

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



May 2023



Join us for our next Monthly Meeting on Monday, May 1, at 6:30 pm. Meet Master Craftsman, Tom McLaughlin, host of PBS TV's Classic Woodworking. Over his 30-plus year career, Tom has designed and built custom pieces for clients seeking to own pieces that are as much a work of art as they are functional.

## Tom McLaughlin Bio

Tom McLaughlin decided to pursue his love for fine furniture making full time when he was in his late twenties. He apprenticed with Master Craftsman P.A. “Pug” Moore of Rocky Mount, NC. Tom & Pug had a very special connection, with Pug becoming a gifted grandfather figure over time. In 1993, Tom set up his first shop in Wilson, NC, building custom period style furniture.

In 2001, Tom began construction on a new shop, a two story 3,600 sq. ft. building on his property in Canterbury, NH. When the shop opened, Tom launched McLaughlin Woods, where he employs apprentices while continuing to design and make custom high-end furniture.

In 2016, Tom shifted his focus from commission work to teaching. He and his wife, Kris, created Epic Woodworking to help further the craft. Tom provides instruction for all skill levels through online courses and in-shop classes.

In addition, Tom opened his shop doors through a membership experience called The Neighborwood, which provides a platform where woodworkers all over the world share stories of “making” to encourage and inspire creativity and design ideas.

Tom is also involved in the Prison Outreach Program, part of the NH Furniture Masters educational efforts. Monthly woodworking seminars are offered, resulting in several inmates having received awards for their work.

Besides being a Master Woodworker and teacher, Tom is the host of PBS TV’s Classic Woodworking and is a frequent contributor to Fine Woodworking Magazine. He is a 25-year member and former Chairman of the New Hampshire Furniture Masters. Tom is the recipient of several awards for his skills as a furniture maker and designer.













**Joe Boyd**  
**President**



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

The famous “I WANT YOU FOR U.S. ARMY” campaign to solicit recruits for the military is one of the most successful utilizations of print media of the Federal government. It was illustrated by James Montgomery Flagg shortly after the US declared war against Germany in 1917. The poster has become an iconic advertisement and was in fact so successful, that it was reintroduced with great success during World War II to garner the enlistment of soldiers.

Taking some liberty to change the words of that slogan, WE NEED YOU FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING that will be held during the regular Monthly Membership Meeting on May 1, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our Bylaws III.2, dictate “the purpose of the annual meeting shall be the election of the Board and certain officers of the corporation and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.” Additionally, Bylaws III.5 state that we must have a quorum of “twenty percent of the members entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy” in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

You have received by email a copy of the proxy form to utilize if you are not able to be with us at the meeting. I want to strongly urge you to join us this month as we are welcoming Mr. Tom McLaughlin to the stage for the first time. Tom, a master craftsman, is TV host to Classic Woodworking on PBS

and has had numerous articles published in Fine Woodworking magazine. Having Tom with us is an enormous accomplishment and I promise you a most enjoyable evening.

The strength of our Guild has always been its members. The Guild’s Board of Directors is a “working board” as opposed to a “governing board” because it takes on the governing of the organization, as well as the day-to-day operating requirements. Having a strong Board benefits its members and ensures the continuing success of the organization.

Another iconic symbol, the “I Voted” sticker, is usually worn proudly during elections. Its success and history is somewhat less notable than the Army’s “I WANT YOU” campaign. In fact, political scientists say it’s not the sticker itself that gets people out to vote; it’s that the sticker represents an attempt to bring back a sense of community that was once established with voting and a symbol of doing your civic duty. So may I invite you to join us on May 1 for our voting, and let’s create a sense of community among our membership. We are always better when we are together.

I look forward to welcoming you on May 1, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm. Until then, enjoy your Guild!



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## **Election of Directors and Officers of the Guild**

Following is the current list of nominations for the May 1, 2023 Guild elections:

President	Charlie LeGrand
Executive Vice President	Kevin Curry
Treasurer	Bob Armbruster
Secretary	Chuck Graham
Vice President, Fund Raising	Van Matthews
Vice President, Educational Activities	Doyle Hogsed
Vice President, Charitable Projects	Marion DeWitt
Member At Large	Jon Rauschenbach
Member At Large	Bill Schmidt
Member At Large	Joe Boyd

### Contested Position

\* Denotes the Nominating Committee's recommendation based on the needs of the Board.

