

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



October 2022



**Join us Monday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.**

Skylar Faria, founder and owner of SurfPrep Sanding, will be our presenter for the October Monthly Meeting. He has collaborated with the best foam abrasive manufacturers in order to engineer a line of power tools and products specifically targeted for higher quality surface preparation.

BIO

## Skylar Faria

Skylar Faria, President of Dixon Enterprises and SurfPrep, is a seasoned leader with more than 35 years of experience in the abrasive and sanding technology industry.

In 2004, he and his wife, Meri, purchased Dixon Enterprises and began manufacturing abrasives before launching SurfPrep in 2008. Their intention was to create and manufacture effective sanding systems that would benefit users by being less physically taxing on the body, while saving time and material costs. This commitment led to the development of the SurfPrep Sanding System, now regarded as one of the best in the industry. SurfPrep has excelled and earned many accolades in their field, including the Association of Woodworking and Furnishing Suppliers (AWFS) Visionary Award for innovation and productivity in sanding.

Today, Skylar and Meri, along with their three adult children, operate SurfPrep locations in Lake Elsinore, California, and Wilmington, North Carolina. Together, the family and more than 25 employees, continue to grow and shape SurfPrep to meet the needs of customers. The company was recently approved by one of the nation's largest buying groups, All Pro, to begin selling the SurfPrep systems in more than 5,000 Benjamin Moore paint stores across the nation. Additionally, the Farias will soon be developing a training center where they will instruct customers on how to use their products and tools effectively.

Skylar, who hails from Southern California, is a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona University, where he played college baseball. He enjoyed a short stint with the Milwaukee Brewers before leaving baseball and launching his business career. Aside from running their successful sanding enterprise, Skylar and Meri enjoy spending time with their family and grandchildren, boating, sport shooting, coaching youth sports and riding motorcycles.









**Joe Boyd**  
*President*



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

Finally, Fall is here!

After a long, hot summer the tease of cooler weather is a welcomed sign that Fall is here. While we will still have a few hot days, the oppressive heat and humidity are now in the rearview mirror. So, what does this have to do with woodworking? Good question!

Each Fall and Spring there are endless changes that take place in all of nature. The landscapes begin their showy display of foliage. The harvesting of Fall crops changes our dinner menu. Who can resist a bowl of chili on the first cold snap of the season? Football season is well underway, and the Fall calendar quickly begins to fill. But still, what does this have to do with woodworking?

The Fall season is the time that our activities in the shop really get going. We know that Christmas is around the corner and there is a never-ending list of projects to complete. Just as we witness all of creation changing with the season, how enjoyable

it is to have woodworking as a hobby. For it is in woodworking where we get to impart our creative influences into a project that we hope will be enjoyed for decades to come. To take a piece, or pieces, of wood, to mill them, to dimension them, to fit them, to glue them and then to finish them... it is the most enjoyable hobby one can

experience. And to have the Guild as a resource of information and equipment is absolutely the cherry on top!

In comparison, how many times has 18 holes of golf left you with this feeling of satisfaction? Allow me once again to invite all members to attend our monthly meetings at the Guild. They simply get better and better! Our thanks go to the Audio/Visual team who do a fantastic job in assuring the lights, cameras and audio are all in working order. Additionally, Teri Gaudet and

Karen Sheldon are knocking it out of the park with their lovingly-made dessert treats for all of us to enjoy. We are grateful to so many who give of their time and talents to make our Guild the best in the country. Please let them know of your appreciation when you see them.



Until we meet next, please enjoy your Guild.

## Charitable Projects – August 2022

	Members	Hours
Toys .....	44.....	500
Bunks Beds - Ukrainian Refugees.....	14.....	406
Dollhouses – A Child’s Haven .....	3.....	64
Meyer Center .....	3.....	67
Boxes – Beads of Courage .....	1.....	12
Member Sponsored .....	2.....	16
	Total	67      1,065

## Mentoring – August 2022

	Hours
260 Adult Sessions.....	889
1 Youth Session.....	2

## The Hartness Award for Craftsmanship

The core objectives of the Guild have been highlighted and mentioned throughout the history of our organization:

- To help our members become better woodworkers.
- To elevate public knowledge of woodworking as an art.
- To help charitable causes through our woodworking skills.

During the monthly membership meetings, we routinely have a “Show and Tell” segment in which members showcase their ongoing or recently completed projects. This has become a highlight of each month’s meeting and many times the quality of the projects is clearly obvious. The expert craftsmanship that is displayed unquestionably highlights the culmination of our first two guild objectives. While we continue to pursue these objectives, there has been very little past recognition of members who have pursued the

art and knowledge of woodworking and utilized their talents to create projects that are superior in craftsmanship.

