

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



January 2023



Join us at our next Monthly Meeting on Monday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.
Joseph Thompson, a furniture maker, woodworker and
instructor will be our presenter.

Joseph Thompson Bio



Joseph Thompson is a fine furniture maker, woodworker and instructor from Orangeburg, SC. He has more than 15 years of experience in designing and handcrafting original furniture, wooden boats and more.

He began woodworking in 2003 and has since attended the Silva Bay Shipyard School on Gabriola Island, BC. He also studied fine furniture building at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine. He then returned to South Carolina and started his handcrafted furniture business, Joseph Thompson Woodworks.

His work has been featured in the South Carolina State Museum, the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina, the Dalton Gallery at Agnes Scott College, the American Craft Council, and others.

Joseph has special interests in chair making, complex joinery and hand tools. He currently works and teaches in his shop outside of Charleston, SC, where he also resides with his wife, Katie, their two children, and dog. For more on Joseph,

visit:

www.jwtwoodworks.com or
Instagram at @JWTWoodworks.







Joe Boyd
President



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

December... what a month! I'm not sure I have ever seen a busier workshop nor a busier month for our Guild membership. Many of the activities are being highlighted in this newsletter. From the Women of Woodworking Holiday Event, the annual Christmas Dinner, the culminating end to this year's toy program by the distribution of toys, the completion of many of the charitable projects, and the naming of the first recipient of The Hartness Award, the pace has certainly been frantic.

I would like to briefly highlight the efforts of Will Morin in making our Christmas/Holiday Dinner such a success. We congratulate Will for exceeding all expectations for a wonderful event. As the members arrived to Larkin's Sawmill (in the midst of terrible weather!) we were greeted by a social time of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres that was beautifully done. The record-setting number of attendees for this event surely made for a memorable occasion. The dinner was exceptional and naming Don Waldrop as the first recipient of the coveted Hartness Award capped off the perfect evening. I have reminded Will of the unwritten rule of the Guild: It is required that next year's Christmas Dinner event be better than the previous. He has assured me that he is up to the challenge.

I am looking forward to welcoming 2023 and I know that our Guild will continue to grow, prosper, and meet the objectives we have outlined in our mission statement. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to the membership for your unwavering commitment in making our Guild the best in the country. I am very proud of our organization. Proud not because of our programs, but because of our members. Keep up the great work!

Until we meet on January 9, 2023 for our next Membership Meeting, I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!



The Hartness Award

And the winner is Don Waldrop

We congratulate Don Waldrop as the first recipient of The Hartness Award for Excellence in Woodworking! Don, who has been a Guild member since 2006, was pleasantly surprised to hear his name announced during the Christmas Dinner at Larkin's Sawmill. This was a highly anticipated announcement, as there were many entries that were of outstanding craftsmanship. The panel of judges, of which none were Guild members, unanimously selected Don's rocking chair. The entries were judged on joinery, appeal, complexity of construction, and finish.

The Hartness Award, named in honor of Bobby Hartness, will be an annual award and is the highest honor to be conveyed upon a Guild member. Now is the time to begin considering what YOU will submit for consideration for next year's Hartness Award!



Charitable Projects – November 2022

| | Members | Hours |
|--|---------|-------|
| Cabinets for Ripple of One..... | 13 | 259 |
| Toy Program | 23 | 126 |
| Cabinets for SC Children’s Theatre..... | 1 | 8 |
| Beads of Courage | 1 | 8 |
| Cabinets for Military History Museum | 1 | 6 |
| Meyer Center..... | 1 | 3 |



Cabinets for Ripple of One

Eight pantry cabinets, four upper cabinets, five base cabinets and a countertop were built for the Ripple of One charity located in the Dream Center in Easley, SC. Over 260 hours were spent on the project. Installation of the cabinets took place in mid-December.

What is the mission of the Ripple of One charity? “Ripple of One is focused on support-

ing families and young adults to move beyond the need for public assistance. We provide education, mentoring and incentives to support the journey to financial independence, eliminating the need for public assistance. Our vision is to transform poverty into generational success one client at a time. Our mission is to walk alongside our clients and help them by providing them emotional, educational, and financial support.”

Thanks to the GWG team members who volunteered their time on a job well done! They include:

Jon Rauschenbach, Dick Best, Mary Coleman, Joe Herbert, Craig McKee, Charlie LeGrand, Bob Gasperik, Karl Dungey, John Smith, Ben Freeman, Bill Schmidt, and Marion DeWitt.



Welcome New Members

Andy Anderson.....Simpsonville, SC
Chuck BarnettPelzer, SC
Thomas Buss.....Duncan, SC
Rachel GerardGreenville, SC
John HarrisGreenville, SC
Yoko KillionGreenville, SC
Steve NaylorGreenville, SC
Ethan PriceCentral, SC
Gilbert Ritchie.....Greenville, SC
Leslie Stewart.....Mauldin, SC
Elfi SwalesGreenville, SC

Volunteers Needed for the Tool Sale Program

The semi-annual Tool Sales are one of the most important funding programs for the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. The tools are available for sale to both Guild and non-Guild members. The most recent sale raised more than \$10,000 in charitable donations.