Vice President, Communications

\* Dave Dewease

Will Morin (Self-nominated)

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# Tool Sale Saturday May 6

GREAT SAVINGS ON  
NATIONAL BRANDS

Be sure to join us at the Guild's Tool Sale on Saturday, May 6. Doors open at 8:00 am. The sale begins at 8:30 am and runs until noon.

Plan to arrive early! We have a large volume of high-quality tools and equipment. This is your chance to get great deals on redeployed tools and equipment.

Please join us! 100% of the proceeds from this sale are used to purchase materials for charitable work the Guild undertakes.

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CABLE**

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# Wood Sale Beginning Friday May 5 for Members

**UP TO 50% OFF!**

Don't miss our wood specials at the Tool Sale on Saturday, May 6 – Up to 50% off! The specials will be offered **beginning Friday, May 5, for members** and will continue through the following week until everything is gone!

Included are:

Poplar 4/4, \$2 BF, Full 4/4 Rough

25-50% OFF Selected Lumber

25-50% OFF Selected Turning Stock

Cherry Slabs, 8/4 and 12/4, Up to 20" wide, \$15 per lineal foot (Buy only what you need.)

Lots of Walnut Slabs, 4/4 thru 12/4, Mostly \$25 or less. Nothing more than \$50!

Lots of miscellaneous donated lumber.....\$2 to \$10

## What's New at the Shop?

A new Grizzly G0779 heavy duty drill press has been installed in the shop. This drill press provides more precise and larger capacity drilling than the existing Jet and Powermatic drill presses. It is equipped with a two-horsepower motor and six-speed gear box.

### Key Features of the Grizzly

- Motor assembly that moves up and down.
- Large work surface with tie-downs and fence. Motorized controller moves table up and down.
- Standard drill press handle and fine adjustment handle.
- Depth limiter

### Certification

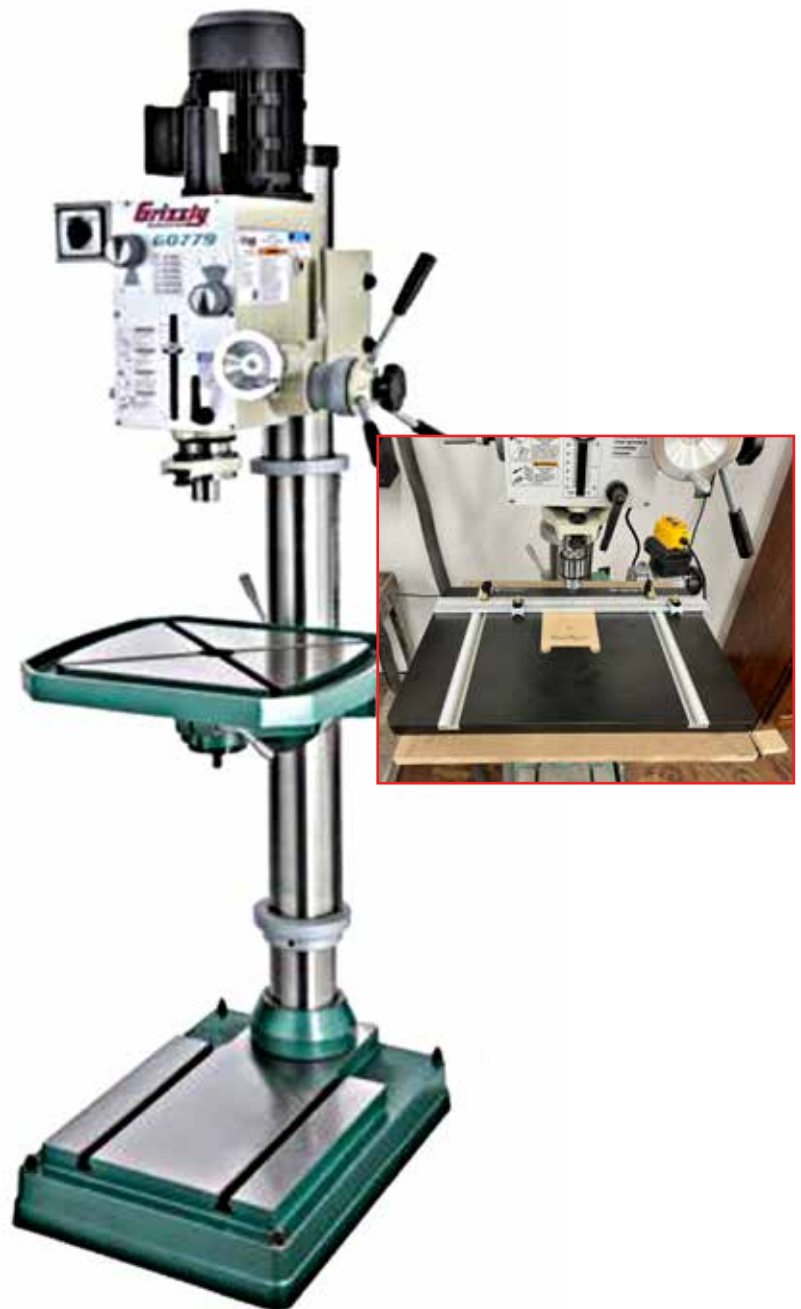
If members are already drill press certified, a supervisor can show users the location of the controls and how to change gears and operate the table.

