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Steve Kern will discuss use of handheld router at August 3rd meeting



Steve started woodworking as a teenager in his father's basement work shop. After getting married, he began making small tables, benches and such for friends, relatives, and neighbors. For the last 18 years he has built furniture and built-in case work for friends and customers.

Steve joined the guild in 1991. He has served as program chairman, vice-president, four terms as President and was fundraising chairman for 18 months when \$50,000 was raised shortly after opening the education center. He has been a shop supervisor and has been heavily involved mentoring programs for the Guild.

He has taught router techniques, table saw techniques, finishing, joinery, and raised panel techniques for various woodworking clubs and through the local Woodcraft store.

Steve will demonstrate the use of both fixed base and plunge base routers to show their versatility. He will show how to make a dado jig that cuts straight, flat bottomed dados or grooves at any angle using a fixed base router. He will also show how to use the fixed base router as a planer. With the plunge router, he will show how to make holes for shelf pins for adjustable shelving.

This will be a very informative program for those wanting to get the most out of your router. See you there!

The President's Corner



Wayne Comstock

The dog days of summer are almost upon us when woodworking generally takes a back seat to vacations, visits and just plain relaxing. But, get ready members, a busy fall is coming!

The GWG Board has approved two new projects to be built starting in late August. We're going to build a phone bank complex for Mental Health America of Greenville County. Many have called it the "crisis line" organization, and it is that plus so much more. These highly trained volunteers take over 1000 calls each month offering both non-critical assistance as well as emergency counseling. More on that project later.

And we'll build the second phase of the cabinetry needed at Project Host – Soup Kitchen. It's a great opportunity to learn cabinet construction.

When we received a \$15,000 grant earmarked specifically for charitable projects, no one thought, based on history, that we would use all the money by the time we would apply again. Through eight months, the GWG has spent over \$10,000 on materials for twelve different charitable projects. Quite an accomplishment!

O'Brian Trawick and Gary Morris provide interesting presentation on scroll sawing



O'Brian and Gary first described the saws they use for their scroll sawing work. O'Brian has a scroll saw made in the 1870s that is still functional.

O'Brian and Gary then showed examples of scroll sawed items. These included inserts for baskets, clocks, and intricately cut out tigers for the Clemson fans.

Next Gary discussed blade selection emphasizing the type of blade appropriate to use depends on the type of work and the type of wood being used. Spiral tooth blades are useful when a piece is too large to be rotated on the scroll saw table. Reverse tooth blades will help to eliminate fuzz on the bottom edge of the scroll sawed piece.

O'Brian demonstrated the use of a scroll saw and pointed out the importance of avoiding blade deflection. If the blade is forced to deflect the cut edges will not be square. This is particularly important when scroll sawing stacked pieces in order to obtain exact duplicates.

They finished by discussing the use of patterns, how to attach the patterns with spray glue, and removing the pattern with paint thinner.

Upcoming Events!!

August 3rd – Steve Kern will make a presentation on the use of a hand router.

September 7th – Bruce Johnson, renowned do-it-yourself television personality and author, representing Minwax®, will provide a wood finishing workshop.

Superintendent's Report



David Aman

This summer has been a very busy one for most people, and activity at the Education Center has been slower than normal. Our supervisors have also been quite busy and unable to work as many shifts, so we have had a number of unscheduled shifts that forced the shop to close. Some of the supervisors also have health or family issues that prevented them from working shifts. So we have added seven new supervisors that are now taking shifts. This will help maintain our 85 percent availability for all potential shifts. These new faces include:

Donnie Brown
Alan Coker
Ken Patiak
Ted Savain
Hal Smith
Lewis Wilson
Tim Yang

All of these have a great deal of woodworking experience, and have actively taken part in Guild activities and charitable projects. Next time you visit the shop and see a new face, please introduce yourself and thank them for giving their time to enable you to have a shop to visit!

Guild members build bookcase for new Children's Museum



Wayne Comstock, Karl Kelley, Bobby Hartness and Aubrey Rogers put together their considerable woodworking skills and built a beautiful maple bookcase for the new Greenville Children's Museum. It is located in the reference library/reading center in the museum.

The museum will feature a "Tool Time" exhibit. The exhibit has ten work benches and peg board backings to hold hand tools for use in the exhibit. The peg board hardware was donated by Lowe's and the tools were donated by Woodcraft

The museum opens to the public on July 31.

