



# Greenville Woodworkers Guild

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***Bruce Johnson will discuss finishes and their uses at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting***



Those of you who have attended our annual cookout in June will recognize Bruce Johnson. He was part of the Minwax Team that presented the Minwax Community Craftsman Award given to the Guild.

Bruce is an accomplished woodworker in his own right and involved in the Arts and Craft movement. He has written several books on various woodworking subjects, including refinishing, wood and furniture identification and house restoration and preservation. He regularly contributes to magazine columns as well. Bruce has appeared in and hosted various TV programs, such as *New Yankee Workshop*, *The Today Show* and the *D-I-Y Network*.

Bruce will be telling us about all the do's and don'ts when using finishes and which finish to use where. He will also be talking about wood preparation.

More information on Bruce can be found at his website [www.AskBruceJohnson.com](http://www.AskBruceJohnson.com)

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See you there!

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## *The President's Corner*



**Wayne Comstock**

It's the start of the 2009-2010 fiscal year for the Guild. Last year proved not only to be a productive year for the Guild in terms of growth, but the year we won a national award and received a grant that served to finance one of the busiest years when you look at all the charitable work we accomplished.

The grant has and will finance over 16 projects, the largest of which was the cabinetry for Habitat for Humanity followed closely by the projects coming up for Mental Health America and Project Host this fall.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Guild is going to have an auction of tools owned by two Guild members, Alan Chase and Charles Reid. There will also be items from present members for sale at the auction. David Aman and crew are clearing an area in the shop to accommodate a large attendance and Karl Kelly will once again do his great job as auctioneer.

Bruce Johnson's presentation this month on wood finishing is the result of the Minwax award process. Don't miss him!

## *Steve Kern provided an entertaining and educating presentation on routers*



Steve gave a very entertaining and educational presentation on the use of routers. He demonstrated various techniques, such as cutting dados, grooves and shelf pin holes for use in casework and cabinetry, using supplemental bases made out of phenolic, and a simple straight edge fence.

A good example of a base is an oblong base used for rounding over edges. This base gives additional support and rigidity to the tool.

There are numerous jigs that can be made for use with a router, one of which is a corner rounding over jig as seen in the photo above. This jig was made out a kitchen cutting board – hope he made his wife a new cutting board!

When using templates, always use guide bushings in your router base.

Safety when using power tools was also addressed. Always unplug your router prior to changing bits.

### **Upcoming Events!!**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Tool Auction at the Education Center

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** -

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

## Superintendent's Report



David Aman

I hope your summer has been a pleasant and safe one. Now is the time to get plans underway for your fall and Christmas projects. With this in mind, we are planning a general shop clean-up during the latter (and cooler) part of the month. Before that, we need for you to clean out your personal items, material and wood pieces that have been stored at the shop. Please remember – we can't provide storage space for every one. Storage space must be reserved for on-going projects and materials that will be moved within thirty days. Also, no storage (even over-night) is allowed on any of the carts or work surfaces. You must find some other suitable space to place such items.

Let's welcome our newest Supervisors:

Gloria Bennett & Steve Padula  
I am sure you will enjoy working with all of these new supervisors. They will gladly assist you, and are dedicated to maintaining a safe working environment for you.

Congratulations to all the toy makers! I believe we will reach our goal of 1,000 toys.

Please **WORK SAFELY** for the rest of the summer.

## Guild members build trophy case for new Civil Air Patrol



Jamie Ray, Ted Sauvain and Arlyn Larson built this beautiful trophy display case for the Greenville Squadron of the civil Air Patrol.

This is an example of one of the many charitable projects that Guild is involved in.

Various new projects are in the planning stage and in need of volunteers and helpers.

- Mental Health America Crisis Line – cabinets and work stations.
- Project Hope soup kitchen – cabinets and various items.
- Christmas toy project.

**Welcome New Members!  
You have joined the Best Guild in the Country!!!!**

Benjamin Ebel – Greenville  
Tony Solesbee - Lyman  
Ed Coble - Taylors  
Javier Schloemann - Greenville  
Michael Masters - Pickens  
John Swales - Greenville  
David Stone - Greenville  
Stan Long - Anderson

## 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 - September 1984 - 25 years ago*

Bob Ripley – President

- At the September meeting Dave Reid demonstrated hand-cut dovetails and Bob Ripley demonstrated router cut dovetails.

### *GWG - September 1989 - 20 years ago*

Carlyle McKaughan – President

- Phil Byrd discussed the design requirements for upholstering furniture, which is different than non-upholstered furniture.

### *GWG - September 1994 - 15 years ago*

Andy Walker - President

- First kick-off meeting after summer recess at the new facility – JL Mann High School in the shop. The Guild helped with repair and maintenance of the shop tools.

### *GWG - September 1999 - 10 years ago*

Jim Kilton - President

- Aubrey Rogers presented his beautiful steam train at show-n-tell. All parts hand made out of various exotic hardwoods.

### *GWG - September 2004 - 5 years ago*

Myndert Papenhuyzen - President

- John and Jaye Leake from York, SC gave a presentation on furniture building.

**DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE GATE AND ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE GATE AT THE EDUCATION CENTER! YOU ARE OBSTRUCTING ACCESS FOR SEMI'S USING THE GATE.**

## *Member Profiles*

In our ongoing series about member profiles, this month we feature our Secretary and only female board member, Linda Rakey.



*Linda Rakey*

Linda Rakey lives in Anderson and joined the Guild in 2002. At that time there were 125 members, and the Education Center was still a dream. She graduated from the University of Missouri with a major in Interior Design. Linda is also a member of an Anderson garden club, the Master Gardeners club, a Hiking club, a Gem and Mineral club, and enjoys painting murals, portraits, and hand-painting furniture pieces.

Never offered the option of high school “shop” class, it was only ten years ago that she began woodworking. Linda knew how to design what she wanted, but had no prior association with woodworking or machinery. Fortunately, her husband, Ron, had taken shop and could get her started. He didn’t realize how serious the interest was until he left town one week and returned to find the family’s camper had been sold and replaced by a table saw. (The camper was unused for three years.) The two car garage is now completely filled with equipment, including a hand made work bench.

Initially, Linda built jewelry boxes to hand paint, then designed and constructed large built-ins for her home. She most enjoys the design aspect of woodworking, even including the construction drawings. Currently, she is working on an informal kitchen buffet/hutch for her daughter-in-law.

The cabinets in the Education Center were decorated by Linda, as well as the play area fence in the reception area of the Center for Development Services in Greenville, one of our earlier charitable projects.



Linda attributes her advancement to the opening of the Education Center and the mentoring classes offered. She has taken almost every different class offered by the Guild. “The combined wisdom of this group is phenomenal, and they are so willing to share.” Linda has served on the Guild’s Board of Directors as Treasurer for three years, Newsletter Chairman for one, and is beginning a third year as Secretary. She was thrilled a few years ago when one of her projects was featured in the Gallery section of Woodcraft magazine.

## **Christmas Toy Project**

**Please return all finished projects at our next meeting in September, including your name!**



***Bruce Johnson will discuss Finishing at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting***

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:  
Monday, September 14, 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](http://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](mailto:bill.brett@charter.net)

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