Our July meeting will feature Jeff Covey, Regional Sales Manager with Festool USA.
Jeff Covey is the Regional Sales Manager with Festool USA. He has been with the company since September, 2014 and lives in Knoxville, TN. Originally from Omaha, NE., he moved to Tennessee in July, 2012. Jeff has over 20 years of experience in Account Management and his role at Festool is to support a network of Authorized Retailers, professional contractors, and woodworking enthusiasts to increase brand awareness and market share throughout the Southeastern U.S.
Serving this Guild for the last two years as president has been an honor that I count as one of the highlights of my life. I have served many other organizations in many different roles, but none can compare to what we have, in quality of members, outstanding facilities, and charitable programming. In my very first newsletter I pledged to “protect and enhance the Guild’s programs and assets.” I believe that together we have achieved this goal. Over the last few days I have listed in my mind more than a dozen ways that we have grown and blossomed. I would probably forget something if I tried to list each one, but each of you can look around and see improvements and enhancements that have been made in every nook and cranny, inside and outside our physical facilities. But the one thing I am most proud of is the growth we have made in charitable projects. This is where we outshine most other woodworking guilds and other non-profit organizations. From our dedicated charitable project leadership, the eager member teams constructing each project, and the smiling faces when we install each project, our charitable programming is second to none. Other groups may raise more money for specific charities, but no organization in the entire Upstate touches as many different people and needs as we do. Nothing compares to the self-satisfaction of helping people and giving back to the community.

I especially want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person that has helped in any way over the last two years. The list is long, and includes members, supervisors, Board members, program leaders, project managers, speakers, and especially volunteers. In almost all cases, when a need was identified someone would step forward. This is yet another sign that our Guild has fully developed into a self-sustaining organization. I could go on to list a number of people that have played a key role and met a critical need, but this list is so long we don’t have the space to print it. Please know that you have my deepest and most sincere thanks for each time you have offered encouragement, come to a meeting, offered to help with some project, or just listened at certain times. Thank you.
Crawford Saw and Tool has been sharpening the Guild’s saw blades, router bits and other cutting tools since our first shop opened in 2003 on Poinsett Highway. They now come by our Education Center every other week to pick up dull blades and return them nice and sharp. Not only do they offer “valet service”, but they give Guild members a discount. They can also repair or replace damaged carbide teeth. The cost for sharpening is dependent upon the size, number of teeth on the blade, repairs, etc. If you have dull blades that need sharpening, open the cabinet drawer behind the supervisor’s desk (closest to door), then here is what you do:

- Select a blank tag from the drawer and fill in the requested information.
- Check the box indicating this is a personal item (not a GWG item).
- Fill in your personal information (name, phone number, Email).
- Attach tag to the blade with tape.
- Place blade with tag on top of the box in the drawer.
- Pick-up and delivery takes place every two weeks.
- You will receive an Email when your item(s) are returned (if Email address is legible).
- A copy of the bill will be left in the drawer showing the charge.
- Pay the GWG Supervisor and reclaim your items. (Do not send payment to Crawford).

Now carefully install your newly sharpened blade and start making sawdust! Remember, sharp blades not only cut better, but they are actually safer to use. Crawford Saw & Tool also sells new blades.

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120 Biblebrook Drive
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The Metropolitan Arts Council has supported GWG for over 20 years. Their support has been a big plus in giving GWG visibility in the arts community and has added credibility to the “art” of woodworking.

GWG is proud of the Quality of work entered in this exhibit and thanks everyone who entered the exhibit. Because of our relationship and individual member participation in Mac events over the years the Guild was invited to be a featured exhibitor for the month of August.

The exhibit will make GWG more visible and respected as artists by the exhibit. We hope that each Guild member that participates will strive for continuous improvement and continue the creativity that makes their work special.

The exhibit opened on July 25 and continues through September 1 at the Metropolitan Arts Council Gallery. The hours are 9–5, Monday – Friday. Mac is located at 16 Augusta Street, Greenville SC.

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This event will showcase a variety of special and unique pieces our members have made, from very small items such as jewelry, pens, bowls and boxes, to larger items such as chairs, tables, chests.

Special displays will feature “Beads of Courage” boxes and “Veteran’s Urns” to increase community awareness of the charitable projects that makes GWG special.

Everyone is invited to the Opening Reception on Friday, August 18, from 6:30 - 9:00.
WOOD WORKS EXHIBIT

Congratulations to our participating members

David Aman        Bill Fuller        Gary Morris
John Arnold       Michele Grandonico  Dave Paul
Dick Best         Mike George        Aubrey Rogers
Michael Blankenship Bobby Hartness   Don Rose
Donnie Brown      Doyle Hogsed       Butch Scott
Don Clarke        Ariel Jacala       Karen Sheldon
Sandy Cochran     Clyde Jenkins      Ruud Veltman
Dennis DeFrancesco Barry Jones       George Wells
David Dewease     Jim Kilton         Allison Yanover
Ken Fissel        Bill Lancaster Jr  8 Team Projects
Russell Frazier   Charlie LeGrand
SHOW & TELL

Morris Chair by Larry Watts

Ukulele by Karen Sheldon

Goddard Style Table by Bobby Hartness
Scroll work by Gary Morris

Box by John Arnold

Reuleaux bowls by Dave Paul

Scroll work by Gary Morris
Toy Boats by Chris Calvin

Knife by Dave Paul

Painted Box by Mike George
NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, August 7, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
New member orientation begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. / Social time begins at 6:15 p.m.

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