

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild

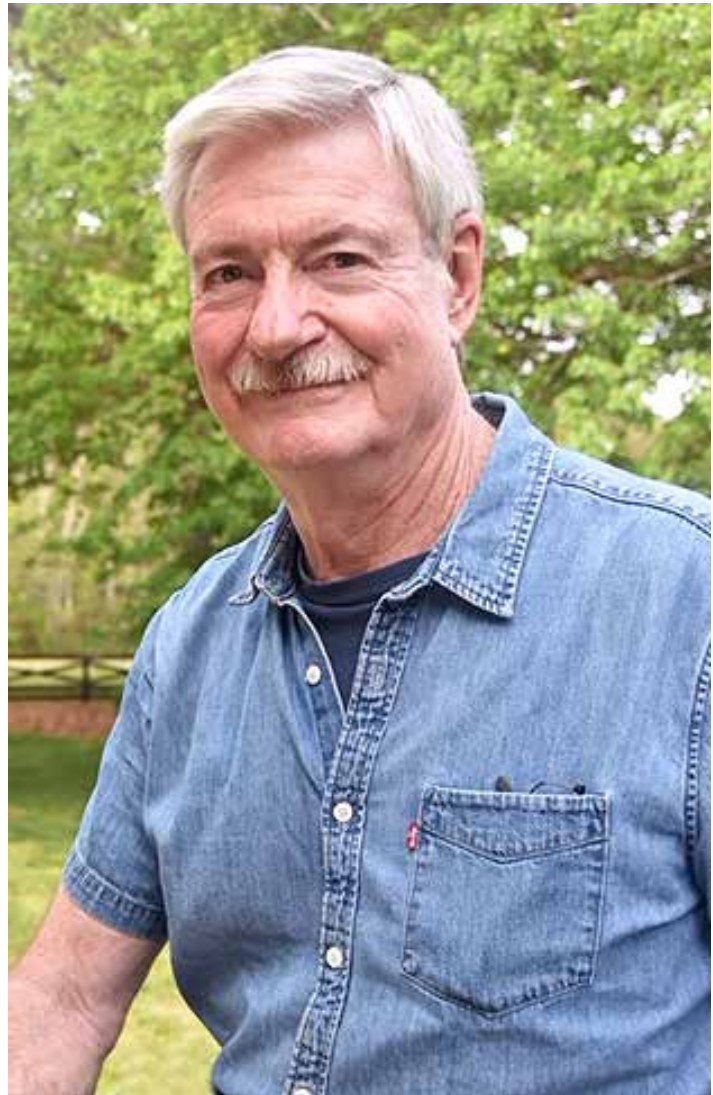


May 2024

Join us at our Monthly Meeting on Monday, May 6, at 6:30 pm with Guild Member Barry Jones as our Presenter.

Barry's presentation will cover a brief history of Marquetry and the various methods of cutting marquetry that go back to the early Middle Ages and are still used today. He will discuss the Guild's new laser engraver/cutting machine and its amazing capabilities.

Come see a live laser demonstration of cutting and assembling pieces of veneer for a simple marquetry design, using software designed specifically for producing high quality marquetry.



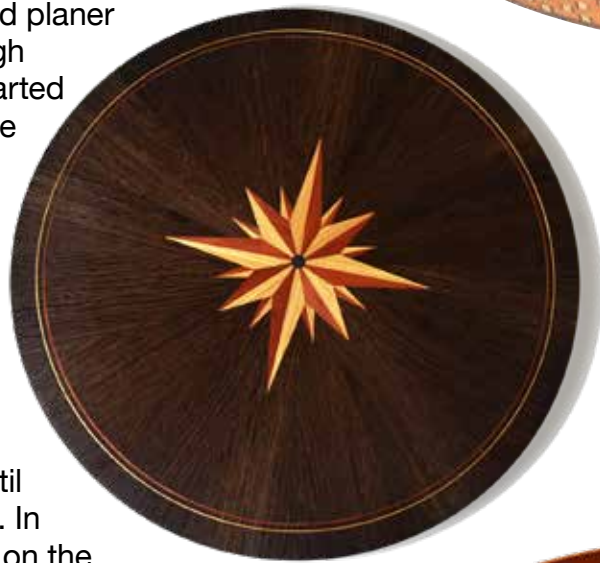
Barry Jones

Barry Jones was born in Colorado, raised in New Mexico and attended the University of New Mexico prior to moving to Spain, where he met his wife Jane. They lived in London, New York, and Houston before settling in Greenville in 1988.