Welcome New Members!

Scott Stofan - Greer
Rory Curtis - Mauldin
George Aufmuth - Simpsonville
Rick Sumeral - Greenville
William Johnstone - Greenville
Charles Joye - Greer
Robert Lister - Taylors
Michael Burke - Travelers Rest
Diane Watkins - Greenville
Dave Veisz - Greenville
Don Limoges - Fountain Inn
Jason Parris - Greenville
Norman Book - Greenville
Graham Smith - Greenville

Greenville Woodworkers Guild History

The Guild was founded in 1981 by five avid woodworkers. The first newsletter was published in 1983 on a quarterly basis, then monthly beginning October 1984. The following are some notes from those newsletters.

GWG - August 1984 - 25 years ago

Bob Ripley - President

- The August meeting will be at Dave Reid's shop. Members are encouraged to bring their work for each of us to see and learn from.

GWG - August 1989 - 20 years ago

Carlyle McKaughan - President

- At the last meeting, Don Clarke brought in a mortise and tenon cutting machine he designed.

GWG - August 1994 - 15 years ago

Andy Walker - President

- No meeting held

GWG - August 1999 - 10 years ago

Jim Kilton - President

- Don't forget our annual toy project for the kids at the Meyer Center. Our goal is to make 90 toys.

GWG - August 2004 - 5 years ago

Karl Kelly - President

- Russ Brenner, from Freud Tools will demonstrate how to select and properly use router bits.

Member Profiles

Our newsletter editor, Buzz Sprinkle, has asked that each of the Board members write a brief profile of their experiences in woodworking and their contributions to the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. Wayne Comstock, President, is the first in the series.



Wayne Comstock

Like many woodworkers I was inspired by my father's involvement in the craft at an early age. I received a "Craftsman Starters Kit" at age 11 consisting of a plane, scroll saw, hammer and tri-square. I still have them. My dad and I would go on outings to scrounge wood from old houses and horse barns. Horses won't crib (chew) on walnut in their stalls.

Our original home in Greenville didn't have room for a shop so with my good friend and neighbor we converted his picnic shelter to a woodshop complete with pot belly stove. When he moved away, I bought a number of his tools and started a shop at our next house in the rec room. Then, when providence allowed us to build a larger home, the prerequisite was room for a larger shop. I joined the Guild shortly before retirement and got hooked on the myriad of woodworking subjects available and the amount of seriously good woodworkers in Greenville willing to share their skills.

I haven't specialized in any one particular area, although I really like reproduction pieces, toys and anything I can build for someone else. My kids and grand kids still get most of the fine pieces I make, but I've been able to keep a leaded glass china cabinet, Hepplewhite sideboard, dining table and Pennsylvania secretary for my wife Donna and me to enjoy in our home.

As a Guild member, my first office involved re-vamping and colorizing the newsletter. I also got involved in successfully writing grants for the Guild and recently succeeded in getting the Minwax people to award the Guild their Community Craftsman Award.

My primary focus now is to find or build a new Education Center before my next term of office is complete. My secondary goal is to bring master quality presenters before the membership. My hope is that both will happen in the next year.

Christmas Toy Project

Al Masson and James Childress have worked hard to prepare the kits for children's toys that are available at the monthly meeting to be taken by members to build. The third of the series of five kits was available at the July meeting. Examples of finished kits were on display and innovative approaches have been taken in the finishes applied to many of the kits!

Unfortunately, a large number of the finished kits have not been returned. They request that you bring your finished kits to the August meeting or bring them to the Education Center. Please include your name with the finished kit to help them account for the kits. This is a very worthy effort and your help is appreciated.

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NEXT GUILD MEETING:

Monday, August 3, 2009

New Member Orientation starts at 6:00 PM

General Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

J Harley Bonds Career Center

505 N. Main Street, Greer, SC 29650

Guild Information

Guild Telephone No.: (864) 241-3849

This phone is located at our Educational Center workshop located at 701 Poinsett Highway. If no one is there you can leave a voice mail message.

Website: www.greenvillewoodworkers.com

Contains information about the Guild, Educational Center schedule, links to other woodworking related websites and a capability to submit suggestions and e-mail to the Guild.

The Guild web manager is Bill Brett. Contact Bill with ideas and suggestions for the website at bill.brett@charter.net

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