arts and Craft magazine, Arts and Craft Homes, and the Revival Magazine.

Brian Brace Fine Furniture is located at 1196 Old US Hwy 70 W #C in Black Mountain, NC. You can find out more about Brian at:

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<https://www.instagram.com/brianbracefinefurniture>

<https://www.facebook.com/Brian.Brace.Fine.Furniture.Maker>

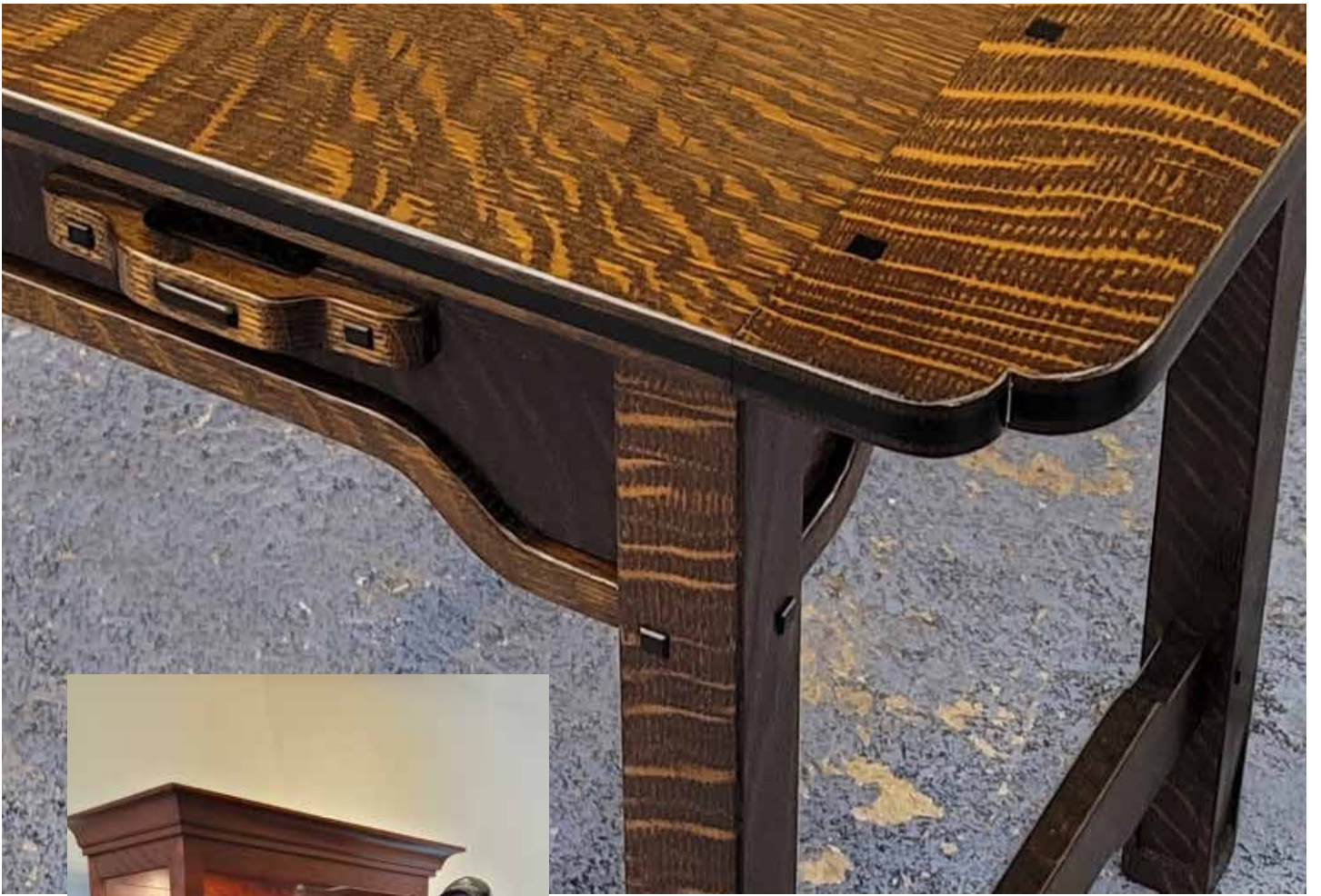
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BRIAN BRACE
FINE FURNITURE







Joe Boyd
President



T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

This is my 35th and final letter as president of the Guild. But who's counting? I have been asked by many since the election if I will miss serving the Guild in this way. The question often evokes a myriad of emotions and rarely results in a simple yes or no answer. The key takeaway for me has been the unwavering support of the membership of this organization. The dedication to the mission of the Guild and the continuation of the legacy that began 42 years ago is truly a remarkable feat.

Realizing that I have only been a member of the Guild since May of 2018, there is much history and stories of our meager beginnings that I have enjoyed learning. I am grateful to Aubrey Rogers, who championed the capture of our history in the writing of **Going with the Grain**. Even though I have read the book more than once, I often open up the book and begin reading at various points to be reminded of what Aubrey termed "focus on core success"... meaning that we continue to evolve with advances in machinery, techniques, and innovation, but we never lose sight of being a charitable organization that embodies our tenets:

- ◆ To help our members become better woodworkers.
- ◆ To elevate public knowledge of woodworking as an art.
- ◆ To help charitable causes through our woodworking skills.