Barry is a retired mechanical engineer, who has been a woodworking hobbyist for over 40 years. His focus has been on making furniture for his home, as well as for relatives. He became interested in marquetry and inlay about 15 years ago when making some federal style furniture. He has made a number of marquetry pieces since then.

Barry joined the Guild in 2014, primarily to gain access to the 16" jointer and planer for cleaning up rough lumber. He soon started volunteering with the Toy program.

Barry was asked to teach a Veneering, Inlay and Marquetry class for the Guild. He agreed and continued to teach for several years until the Covid epidemic. In addition, he served on the committee to research and purchase the CNC machines and the Laser Engraver/Cutter. He is currently a mentor for the CNC training program and is in charge of the training program for the Laser Engraver.







THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Charlie LeGrand
President

In the October newsletter, I told you that the Board had created a Long-Range Planning Committee (the “LRPC”) which was charged with reviewing and updating our existing 10 year plan (previously created by Aubrey Rogers and David Aman, the “Rogers-Aman Plan”). The Rogers-Aman Plan was a spreadsheet showing estimates for life expectancy of various components of our facilities along with the estimated costs for maintenance, repairs, and replacement of those components. The Rogers-Aman Plan indicated two items which would be major expenses: the roof on the main building and the parking lot. The roof was projected to last until 2026 while the parking lot life expectancy was through 2029.

The LRPC, led by Executive Vice President, Kevin Curry, spent five months studying our facilities in order to update the 10 year plan. They explored the property, climbed on the roofs of both buildings, investigated the HVAC systems, and talked to contractors about current repair and replacement costs. The LRPC presented a brief overview of its initial report at the Board meeting on April 8, 2024. I want to summarize that report briefly.

The good news is the LRPC determined that the life expectancy of the parking lot extends beyond 2029, thus eliminating that as an immediate concern. The LRPC then divided the other major concerns into two Phases: Phase I represents immediate needs; Phase II represents longer-term issues. The LRPC will return to Phase II (longer-term concerns) after we address the immediate needs.

The LRPC identified four items representing immediate needs:

1. HVAC system servicing the lobby;
2. Outside lighting for the parking areas;
3. Roofs on both buildings; and
4. Repair or replacement of the south side façade of the upper building.

Items 1 and 2 can be viewed independently. The HVAC system which services the lobby was installed in 1999 and is at the end of its normal life expectancy. The only question is whether to replace it now or wait until it fails and then replace it. The outside lighting is a safety issue but does not prevent us from using the facility. Items 3 and 4 must be viewed together.

The roof on the main building is near the end of its life and should be addressed within the next 18 to 24 months. The exterior of the south side of the same building (sometimes referred to as the façade of the building) is mostly wood. This side of the building was the original entrance for retail customers and was designed to be more decorative. The façade now has rot-damage and holes; repair may not be possible. We continue to have issues with squirrels and other rodents getting into the building from this side of the building (last week it was a raccoon).

The roof work must be coordinated with work to repair or replace the south side façade because the new roof will be attached to the top of the façade. So the façade must be repaired (questionable) or replaced before the roof is installed. That raises another question: If we remove the existing façade in order to replace it, should we add one bay to expand the building in that direction at the same time?

Not to forget the roof on the lower building: it needs to be addressed in the next 18 to 24 months also. The good news there is that we will get a discount if we do both roofs at the same time.

None of this will be cheap, and there are many options. At this point we have only estimates

of the costs to do any of this work. So where do we go from here? The next step will be more in-depth thinking by the Board, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the Education Center team. We will also want to get input from the membership before moving forward; that will involve meetings most likely in a "town hall format." Assisting the Board in this decision will be the Finance Committee, as these large capital expenditures will require having significant funds available.

