

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



December 2023



*Holiday Joy:
Spreading Love, Light, and Sawdust.*

2023 Toy Program

Members involved in the Toy Program again met the Guild's mission to support charitable causes through our woodworking skills. Sixty-five members participated, donating 3,000 hours between April and November of this year. These dedicated members met every Tuesday morning and built over 1,400 toys!

This year, toys included planes, trains, automobiles, boats, puzzles, tractors, puzzles, whiteboards and so much more! These beautifully built toys will be delivered in early December to several organizations, including the Meyer Center for Special Children, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Children's Hospital, and the Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn Police Departments.

Thanks to John Arnold, Rob Barhorst, and George Wells for leading this project. And thanks to all of the 65 members who committed so much of their time to build these toys. They will certainly make this holiday season special for the children who will receive them.





2023 Toy Program



Charlie LeGrand
President



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

'Tis The Season. This is a busy time of year for most of us. Parties, Christmas dinners, family gatherings, shopping, and more. We are happy and in a charitable mood.

At the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, that charitable mood is not seasonal, it is year-round. In the coming months, we will highlight some of our charitable projects, but this month I want to identify them in one brief article. The scope and breadth of our charitable work is staggering. During the calendar year 2023, our members have logged 4,865 hours on charitable projects; this does not include the many hours of work outside of the Guild's Education Center building. There are so many people involved, we cannot even begin to list all of the names. Many of these projects were begun in 2022 and completed in 2023, while others are permanent, on-going Guild projects (Beads of Courage, for example). All of these charitable projects fall under our Vice President for Charitable Projects, Marion DeWitt.

Here goes:

- Urns for Veterans. (See the November newsletter for more details.) Led by Rob Barhorst and John Arnold. Since 2017, the Urns for Veterans project has delivered 200 urns to 3 different cemeteries in South Carolina.
- Ripple of One (Easley, SC) cabinets. Led by Jon Rauschenbach. 11 volunteers; 455 hours total for the project in 2022-23. Work began in 2022; delivered early 2023.
- The Washington School; stools for children. Led by Bob Armbruster. 9 volunteers; 257 volunteer hours.
- South Carolina Army Reserve and National Guard Aviation Heritage Center at McEntire Air Base near Columbia, SC (home of the 169th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard). Cabinets for 4 rooms including kitchen. Led by John Rauschenbach. 10 volunteers; 355 volunteer hours.
- Children's Theatre. Concession area cabinets. Led by John Rauschenbach. 11 volunteers; 280 volunteer hours.

- Children's Theatre. Pantry cabinets. Led by John Rauschenbach. 7 volunteers; 285 volunteer hours.
- Beads of Courage Bowls. Prisma Hospital – Greenville; and Mission Hospital - Asheville. 25 delivered in 2023. An additional 25 bowls were delivered through the Beads of Courage national organization to a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Led by Jim Kilton and John Stiehler. 369 hours logged in 2023.
- NICU bowls. Prisma Hospital – Greenville. 30 delivered in 2023. Kilton and Stiehler.
- NICU mold boxes. Prisma Hospital - Greenville. 20 delivered in 2023. Led by John Arnold and Rob Barhorst.
- Toy Program. 1,400 toys will be delivered the first week of December to 14 different organizations in Anderson, Mauldin, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, and Greenville. Led by George Wells, John Arnold, and Rob Barhorst. 65 volunteers; 3,000 volunteer hours. Between April and November, there were an average of 30 people working on the toy program every Tuesday morning.

Many of our members also worked on private charitable projects either at the Guild shop or at home.

All of the members who worked on a project in 2023 were fulfilling part of our mission to benefit our community through our woodworking. To all of you, Thank You!

Where do you fit in this work? Find a project you like and contact one of the project leaders or contact Marion DeWitt at char@greenvillewoodworkers.com. Watch the newsletter and emails for more opportunities in 2024. Pick one and get involved. You might get some splinters; you will certainly get sawdust in your hair. But you will have fun, make new friends, and learn some new skills while you are benefiting our community through your woodworking.