Like all Guild programs, the sales are coordinated and staffed entirely by Guild members. Volunteers collect tools from those in the community who wish to liquidate their shop tools and equipment. The tools are offered as either a donation or on consignment. The most recent sale included items from 30 sellers/donors. Guild volunteers pick up, sort, organize, price, and conduct the sales.

The Tool Program Team needs your help to increase charitable donations, specifically to:

- Increase the number of Guild members who volunteer to collect and prepare items for the sales.
- Increase the number of tool sellers/donors.
- Broaden the market outside of the greater Greenville area to increase the number of people who attend the Tool Sales.

The sales are held in late Spring and late Fall. If you are interested in volunteering in any aspect of the Tool Sales, please contact the team by sending an e-mail to toolsales@greenvillewoodworkers.com

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Planes, Trains & Automobiles (and Lots of Other Good Stuff!)

Charitable projects have always been and will continue to be a high priority for the Guild. Supporting charities provides our members with wonderful opportunities to give back to our communities, while improving their woodworking skills. The Guild's Toy Program is just such a project.

The results of the 2022 Toy Program are truly incredible! Again this year, our members made enough toys for the 14 organizations the Guild continues to support. The team produced over 1,400 toys and invested over 3,500 hours of their time. The variety and quality of the toys produced are amazing. Our volunteers' dedication to providing toys for children is an inspiration to us all.

The Toy Program usually runs from April through November of each year. The Guild "elves" meet at the shop every Tuesday morning to decide what toys to make, design prototypes for review, and build jigs for use in the building process. Our volunteers then build the toys that children will receive during the holidays. In addition to the Tuesday morning volunteers, there are also members who support the

program using their personal shops. And a very big "Thank You" again goes out to the folks at the Simpsonville Senior Center, who added their artistic painting touches to finish some of the toys.

Now that the Guild "elves" work is done and the toys have been delivered, it's time for the children to enjoy these treasured gifts - not only during the holidays, but for years to come.



Rob Barhorst, Roy Painter and John Arnold want to call out the members who have committed so much of their time and energy this year. Members who worked on the toys included:

John Alford
Dave Bingham
Dilip Boal
Mike Boyco
John Broach
Louise Broach
Steve Burt
Tony Corey
Patrick Dreiding
Jim Evans
Roger Friday
Teri Gaudet
Barbara Gillam
Jim Gilreath
Allen Gilstrap
Patrick Golden

Gary Groff
Bill Haley
Ken Honaker
Evelyn Johnsman
Barry Jones
Mike Kent
Charles Kindig
Randy Kirby
David Klein
Ron Knauer
Kellie Lockwood
Steve Mattfeld
Gary Morris
Peter Obier
Bill Osborne
Ed Penn, Jr.

Jim Plummer
Angie Pyc
Ken Reynolds
Susan San Francisco
Mike Smale
Jay Smith
John Smith
Alan Socha
Ken Spence
Steve Stuart
John Tymonko
Tom Weinandy
George Wells
Bill Wolfe
John Wozniak
Paul Wright



First Annual Women of Woodworking Holiday Social



What a great event! Twenty-eight Women of Woodworking gathered for a holiday social on December 3. When these members see each other in the shop, it's usually a quick greeting, and then it's back to working on all of those projects! The luncheon provided a great opportunity to get to know each other better. Stories were shared of what brought these women to the Guild. Sometimes it was a love of woodworking... and sometimes it was the love of a woodworker! Everyone went home with a door prize and two dozen cookies from the cookie exchange. Plans are already underway for next year's event. Thanks to Teri Gaudet and Karen Sheldon for hosting this holiday event!





From Your Lumber Team

Happy New Year from everyone on the Lumber Team. The year 2022 was a record-breaking year in lumber sales! Thank you to everyone who supports the Guild by purchasing their lumber needs from our wood room.

We have recently returned from a trip to West Penn Lumber and have lots of new exotic turning blanks, as well as some new species in both lumber and turning stock. Be sure to check these out!

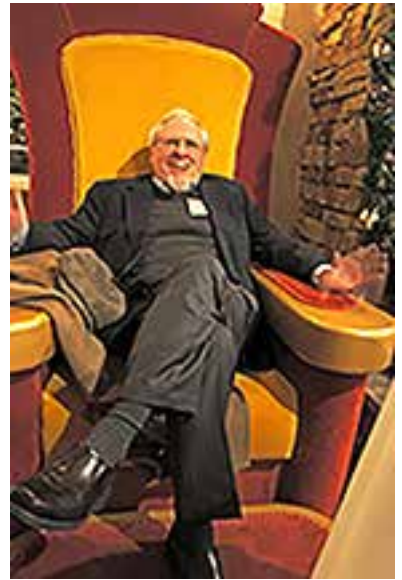
Just a reminder that we now stock drawer slides (undermount and side mounts), along with concealed hinges, for your hardware needs.

To contact the Lumber Team
Jon Rauschenbach,
Marion DeWitt,
Will Morin, or
Paul Wood,
email GWG.lumber@gmail.com



This year's Christmas/Holiday Dinner, held at Larkin's Sawmill, was a huge success! Thanks goes out to the team members of Larkin's Catering and Events for the great job they did and to Martin Garden Center for the poinsettias and pansies. Also special thanks to Will Morin for handling the arrangements for the Guild's largest-ever holiday event.

Enjoy viewing the photos from the event on the following pages.



















Happy
New Year