I will update you as all of this develops over the coming months. In the meantime, a big "Thank

You" to the Long-Range Planning Committee, led by Executive Vice President, Kevin Curry, and the Education Center team, led by Buddy Turner. The members of the committee were David Duff, Scott Kilgore, Jonnathan Shepherd, Rich Cowan, Lou Ellen Davis, Miriam Kutcher, Joe Black, Sr., Bill Heape, and Dwight Blake. Providing assistance and advice were Buddy Turner and Mac Bowman. Please thank these folks for giving their time, effort, and expertise to this process.

By the way, don't think that the LRPC is done. This is a permanent committee which will now turn to Phase II of its study – more on that later.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to Article III.4 of the corporate Bylaws, you are hereby notified that the annual Meeting of members shall be held Monday, May 6, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting will be in the Guild auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers and directors for the 2024-25 session. A list of the persons nominated by the Nominating Committee follows in this newsletter as are the biographical backgrounds for each candidate.

You are also notified that the Board of Directors will present a motion to amend the Bylaws of the corporation in the following manner:

Article III.5 shall be amended to change the quorum requirement from twenty percent of the members to ten percent of the members for the annual meeting.

The first sentence of this section shall read as follows:

At any meeting of the members, ten percent (10%) of the members entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum of the membership for all purposes.

The remainder of Article III.5 shall be unchanged.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person and desire to have your vote counted, please complete the Proxy form, previously sent to you via email, and either mail it to the Guild office or drop it in the Proxy drop-box at the supervisor's desk in the shop no later than 6:00 p.m. on May 6.

Nominations for Guild Election of Officers and Directors 2024-25

Please note that two members are running for President and four members are running for three At-Large Board positions.

President:	Kevin Curry Kellie Lockwood
Executive Vice President	Rob Barhorst
Secretary	Teri Gaudet
Treasurer	Bob Armbruster
Vice President, Educational Activities	Doyle Hogsed
Vice President, Communications	David Dewease
Vice President, Charitable Projects	George Leonard
Vice President, Fund Raising	Van Matthews
Board Members At Large:	Joe Black Chuck Graham Bill Schmidt Karen Sheldon

Biographical Backgrounds for Nominees - Guild Election of 2024-25 Officers and Directors

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)



Bob Armbruster

I have been a member of the Guild since 2013 and have served as Treasurer since May 2023. I also serve as a Supervisor, mentor, and instructor. I often work on charity

projects for the Myers Center for Special Children, Washington Center School, WW2 Museum, and Habitat for Humanity.

I graduated from Kent State University and retired from Michelin in 2011, after 40 years as a Purchasing agent and Account Manager for International and Trademark licensing.

In my first term as Treasurer, I initiated a “Finance Committee” and a “Finance Review (Audit)” Team. My focus has been on “budget compliance”, where department heads operate within an agreed-upon budget. If elected to a second term, I plan to align the Guild’s

budget and finance plan in accordance with the Long-Range Planning Committee and Board objectives.



Rob Barhorst

I was born and raised in northern Kentucky and attended the University of Kentucky before moving to Cincinnati, OH. My woodworking influence began with my Grandfather

and Great Aunts. They had purchased property on a lake in Kentucky and I spent the summers there helping them build a cabin. From this experience, I learned all aspects of woodworking from building cabinets to making door and window frames by hand.

My wife and I have been married for 43 years. We have 2 children and we moved to South Carolina in 2009. I also have 2 older children, 4 grandchildren and a great-grandson from my previous marriage. My career with IBM spanned 25 years as a programmer, systems engineer,

product planner systems engineering manager. After taking early retirement, I worked for Sauder Woodworking as their Chief Technologist for 12 years, before retiring again.

I joined the Guild in 2011 and have served as Executive VP for 5 years and President for 2 years. In addition to being a Supervisor, I am also a co-project leader for the following Guild projects: Toy Program for 8 years, Veteran Urns for 9 years, and NICU boxes for 5 years. My time at the Guild has been very rewarding and enjoyable and I look forward to serving the Guild for many more years.



Joe Black

I have been a member of the Guild since 2020. I would consider myself a Professional Amateur woodworker - good at some things, but always learning and eager to help out.

I have been in the Fire Protection industry for more than 35 years and have owned Sentry Fire Services since 2001. We are a full service Fire Protection contractor. We take care of the sprinklers and extinguishers at the Guild.

I currently am a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and am looking forward to seeing what the future will bring to the Guild. I believe I can be an asset to the Board in this regard: Looking forward to what the Guild needs and how to better serve members to make the Guild more than it already is. Thank you for your consideration.