It is with great excitement to announce to the membership that the Guild has created just such a recognition to be named The Hartness Award. The Hartness Award will be an annual award and the most coveted and highest award that The Greenville Woodworkers Guild will covey upon a deserving member. Additionally, the naming of the award after guild member Bobby Hartness will lend an endearing legacy of one of our most generous and supporting members. Bobby’s woodworking skills have been long admired by many in the guild and an award in his name indicates a great accomplishment of achievement to its recipient. The Hartness Award will become a recognition that its holder will forever cherish and proudly display. All genres of woodworking may be submitted for review.

The first recipient of The Hartness Award will be announced during our annual Holiday Party on December 5. This announcement will be highly anticipated by our members and will conclude the evening. More information will be made available about submitting works for consideration of this award.

## Changes to the Guild Website

Changes to the Guild's website have been made in an effort to reduce "phishing" emails that Guild officers and leaders have been receiving. Phishing emails are sent in an attempt to get sensitive information.

The majority of the email addresses that were on the public Contact Us page have been moved to the Members Only menu. A few email addresses still appear on the public page. To find the appropriate email addresses for most Guild officers and leaders, log into Greenvillewoodworkers.com, choose Members Only, and Expanded Contact Information.

David Dewease - IT Manager

Kellie Lockwood – VP Communications

## Welcome New Members

Ben Burns..... Simpsonville, SC  
Ryan Burrer ..... Taylors, SC  
Dave Carter..... Greenville, SC  
Matt Eatman ..... Simpsonville, SC  
Doug Forister..... Inman, SC  
Dave Gerhard..... Simpsonville, SC  
Kevin Hansen ..... Taylors, SC  
Catalina Miller..... Pickens, SC  
Gautam Patel ..... Mauldin, SC  
Dustin Sanson..... Greenville, SC



The flyer features a collection of woodworking tools including a circular saw blade, a hand saw, a hammer, a square, and a pencil, arranged on a wooden surface. The text is set against a background that is white at the top and orange at the bottom.

**GREENVILLE WOODWORKERS GUILD**

**TOOL SALE**

 **SATURDAY, NOV 5**  
**8:30AM - 10:30AM**

 **209 HOLLYRIDGE CT**  
**GREENVILLE, SC 29607**

For more information, please visit:  
[www.GreenvilleWoodworkers.com/ToolSale](http://www.GreenvilleWoodworkers.com/ToolSale)



## Guild History

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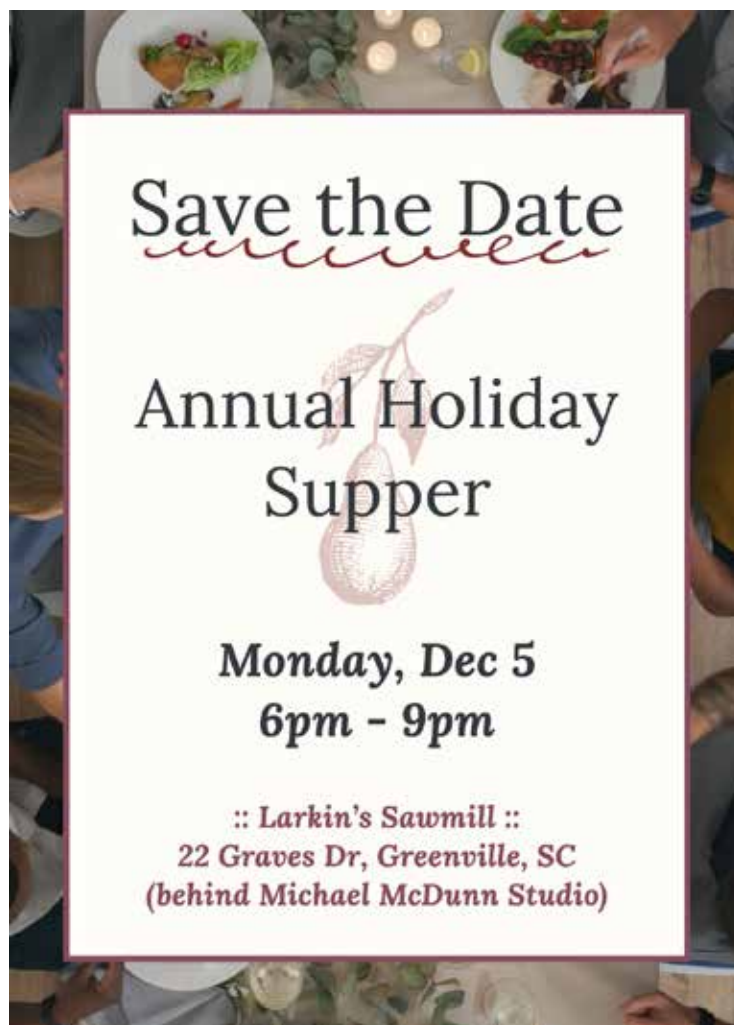
This was the beginning of our first year in the old shop. Karl Kelly was president. Many needs were identified to complete the tools in the shop. The list of tools was identified to enable mentoring and charitable work: Air compressor and accessories, table saw blades, dodo set, jointer, planer and band saw blades, clamps, etc., all requiring a fund raiser.