If members are not yet certified on the drill presses, they should attend the Miter and Drill Press class that is periodically offered.

An introductory video on the Grizzly G0779 is available on-line.

CLICK HERE

**Grizzly**  
Industrial, Inc.



## Izzie's Pond Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

The Guild recently received a thank you letter for work done by member Jim Gilreath at Izzie's Pond Animal Rescue & Sanctuary. Jim has been supporting this organization for quite some time, building items such as den boxes, platforms, and ramps for foxes, bobcats, raccoons, and otters. Nearly all of these projects have been built from scrap wood from Jim's shop or the Guild shop.

Izzie's Pond is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides rescue, rehabilitation and refuge for injured or orphaned wildlife. Through community outreach, they raise public awareness and appreciation for animals by educating children and adults to coexist with wildlife and to take their share of responsibility for a thriving ecosystem.

Izzie's Pond takes on several hundreds of animals every year, both wild and domestic. Wild animals are rehabilitated and released back into nature. Non-releasable animals are given lifetime sanctuary or placed as educational ambassadors at USDA licensed facilities across the United States.

Jim would welcome any help from Guild members who have an interest in rescuing wild animals and providing them with a comfortable home while they are rehabilitated. You can contact Jim at: [drgilreath@aol.com](mailto:drgilreath@aol.com)

April 3, 2023

Mr. Joe Boyd,

On behalf of Izzie's Pond Wildlife Rescue and Sanctuary, we are truly grateful for the numerous platforms, den and litter boxes donated by The Greenville Woodworkers Guild. Almost every wildlife enclosure has a project produced by Jim Gilreath and GWG. We truly hope to continue being a recipient of this generous program. All of us at Izzie's Pond has enjoyed working with Jim Gilreath - not as much as the animals in our care have though.

I would like to invite all the GWG members to visit our facility to see the work we do at Izzie's Pond. We are in the process of completing our new permanent Otter Enclosure and about to break ground on our new Medical Intake/Intern Educational Facility.

Again, thank you so much for your support of our efforts at Izzie's Pond Wildlife Rescue and Sanctuary.

Regards,

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**May 1**

Monthly Membership Meeting  
Annual Election of Guild Officers

**May 5**

**Wood Sale – Up to 50% Off**

- Beginning May 5 for Members
- Continuing at the Tool Sale May 6
- Continuing week of May 8 until everything is gone

**May 6**

Tool Sale 8:30 – Noon

**June 3**

Guild Family Picnic

**Welcome New Members**

- Mike Bolton .....Travelers Rest, SC
- Matt Bronkema.....Pendleton, SC
- Michael Elliott .....Greenville, SC
- Ron Fundak .....Seneca, SC
- Dawn Haigler .....Anderson, SC
- Wayne Ianuario.....Simpsonville, SC
- David Lowrey Jr.....Taylors, SC
- Jer Mott .....Simpsonville, SC
- David Plankenhorn ....Greenville, SC
- Davie Tucker .....Williamston, SC
- Jeff Weeks .....Easley, SC

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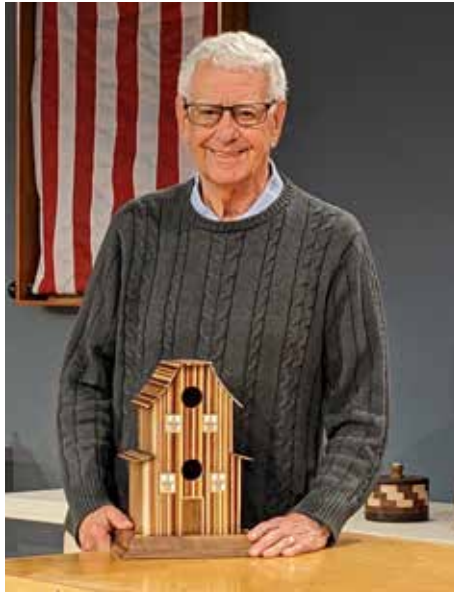
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## Birdhouse Contest Winners

