

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



November 2023



Join us for our next Monthly Meeting on Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Meet Jim & Christine Smith, woodturners and carvers from Murphy, NC, who turn out beautiful works of art that are inspired by the nature around them.

BIO – Jim & Christine Smith

As a husband-and-wife team, Jim and Christine feel they have overriding passion and strong persistence to master the unusual. They feel their work takes on a metaphor for life and nature and therefore, their work is simply a tribute to nature's creations.

Their work is a reflection of shared impressions from nature and wildlife around them. Their collective goal is to recreate the natural beauty of nature by adeptly turning & carving wood to obtain the most pleasing shape possible. Additional skills are applied with a variety of techniques, including hollowing, relief carving, and coloring, all of which helps embellish the wood tones.

Christine takes great care in carving her birds, all the while keeping in mind what they look like in the wild. She uses a variety of techniques, including pyrography (decorating with burn marks), carving, and mild sanding called stoning.

When selecting woods for their turned boxes, hollow forms, and salt & pepper mills, they use woods that are both attractive and lend themselves well to the craft at hand. Over the course of developing their combined skills, they have used embellishments to help accent their work.

Both Christine and Jim truly immerse themselves in the tasks of carving or turning to make their work a true complement to the host from which it was taken from.

Christine and Jim are members of the Carolina Mountain Woodturners, the Brasstown Woodturners Guild, and the American Association of Woodturners. Christine is also a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild.











Charlie LeGrand
President



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

Thank you, Veterans!

November 11, 2023 is Veterans Day, commemorating the service of all US veterans; this year Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, November 10. We should never forget that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been secured for us by our veterans.

Washington, DC has many impressive monuments. Juxtaposed with the numerous monuments to the ideals of freedom are reminders of the price of that freedom. Over 400,000 veterans are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. On the mall are the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Etched in stone are thousands upon thousands of names of military members who died in these wars. At the Korean War Memorial, etched in black granite, is the phrase "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE." To all of the many veterans at the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, thank you for your service.



The Greenville Woodworkers Guild honors its veterans through our Urns for Veterans Project. Since 2017, the Guild has supplied urns for the unclaimed cremains of veterans to be interred in veterans' cemeteries in Beaufort, Florence, and Anderson, South Carolina. This project is led by John Arnold and Rob Barhorst who developed

and designed the urn, a sample of which is on display in our lobby. Nationally, this work is carried out by the Missing in America Project (www.miap.us). MIAP's purpose is to locate, identify, and inter the unclaimed cremains of American Veterans. Since 2007, MIAP has located over 30,000 cremains in mortuaries and hospitals, identified 6,568 and interred 6,186 of those veterans. The Greenville Woodworkers Guild provided urns for over 200 of these veterans in South Carolina. The Charleston County Coroner wrote thanking the Guild for the "9 beautifully crafted urns for the unclaimed veterans. With your help we were able to properly lay these men to rest with honor and respect." Thanks, John and Rob, for leading this project and for serving our community through woodworking.

I want to remind you of a couple of upcoming events. The deadline for the Hartness Award is November 10. To submit a piece of your work, upload photos through the website. If your piece is selected, you will bring the actual work into the Guild to be judged. The Hartness Award will be announced at the Christmas Dinner, which will be Monday, December 4, at 6:00 PM.

Shop clean-up will occur November 9, 10, and 11. The Shop will be closed from Thursday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. through Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Please consider signing up to help with shop clean-up. This is a dirty, but fun event. We will work Friday from 8:30 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Saturday we will work from 8:30 a.m. until noon; refreshments will be provided. Come get dirty and meet some other members.

Our next monthly meeting will be November 6 at 6:30 p.m. Our speakers will be Jim and Christine Smith, a turning/carving duo from Murphy, North Carolina. I hope to see you there.

South Carolina Children's Theatre

Work on projects for the Children's Theatre continues. The project team is building nine cabinets, a countertop, and three floating shelves for the concession area at the Theatre. These cabinets need to be completed and installed before the November 17 start of the production of "Mary Poppins". The build team has already put in a couple of long days and have all of the cabinet carcasses complete. Next step is the construction of doors and drawers, then the cabinets will be ready for the lacquer finish.

Thanks to team members Nina DeMarie, Mary Coleman, David Duff, Millard Trott, Tom Powers, Brian Reeves, Mike Sigler, and especially Jon Rauschenbach for his build instructions and keeping the team rapidly moving in the right direction.





Mark your calendar - The Fall Tool Sale date has been set for December 2! If you have items you would like to include in the sale, please contact Scott Stofan at shstofangwg@gmail.com no later than November 13.

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

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

Upcoming...

November 6
Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 9 – 11
Shop Clean-Up

November 10
Deadline to Submit Projects for the Hartness Award

December 2
Fall Tool Sale

December 4
Annual Holiday Dinner, Larkin's Sawmill



Charitable Projects – September 2023

	Members	Hours
Toy Program	49	408
Beads of Courage	9	51
Member Sponsored Charity Projects ...	4	35

Welcome New Members!

Myriam Amaral Spartanburg, SC

Julie Counihan..... Simpsonville, SC

Perry Dillard Greer, SC

Robert Furnald Chapin, SC

Doc Giddings..... Greenville, SC

Eva Janowski..... Easley, SC

Thomas Moehlman..... Mauldin, SC

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Member's Projects

Chess Set and Storage Box by Bill Schmidt



Cutting Boards by Jonnathan Shepherd





Scroll Saw Bowl by Kellie Lockwood



Art Box by John Arnold