This has been accomplished over the years by the sense of volunteerism that has been and remains the predominating characteristic of the culture of our Guild. It has been said that life rarely goes as planned. Our Guild is certainly not immune to that sentiment, and we have had our share of curveballs thrown at us over the last three years. I am thankful, however, that our Board of Directors has been most supportive and has led our activities with a sense of cohesiveness, cooperation, and commitment.

To name and thank all the individuals who have been a tremendous help to me would be exhausting and yet incomplete. So, unlike other letters, I will make this short and simply say "thank you". Thank you for your kind words, your encouragement, your support, and your trust in allowing me to serve in arguably the greatest Guild in our country.

Sincerely,
Joe Boyd

THE GOOD OLD DAYS WITH JOE BOYD



2021 - 40th Anniversary Party
Joe dressed like Roy Underhill



2022 Sawmill Picnic



2023 Annual Picnic



2022 Christmas Dinner
Presentation of the
Hartness Award
Don Waldrop,
Bobby Hartness,
Joe

2020 Presenting a Check to Representatives of Loaves & Fishes



2022 With Aubrey Rogers for a Book Signing of the Guild's History Book, Going with the Grain



2021 Cutting the 40th Anniversary Cake - Roy Underhill, Bob Harvey, Aubrey Rogers, Joe



2022 Presenting his Project on Stage

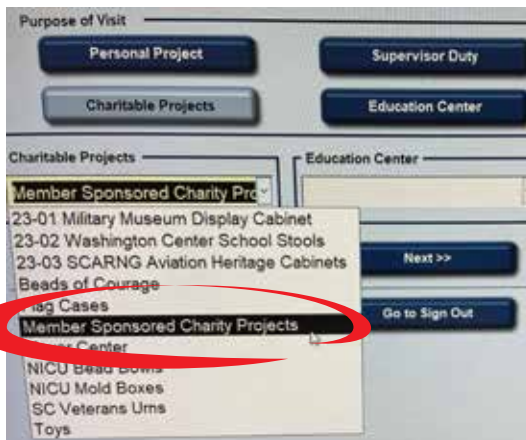
Charitable Projects – June 2023

	Members	Hours
Toy Program	49	411
Washington Center School Stools.....	7	64
Member Sponsored Charity Projects ...	4	5

Welcome New Members

Craig DeLisle Greer, SC
Maureen Galasco Greenville, SC
Steve Griffith..... Piedmont, SC
Jennifer Lathrop Greenville, SC
Larry Neiling Simpsonville, SC
Kenneth Webber..... Greenville, SC

New Sign-In for Your Member Sponsored Charitable Projects!



One of the primary missions of our Guild is to support charitable causes. This can happen in a couple of ways with our members. One way is when a 501c charitable organization, such as The Dream Center or The South Carolina Children's Theatre requests help from us. For these Guild sponsored projects, we assume responsibility for the project and sponsor it through design, building, and installation. But in addition, our members are always working on smaller charity projects for the community, such as making items for their church or school, or supporting the Boy Scouts with a specific project.

It's important that we track both Guild and member sponsored charitable projects for our ability to sustain our 501c charter with the IRS. To enable us to do that, a separate category has been added to the login screen on the shop computer. When signing in to the shop to work on your charity projects, please log in using the "Charitable Projects" button and then "Member Sponsored Charity Projects". Look for those charitable hours that are dedicated by our members to be reported in the newsletter each month.

Thanks
Marion DeWitt
VP - Charitable Projects

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Member's Projects

Members, please remember to fill out the Show & Tell Sheet.

Scroll Saw Basket
by Patrick Dreiding



Dutch Wall Clock by Pier DeJong



Bowl and Hollow Form
Cored from Maple Burl
by John Stiehler



Salad Tongs by
Dan Polstra

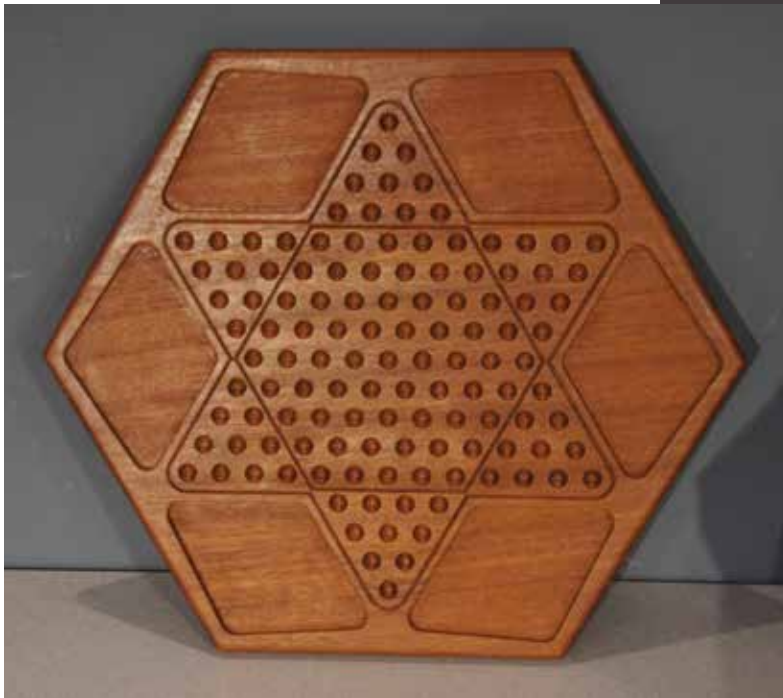




Ash Vase and Oak Stand
by Ken Dunlap



CNC Chinese Checker Board
by Bill Ensor



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