Kevin Curry

I joined the Guild in 2017. My personal projects have focused on family requests. My focus at the Guild has been to support Charity and Service activities, such as clean up days, supervising, teaching band saw, Toy group, Ukrainian bunk beds, Military history museum, and the Meyer Center. I also volunteer at Rebuild Upstate. I lead the Long-Range Planning Committee and support the Membership team. Michele and I are active in ballroom dancing and serve as mentors at the Legacy Early College. We visit our grandkids in New Mexico and Maryland regularly.

I retired from the Information Services Group, leading

complex business changes and negotiating large contracts. I spent 30 years at Electronic Data Systems (EDS) where I led teams in Europe, Asia, and the US across multiple industries in senior leadership roles.

I believe that we must actively contribute to the communities of which we are a part. I hope to further enhance the experiences the Guild delivers to its members, the support of its volunteers, and our community contributions. I serve as the Executive Vice President for the Guild.



David Dewease

I am a native South Carolinian, born in Abbeville and grew up in Anderson. After graduating from Tri-County Technical college, I began my career as a draftsman with GE Gas Turbine in Greenville. During my six years at GE, I served two years in the US Army.

I joined Michelin in 1974, where I spent the rest of my working career in many different roles, including Plant IT Manager, Director of Data Centers, and Platform Architect for Manufacturing Systems for Michelin worldwide. My wife, Margaret Ann, and I moved to France in 2007, where I was appointed "Chef de Groupe" for the engineering department responsible for automation systems. Before retiring in 2012, I held the role of Director of Internal Audit and Risk Management at Michelin North America.

I have four daughters and four grandchildren. I enjoy world travel and playing golf almost as much as I enjoy woodworking. My woodworking experience began in 1981 in my garage shop.

I joined the Guild in 1997 when there were less than 40 members. I served as Guild President from 2013 – 2015. I currently hold the position of IT Manager, VP of Communications, and Supervisor. I have taught several classes, including Beginners Woodworking and CNC Programming and Machining.

You will often see emails from me as VP of Communications, and you will encounter the Audio-Visual Team at Monthly Meetings, seminars, and annual picnics. If you use a computer at the Guild, the IT Team provided it, keeping it up to date and operational. The Team is also responsible for the building security system, the Point-of-Sale System, and the TV displays around the building.



Teri Gaudet

I have been a member of the Guild since 2021. You may have seen me behind the counter with Karen Sheldon on Monthly Meeting nights, where we share our homemade baked goodies with all of you. I have also served on the IT Committee for a year, imaging computers every Tuesday after we worked on toys.

I am a retired court reporter and business owner, having spent the last 25 years training court reporters and broadcast captioners. My husband, Gordon, and I are displaced Canadians who have lived all over the US and have chosen the Upstate in which to retire.

I have always believed that you get out of an organization what you put in. Since I have learned so much from all of you and made so many friends, I thought I had better get busier on the “putting in” part. I would be proud to serve as the Secretary of our Guild.



Chuck Graham

After having been informed about the Guild by a friend, I joined in 2005. Soon after joining, I volunteered for various projects as they became available. I helped sort and label incoming lumber, collected equipment for the famous auctions, helped out with the toy program, and even helped other members with their projects. I used my skills as an architect to design the renovations for the facility we occupy today.

In 2012, I was elected Secretary of the Board and have held that position since. Now that we have another volunteer to be Secretary, I desire to remain active on the Board in the position of Member at Large. If elected, I will be one of the very few of the “old guard” remaining on the Board. As an “old guard”, I will look to explain to the newer board members the reasoning behind some of the decisions made by previous boards as we look at improving the way the Guild functions. At-Large members are typically appointed by the President to lead the various ad-hoc committees that are formed from time to time and I look forward to fulfilling that role.



Doyle Hogsed

I have been a member of the Guild since 2011, and am currently the VP of Educational Activities. I also served as Facility Grounds Manager for 11 years. I am married and have one daughter and two grandchildren.



George Leonard

I believe that it is important for me to give back to the Guild, since it plays such a significant role in the community. I am honored to be considered for the position of VP of Charitable Projects. Working with other charitable organizations to help meet their needs would be very fulfilling.

