

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



April 6, 2015

Our April 6 meeting will feature Neal Evans, Todd Wren and Ken Semmler from the Greenville location of Richelieu Hardware. Neal, Todd and Ken will acquaint us with their Company, products and give us some insight into making the right hardware choices for the projects we want to make.



Richelieu is an importer and distributor of specialty hardware and complementary products.

Their customers – Nearly 70,000 customers in North America : kitchen and bathroom cabinet manufacturers, kitchen dealers, residential and commercial woodworkers, home furnishing manufacturers, office and ready-to-assemble furniture manufacturers, renovation superstore chains, and purchasing groups with more than 6,000 hardware retailers.

Their team – 1,800 people, close to half of whom focus on sales and marketing, and more than 50% of whom are Richelieu shareholders.

Their product – some 100,000 products (SKUs) in a wide variety of categories including: kitchen accessories, lighting systems, finishing and decorating products, functional hardware, ergonomic workstations, closet and kitchen storage solutions, sliding doors systems, decorative and functional panels, high-pressure laminates. This offering is complemented by the specialty items manufactured by two of our subsidiaries, Cedan Industries Inc. and Menuiserie des Pins Ltd. These include a broad range of veneer sheets and edge banding products, a variety of decorative mouldings and components for the window and door industry.

In addition, many of our products are manufactured according to our specifications and those of our



customers. More than 60% of our overall offering is sold under our brands.

Neal Evans has been in the wood product and hardware business for 30 years starting out as an outside salesman for Greenville Spartanburg Hardwood and moved on to Allied Casework, now Richelieu.

Todd Wren started out with Allied Casework (Richelieu) in 1995 as the warehouse manager and for the past 15 years has been one of the southeast top salesmen.

Ken Semmler, although new to the Richelieu team, has been in the business since 1990 working with home centers in design and sales of kitchens and as a factory rep. for a major cabinet line.

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T H E P R E S I D E N T S C O R N E R

We face risks in our lives on a daily basis and also in the woodworking shop. Risk of injury is present and must be managed to avoid the harm that can occur. Accepting a certain level of risk in many of our daily activities is normal but most of us haven't spent the time to understand how to manage risk to our advantage

A risk can be decomposed into two parts, the probability it will occur and the impact if it occurs. A good way to understand probability and impact of a risk is to look at what we call traffic "accidents". We all know that if we follow the traffic laws, stop at stop signs, drive under the speed limit and etc., we decrease the probability an accident will occur. We can never decrease the probability to zero because there are other vehicles on the roads and they are a factor. To reduce the impact when the risk occurs, we use seat belts, air bags and etc. to limit the impact or injury.

In the shop, where risk is also present, we use the same approach to manage it. Good training, machine

certification, and good maintenance lowers the probability of an incident. Having good push sticks, feather boards, crosscut sleds and etc. also reduce the probability. To limit the impact, we use personal protective equipment such as closed toe shoes, hearing protection, eye protection and our first aid station among others.

Our shop manager and shop supervisors spend almost 100% of their time trying to limit the probability an "accident" will occur and reducing the impact when it does. As a supervisor, it can sometimes feel like fighting a battle to get the members to understand that we are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of injury. Every member can make a huge contribution to the management of risk in the shop by doing their part to follow the rules and wear their personal protective equipment without having to be told to do so. Nobody except that annoying bell in the car tells us to wear our seat belts but we know from news stories and experience that seat belts save lives. And wearing safety glasses in the shop saves eyes.

THE BOARD REPORT

Board of Directors Meeting
Education Center

Item 1

Call to Order

Item 2

Secretary's Report and
Discussion Chuck Graham

Action: Resolution to approve and accept Minutes of February 2015
The motion passed.

Item 3

Treasurer's Report and
Discussion Bill Fuller - Absent

Action: Resolution to approve and accept the Treasurer's report.
The motion passed.

Item 4

Actions of the Board of
Directors All

Action: Resolution to construct a Paint Booth in the Outbuilding
The motion passed.

Action: Resolution to Repair a Previous Project for Generations
Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ALL

ITEM A

Some feedback has already developed about the new meeting format. At least some members want the door prizes given each meeting.

ITEM B

President DeWease reported that the number of new members has exceeded the number of non-renewals so far this year, resulting in a net growth of membership.

ITEM C

The Guild has received a request to barter a vacation cabin in return for building residential cabinets for a non-charitable person. The Board agreed to post the request on the Guild's website.

ITEM D

Board considering creating a page on the GWG web site that allows Associate Members to place advertisements.