Semi Annual Clean-Up was a HUGE SWEEP!

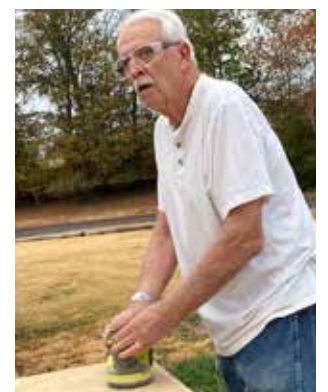
The semi-annual clean-up of our facility was held November 9 - 12 and was a huge success due to the great turnout of our members. As Education Center Superintendent, I would personally like to thank each of you who participated! The Guild requires a large number of volunteers to be successful and to continue to provide a facility for fellowship through woodworking. There were over 100 members who volunteered, with some participating in more than one session.

Sometimes when organizations ask for volunteers, people register but don't follow through on their commitment. Well, we had 89 members pre-register and 87 of them showed up! That is 98% fulfillment! INCREDIBLE! In addition, there were additional members who participated without pre-registering, pushing the attendance to new levels.

Mac Bowman, our Woodworking Shop Manager, is the main force behind the clean-up. His time behind the scenes in planning and organizing this event twice a year is amazing and unyielding to make it a success. The result is a safe and clean environment for all of us to hone our hobby.

Following are the members who participated in the clean-up. Again, MANY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU for making this event a HUGE SWEEP!

Buddy Turner
Education Center Superintendent



Thursday (Blow Out)

Mac Bowman
Rich Cowan
Doyle Hogsed
Matt Stucker



Friday

Andy Anderson
Roland Baird
Bruce Bartlett
Mac Bowman
Derrick Balsa
Roger Cottrell
Rich Cowan
Paul Crosby
Kevin Curry
Bill DeMoise
Dennis DeFrancesco
Marion DeWitt
Perry Dillard
Patrick Dreiding
Ken Fissel
Matt Fox
Tony Frichtl
Bill Fuller
Marshall Gaddy
Dave Gerhard
Jim Gilreath
Anne Gossmann
James Gregory
Tom Gruenholz
Bill Haley
Cliff Heitz
Rusty Hill
Doyle Hogsed
Ron Knauer
Charlie LeGrand
Maria Lehmann
Albert Lehmann
Kellie Lockwood
Keith McConnell
Tom Miller
Dianne Mumma
Peter Obier
Dan Osicka
Jose Perez
Ron Rapp
Gilbert Ritchie
Butch Scott
Harold Sexton
John Smith
Ken Spence
Russ Stanton
Charline Stanton
Donna Stewart
Steve Stuart
Eric Thomas
Larry Watts
Ian Wilson
Mike Wischhusen
John Wozniak

Saturday

David Aman
Dwight Blake
Mac Bowman
Joshua Bucinskas
Ben Burns
Dave Chartier
Matthew Collins
Rich Cowan
Kevin Curry
Jim Curtis
Clayton Dean
David Dewease
Patrick Dreiding
Karl Dungey
Ken Fissel
Dave Friedline
Rosie Gaddy
Bob Gasperik
Teri Gaudet
Ian Gaudette
Barbara Gillam
Patrick Golden
Tom Gruenholz
Doyle Hogsed
Nick Hollingshad
Herb Ireland
Clyde Jenkins
Barry Jones
David Klein
Eric Laliberte
Mark Lange
Drew Lavan
Charlie LeGrand
Kristie Leonard
Jay Leonard
Kellie Lockwood
Maria Lorza
Tom Moehlman
Woody Moore
Josh Morgan
Dianne Mumma
Kevin Nichols
Gautam Patel
Don Reiff
Ken Resner
Susan SanFrancisco
Jonnathan Shepherd
Dan Sherry
Mike Smale
Jim Smith
Ideen Solhtalab
John Stiehler
Jim Tetor
Larry Watts
Pete Whiteis
Matthew Wilson
Mike Zuteck

Sunday (DustCollectors)