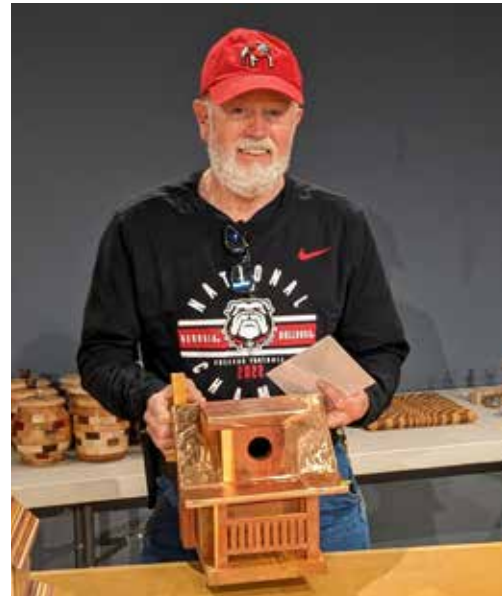
Thanks to all who participated in this year's Birdhouse Contest, including Rosie Gaddy who again did such a great job coordinating this annual event. This year, those who voted for their favorite birdhouses with their spare change donated \$325, the most ever raised! These

donations will be used to purchase shop supplies, such as sandpaper.

Winners were awarded gift cards that were donated by Woodcraft of Greenville. The Guild thanks Woodcraft for their support.



**Bird Lovers Choice Award**  
Aubrey Rogers,  
"Dizzy Birdhouse"



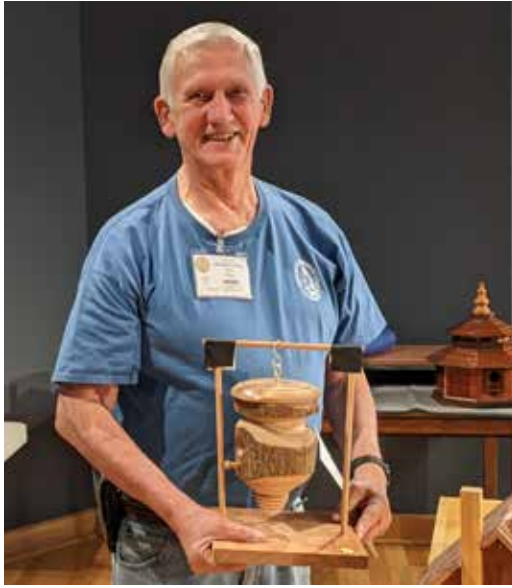
**1st Place Traditional**  
Doyle Hogsed, "Condo"