I retired from Sealed Air in 2017 as an IT Manager, where I helped guide hardware and software decisions as company goals evolved. I have been a member of the Guild since retiring, and have held the positions of Lumber Manager and Router Table Instructor. I am currently a Shop Supervisor.

The Guild has allowed me to pursue long-enjoyed interests with like-minded individuals. I enjoy collaborating with others on projects to problem solve and to develop creative processes.



Kellie Lockwood

I have been a member of the Guild since 2018, after retiring and moving to Simpsonville. The experiences and friendships I have made through the Guild have been enriching, both as a woodworker and personally. My first woodworking experience was in junior high school, after a friend of mine and I had our parents request that we be allowed to take shop class instead of home economics.

I currently hold the position of Document Manager and have previously held the Board position of VP, Communications. I am looking to serve on the Board again to contribute to the continued success of this great

organization. I believe the foundation for the Guild's success is all of the people who share their time and expertise. I believe in the Guild's mission and want to make sure the fellowship aspect of the Guild is preserved, even as we continue to grow.

I have been actively involved in many of the Guild's charitable projects, including the Toy Program, in which I lead the Mini-team. I am a member of the Tool Auction Team, assist the Lumber Team, and support the operation of the Point-of-Sale system, as well as being an instructor for the Scroll Saw class and mentor for the Epilog Laser System.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Administration (aka MBA) from Purdue University. I have worked in a variety of manufacturing industries in many different Engineer positions.



Van Matthews

I have been a member of the Guild since 2006. When the Guild purchased the current education center in 2009, I was asked to lead the fund raising effort for completion of the new building. I took on the role of VP of Fundraising, which I have done since then. There have been two campaigns since 2009, one of which raised over \$300,000 and another which raised over \$150,000 under my leadership. Although there has not been an active campaign in the last few years, I have continued fundraising efforts by participating on the Tool Sale Team and referring several estates to the auctions. Additionally, I have been an instructor in the Lathe Classes for beginners and the advanced turning classes.

I am a retired Certified Financial Planner, practicing in all areas of financial and estate planning. I have served on the board of the SC Alzheimer's Association for 25 years, helping to initiate the annual Ride to End Alz, which has raised over \$6 million. I am married to Melinda, and have five grandchildren who love going to "Pops's shop." I am happy to continue to serve the Guild if elected again.



Bill Schmidt

I joined the Guild over 20 years ago, but didn't really become active until three years ago, when I retired from my full-time roles of Pediatric Oncologist and founding Medical Director of the GHS (now Prisma Health) Children's Hospital.

Now I spend many hours each week in the Guild Shop, building everything from cutting boards to period furniture. My woodworking passion is hand tools, and I teach classes in the use and care of hand tools and the art of crafting hand-cut dovetails. I also volunteer as a Shop Supervisor and teach certification classes for the drill press and the chop saw.

It is my honor to have served as one of your Members-at-Large on the Guild Board of Directors for the past two years. And I feel like I'm just beginning to know the ropes of how our unique all-volunteer non-profit organization works. Given the opportunity, I will be pleased to represent you for another year.



Karen Sheldon

I have been a member of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild for nine years. I am a Supervisor, Instructor for Shop Orientation and for Slab Top Box Classes, and a Tool Sale Team member. For all who attend the Monthly Meetings, I am one of the Bakers plying you with homemade treats. My day job is an Industrial Engineer for an Automotive Supplier. When in the Shop, I am happy to help answer any questions, provide an extra set of hands, and address anything else that needs to be done.

For several years, I have been approached to take a position on the Board. Now is the time for me to continue to give back to the Guild by becoming a Member-at-Large. I have a passion for woodworking and a desire to see the Guild continue to thrive. With your vote, I will be able to use my experience and knowledge, as a Board Member, to make decisions on the direction the Guild will go. Thank you.

Charitable Projects – March 2024

	Members	Hours
Mission Hospital Celebration Bell Cart.....	2	29
Beads of Courage	4	20
Homes of Hope Cabinets	2	17
Toy Program	5	11
Member Sponsored Charity Projects	2	3

Welcome New Members!