ITEM E

Chairs made by the Wofford students were presented to the Meyer Center.

ITEM F

The recent Mark Barr seminar took in approximately \$2,000.00.

ITEM G

The fundraising appeal will be made during the first part of the monthly meeting, and the next meeting will be the one for the next quarter.

ITEM H

St. Francis' Lifewise Program wants to expose the Guild to its members in June of this year. This will be a lunch time event, and the Lifewise Program will provide all its meals and related items. To enable the members to make a short tour of the shop, it will be shut down for 15-20 minutes for the sake of safety.

ITEM I

The next newsletter will announce the election of officers for the next fiscal year.

ITEM J

The Toy Chest project for Safe Harbor has been cancelled.

SUPPORT OUR GUILD ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Asheville Hardware

Tom Gholson
(828) 252-8088

Carolina Refinishing Supplies

Greenville, SC
Chuck Ellisor (864) 380-2117

Cormark International

Asheville, NC
Fabs Corte
(828) 658-8455

Crawford Saw & Tool

120 Biblebrook Rd., Greer, SC
Bill Crawford
(864) 877-5828

Duncan's Hardware

1506 Augusta Road, Greenville, SC
Joe Freeman
(864) 233-6851

Duron Paints

1258 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC
(864) 234-7321

Klingspor's

The Woodworking Shop
1-800-228-0000

McKinney Lumber & Hardware

2046 Laurens Rd., Greenville, SC
(864) 288-6570

Richelieu Supply

Allied Casework Greenville

1140 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC
(864) 299-6165

Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

1-800-279-4441

The Tool Shed

901 Poinsett Hwy., Greenville, SC
(864) 233-6185

Tidewater Lumber & Moulding

596 Anderson Ridge Rd., Greenville, SC

Woodcraft

1327 Miller Road, Greenville, SC
(864) 627-8760

Woodline USA

1-800-472-6950
www.woodline.com

Woodworker's Supply

Graham, NC 27253
1-800-645-9292

Wurth Wood Group, Greer, SC

Jim Meyer, Gen. Mgr.
(864) 877-7328

CHARITABLE PROJECTS HOURS

	Hours
Children's Hospital (Entertainment Center).....	27.5
International Center (Display Cabinet)	46.5
South Carolina Veterans (Burial Urns}.....	3
Generations (Bed Drawers)	2.5
Santa's Workshop (Toys)	23

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A meeting of the membership of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild will be conducted at the Monday meeting on May 4, 2015 for the purpose of electing the officers and directors for the 2015 - 2016 term.

AUCTION GROSSED \$20,000

TOOL SALE AND SILENT AUCTION IS A BIG SUCCESS

“The Greenville Woodworkers Guild presents a huge Tool Sale and Silent Auction March 28, 2015”! That advertisement announced what was to be one of the Guild’s greatest recent successes. The auction team worked for almost six months gathering items, cleaning, pricing and preparing them for the big show on Saturday. Their work paid off in a big way. Approximately 220 people attended, many from other woodworking guilds and clubs from as far away as Columbia SC, Atlanta GA and Charlotte NC. To say the event was a big success seems like an understatement. There were many different kinds of successes:

- David Aman and the Guild auction team did an unimaginable job of organizing the sale and silent auction. The format was well appreciated by the buyers and made it possible for us to move almost 1000 items in four hours.

- Another team met Friday afternoon to clean and prepare the Education Center for the big event.

- Everyone pitched in to welcome all our visitors, give tours and load items for the buyers.

- Sandy Cochran took care of all the refreshments and food.

- The raffle was very well organized and sold 621 tickets for a total of \$ 3,105. Congratulations to Bill Hargett from Atlanta GA who won Charlie’s Lathe.

- Bill Fuller assembled a very well organized team to perform the check out and payment for items purchased. They collected approximately \$ 20,000!

- And last but not least, our members bought a lot of the items for their own use.

The list could be even longer but the most important success was what we did for the families of our departed friends and fellow woodworkers. By selling and buying their tools, the families will get the best financial return and will be comforted by the fact that someone who cares for the tools will still be getting pleasure from their use. If you ask why we do these events, it’s for the families.

Let’s all celebrate our great success by thanking all the contributors for their work and commitment to making the Guild what it is today. One member said it best “You have all displayed the true motto of our club; GIVING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP”.

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Bedside Table
by Bill Lancaster



Bowls
by G. Scott Kilgore

Mountain Dulcimer
by Carroll Hutcheson



Boxes
by John Arnold

Learning Tower
by Gary Enterline



NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 - 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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