Our October meeting promises to be an exciting and fulfilling event for our Guild Members. At long last we will get to see firsthand the long-expected Education Center shop on Poinsett highway.

With the increase in charitable and mentoring activities, a request was made for additional volunteers.

Activities included a fall seminar where Louie Inabinett will teach us the art of cabinet design and construction. Art in the Park on Sept. 20-21. And a bus trip to Klingspor and HH&NK.

The Sept. program will feature Steve Kern who will take us through the complete steps of a mentoring project, including the designing, building, and finishing a sewing cabinet, with emphasis on how the mentoring program operates. The mentoring program is headed by Bill Heiser. We will have Show and Tell, and a raffle.





# October Class Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
			9:00 AM Woodworking 101- Tray making D Best 9:00 AM Jointer/Planer J Arnold			
			9:00AM Lathe Birdhouse Ornaments for the Holidays Lathe Certification req'd	1:00 PM Sanding Machines N Hollingshad/J. Arnold		
			9:30 AM New Member Orientation Best or LeGrand			
	6:30 PM Guild Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Vogel	6:30 PM Accu-slicer L Martins			
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
		9:00 AM Festool D. DeFrancisco	9:00 AM Basic Bandsaw T. Sparks	9:15 AM Sanding Machines B. Armbruster/J. Arnold		
		1:00 PM Jointer/Planer B Reeves				1:00 PM Jointer/Planer C LeGrand
	6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong			6:00 PM Basic Bandsaw B. Fuller		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	9:15 AM Sanding Machines B Armbruster / J		9:30 AM New Member Orientation			
1:00 PM Table Saw M Franklin		1:00 PM Accu-slicer J Arnold				
			6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong			
		6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or	6:00 PM Router Table G Leonard	6:00 PM Sanding Machines B Armbruster / J Arnold		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			1:00 PM Table Saw H Ireland			
		6-9 PM no J/P TS Table Building 1/4 LeGrand, Reeves,	6:00 PM Table Saw H Ireland	6:00 PM Basic Bandsaw B. Fuller		
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
	5:30 PM Supervisor Meeting					

## Member's Projects



Side Tables  
by Bill Schmidt



Two Boxes by John Arnold

Side Table  
by Buzz Sprinkle





Rice Bowl and Vase Turnings by Mike Mills



Turned Bowl from SpectraPly  
by Dan Pollock



Beads of Courage Lidded Turnings by Jim Kilton



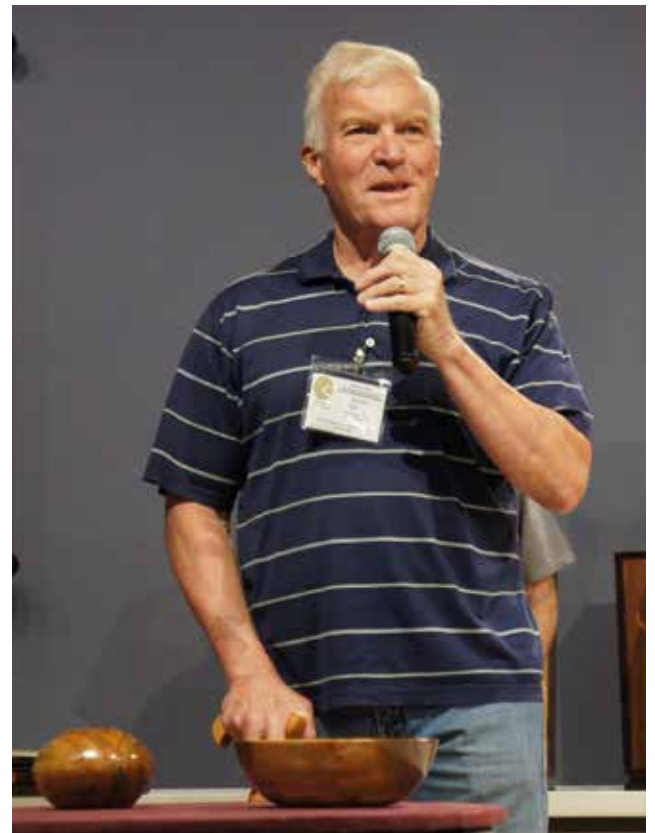
3-D Edge Grain Cutting Board by Ariel Jacala





Inlaid Jewelry Boxes  
by Barry Jones

Scroll Saw Design by Sykes DeHart



Turned Bowls by John Stiehler

## 2022- 2023 Officers

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Joe Boyd - President

John Arnold - Executive VP

Bill Fuller - Treasurer

Chuck Graham - Secretary

Kellie Lockwood - Vice President, Communications

Van Matthews - VP of Fund Raising

Doyle Hogsed - Vice President, Educational Activities

Marion DeWitt - Vice President Charitable Projects

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Dick Best - Education Center Superintendent

Mac Bowman - Shop Manager

Charlie LeGrand - At Large

Jon Rauschenbach - At Large

Bill Schmidt - At Large



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