**2nd Place Traditional**  
Mary Hughes,  
"Sunflower Blockhouse"



**1st Place Green**  
Barbara Gambrell,  
"Homer's Houses"



**2nd Place Green**  
Jim Kilton, "Trash Tree"



**1st Place**  
**Decorative/Whimsical**  
Charlie Logue, "Quirky Works"



**2nd Place**  
**Decorative/Whimsical**  
Doyle Hogsed,  
"Cabin in the Woods"



**Youth Award**  
Cousins Bär, Filigree, Isabella, & Wolfgang  
(Grandchildren of Mark Freitag), "Cousins' Corner"

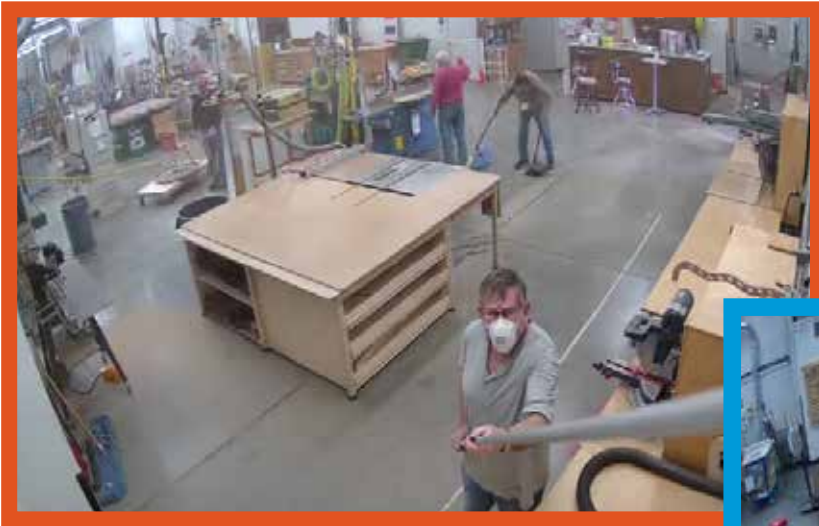


## Spring Cleaning

Well it happened again.... Just like the “Swallows to Capistrano” or the flowers returning in Spring. The GWG Shop Improvement Team appeared in March. For 1-1/2 days, they sought out every micron of dust (some of which may have been yours) and disorder from every nook and cranny of the GWG Education Center. Miraculously, some of these dedicated souls were caught on film going about these activities. But the pic-

tures are only part of the story; you had to be there to experience the enthusiasm and spirit of these volunteers. A huge thank you to all who participated! Enjoy the pictures and be prepared to catch this event during the Winter solstice.

Mac Bowman  
Woodworking Shop Manager



The Dust Being Summoned to Arise

Organized Chaos



Where did Everything Go?

It Moved by Magic







Cleaners in Training



A Job Well Done!



Results of Team Work!



The Team Finally Rests

## Member's Projects



Turned Segmented Bowls by Jim Kilton  
In Memory of Dean Loomis





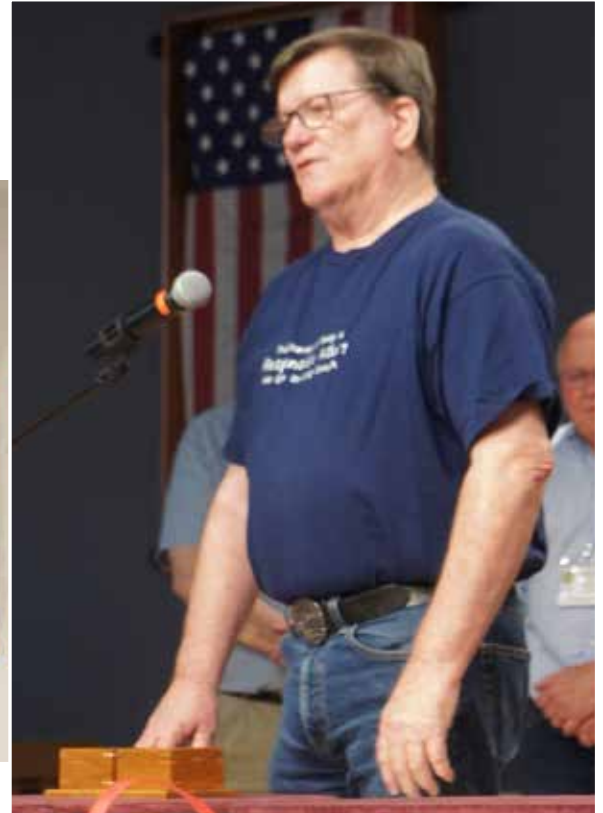
Segmented Beads of Courage Bowls  
by Van Matthews



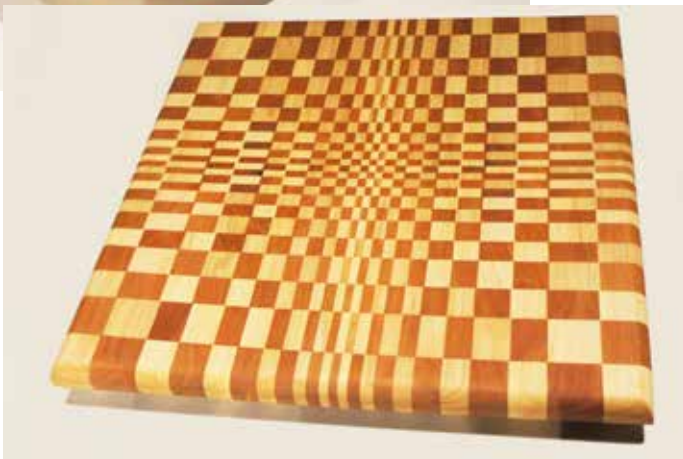
Three Dimensional CNC Lettering  
by Patrick Dreiding



His and Hers Ring Boxes by Bill Haley



Segmented Bowl and Cutting Board  
by Eric Laliberte



Hollow Forms, Bowl and Platter  
by Wells Doty



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