Dennis DeFrancesco
Eric Laliberte
Ted Sauvain
Butch Scott
Allison Yanover
Mike Yanover



Charitable Projects – October 2023

	Members	Hours
Toy Program	35	301
Children's Theatre Cabinets	9	246
Beads of Courage	8	121

	Members	Hours
Member Sponsored Charity Projects	6	48
NICU Mold Boxes.....	1	1
Meyer Center.....	1	1

South Carolina Children's Theatre

The Children's Theatre team finished installation of nine cabinets, a countertop, and floating shelves for the concession area of the Theatre. Installation proved a little more difficult than anticipated due to the not-so-square corners of the walls. But the team of Dick Best, Jon Rauschenbach, Mike Sigler, and Marion DeWitt prevailed!

Once again, thanks to the Children's Theatre build team for a job well done: Nina DeMarie, Mary Coleman, David Duff, Millard Trott, Tom Powers, Brian Reeves, Mike Sigler, Dick Best, John Miles, and especially Jon Rauschenbach.

Next planned charitable projects are to replace a set of double doors at the Triune Mercy Center, and to build 19 kitchen cabinets for the Homes of Hope. Work will start in early January.



Welcome New Members!

Greg Altman Simpsonsville, SC
Derrick Balsa Boiling Springs, SC
Jeremy Cash Greenville, SC
David Chartier..... Pendleton, SC
Alan Cole Anderson, SC
Paul Crosby Travelers Rest, SC
Jim Jacques Easley, SC
Ken Kanoy Seneca, SC
Jeff Kapke..... Greenville, SC
Timothy Kelly Greenville, SC
Daniel Masters..... Greenville, SC
Joshua Morgan..... Greer, SC
Austin Parker Greenville, SC
Paul Reynolds..... Fort Mill, SC
Darin Urick..... Simpsonville, SC
Sean Whealton Greenville, SC

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Upcoming...

December 2
Fall Tool Sale

December 4
Annual Holiday Dinner, Larkin's Sawmill

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US DECEMBER 2ND FOR OUR GIANT FALL TOOL SALE

Keep an eye on your Guild e-mails for more information about the sale. And spread the word - All buyers are welcome!

Doors open at 8:00 AM. Sale starts at 8:30 AM. Silent bids will be collected at 10:30 AM. Everyone spending \$50 or more gets a free saw blade!

Thanks to all of the members who recently answered our call for volunteers to support this effort.



Member's Projects

Beach Art by Lou Ellen Davis



2nd Amendment by Ken Dunlap



"SECOND AMENDMENT
Right to Bear Arms
A well regulated
Militia, being
necessary to the security of a free
state, the right of the people to keep
and bear Arms, shall not be infringed



Leaf Ornaments by Ken Elrod

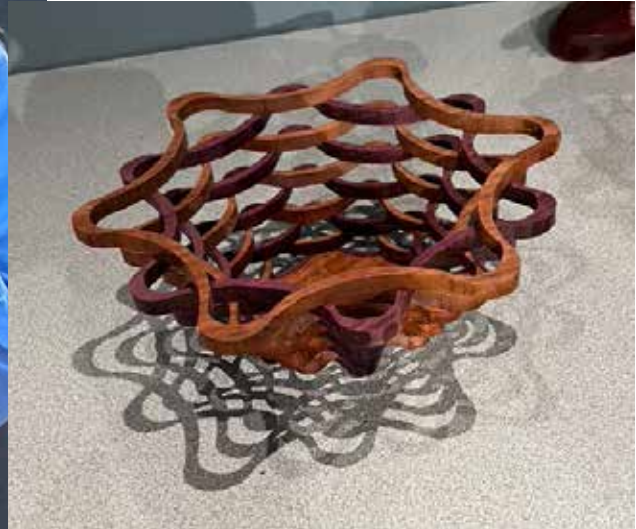


Nativity Set by Michele Grandonico





Scroll Saw Bowls by Kellie Lockwood



Charcuterie Board by Bill Schmidt





Hatchet - Ash with Walnut Wedge by Karen Sheldon



Lamp by Jim Smith