Kate Anderson.....	Sunset SC
Tama Byrnes.....	Laurens SC
Elena Colombarini	Greenville SC
Ed Delorey	Easley SC
Jim Di Paolo	Duncan SC
Dave Ellis	Greenville SC
Andy Fidalgo	Greenville SC
Art Fidalgo	Greenville SC
Terry Fortner	Greenville SC
Trina Henk	Anderson SC
Jacob Karasch	Greenville SC
Wayne Melanson	Simpsonville SC
Mark Owen	Greenville SC
William Rankin	Greenville SC
Richie Rich	Greenville SC
Steve Saylor.....	Pelzer SC
David Traxler.....	Easley SC
Joe Urciuoli.....	Travelers Rest SC
Quentin Wiest.....	Travelers Rest SC
Mark Wisniewski.....	Anderson SC
Bob Young.....	Simpsonville SC
Mike Zoellner	Greenville SC



RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

RULE:

Members may not wear gloves while operating any machinery in the shop.

RATIONALE:

Gloves can be caught by machinery, whether teeth or sandpaper, pulling fingers and hands into the machine.



UPCOMING - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 6 Monthly Meeting with Guild member Barry Jones
Methods of Cutting Marquetry & Live Demonstration of Laser Engraving/
Cutting Machine
Election of Guild Officers & Directors

May 17 & 18 Shop Clean-Up

June 2 Annual Guild Picnic

July 8 Monthly Meeting

August 5 Monthly Meeting with Megan Fitzpatrick - Woodworking Teacher,
Blogger, Editor, and Writer

August 6 – 8 Three Day Seminar Presented by Megan Fitzpatrick
Building a Saw Bench with Hand Tools

September 9 Monthly Meeting with Guild member Bill Fuller
Building Guitars

Look for more details in future emails and newsletters!

Shop Cleanup Days

Be sure and get these dates on your calendar so you can help improve the Guild's facilities:

Friday, May 17 – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday, May 18 – 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Please note: The Shop will be closed beginning mid afternoon on Thursday, May 16, for some clean-up activities.

There will be lots of opportunities for volunteers. Don't miss the chance to eradicate some dust with your fellow members! It's your chance to be a super hero!!!

Watch for sign-up information later in April.

Mac Bowman
Woodworking Shop Manager



Birdhouse Contest Winners

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Birdhouse Contest! And thanks to Rosie Gaddy, who again coordinated this fun annual event. Over \$200 was donated by those who voted for their favorite birdhouses with their spare change. A huge thank you goes out to Rockler of Greenville for donating merchandise and gift certificates for the prizes that were awarded.

And the winners are...



Rosie Gaddy presenting the
Bird Lovers Choice Award
Van Matthews
"Bluebird Resort"



1st Place Traditional
Bill Keener
"Round House"



2nd Place Traditional
Marshall Gaddy
"Fly Away"



1st Place Green
Louie Gambrell
"Cedar Siesta"





2nd Place Green
Patrick Dreiding
"Bluebird Airbnb"



Decorative/Whimsical
Bill Keener
"Log Cabin"

Youth – Two Winners!



"Cousin's Corner"

Isabella, Filigree, Bär, and Wolfgang
Grandchildren of Member Mark Freitag

A school project - Each chose a bird, wrote a report, and built a birdhouse specific to that species (with the help from their grandparents)



"Anniebird"

Grandson of Member Evelyn
Johnsmann
Grandmother/Grandson Project
during a visit from New York

Member's Projects



Karen Sheldon – Side Table w/Wine
Box Top Inlay
Walnut



Dwight Blake – Table
Cherry



John Arnold – Hall Table
Spanish Cedar, Cedar of Lebanon

John Arnold – Guitar Bandsaw Box
Japanese Cedar, Maple, Wenge,
Canarywood



Dan Pollock – Platter



Ken Fissel
Carved Buffalo Given to Him as a Gift



Simon Lock – Board
Peruvian Walnut, Cherry





Van Matthews – Segmented Bowl
Ambrosia Maple, Walnut



Bill Haley – Segmented Bowl,
Coasters w/Box



David Gore – Stenbaek Counter Chair
Walnut



Mike Smale – Mallets
Hard Maple, Sapele, Black Walnut





Mike Kent – Scroll Saw Bowls
Zebrawood/Walnut, Honey Locust,
Padauk/Purpleheart



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