

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



October 2015

The October 5th program will feature Stuart Kent. Stuart will present a program on the "Principles of Furniture Design." Stuart owns and operates "Stuart Kent & Co.", an independent custom furniture business located in Greenville, North Carolina.



Stuart Kent

Stuart Kent, 36, received a bachelor's degrees in sculpture and wood design in 2005 and a master's of fine arts in sculpture in 2008. His wife, Susan, also an ECU alumnus, received a bachelor's degree in biology in 2004 and is a researcher in the Brody School of Medicine physiology department.

Fulbright honor Stuart Kent, owner of Stuart Kent & Co. fine art and furniture of Greenville, North Carolina, has been awarded an at-large Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and research on the campuses of the National University of Costa Rica and the Tropical Forestry Initiative field station Los Arboles during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Kent is one of approximately 1,100 professionals and faculty from the United States who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

"I will work with citizens to sustainably harvest timbers and teach basic furniture making," he said. "There is not a real rich heritage of furniture making in that area like there is in Brazil and Mexico."

He will teach methodologies and use environmentally sensitive techniques to harvest and prepare lumber for sale from two species of widely unknown, sustainable tropical hardwoods. Kent also will teach free public workshops and college classes

on wood joinery and finishing and will work closely with faculty and administrators at the National University of Costa Rica to develop a curriculum for furniture design. He will organize exhibitions in museums, galleries and private businesses to demonstrate possible uses for the trees.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Recipients are selected based on academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. Established in 1946, the program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide.





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

Are you committed? NO, not to an asylum, but to the ideals and mission of our Guild? I believe that most of us would respond with an overwhelming YES. Look around and you will see facilities that are the envy of all non-profits, a clean and attractive environment, people working together on charitable projects that will benefit many others, and resources at your fingertips. Let's be extremely thankful for all of this, and especially to those dedicated members that have had the vision, strength and drive to get us from a small coffee table meeting thirty-four years ago to what we have here today. Now, think about the possibilities of making our Guild even better! What if each member (you) were to do something each time you came to the Education Center to make it better, improve its looks, add to the experience for the next member or visitor? The motto of the 4-H Club is "To Make the Best Better", and each Boy Scout seeks to do a "Good Deed for the Day". Why can't we take this same attitude and say "I will.....". These are just some suggestions: pick up one piece of trash as you enter the building; pull up just one weed along the sidewalk; be careful when spraying paint not to also paint the shop cart or surrounding area; clean the shop sink even if you "didn't do it"; change a burned out light bulb;

plant a new flower or shrub; spray weed killer for one day on the parking areas; turn the lights off in unoccupied rooms; clean-up after yourselves after using the restroom; sweep up the floor in the lumber room; empty the trash basket; make a toy for a kid; join a charitable project; volunteer to help; and on and on. Well, I think you get the picture. We already do a good job, but let's strive to do a great job!

Some say that I "see the glass as half empty". Maybe so, but when I see a half empty glass, I know there is room for more, that I may be able to add something that can make it full again, for which it was designed to be. The possibilities for our Guild, both facilities and activities, are tremendous. But we need for each member to step forward and say "I will do something to make it even better. I will volunteer to lead a project; I will volunteer to be on a team; I will say "I Can" when asked to help rather than "I Can't". You can get a start by making one wooden toy for our Toy Program. It can be simple, but do the best you can. Bring it to the November meeting, and let's see if we can't get at least 100 additional toys! I hope each of you will be committed to helping in some way to improve our facilities and activities, and help foster our motto of "Giving Through Fellowship".



Congratulations!!

Danny Goodson was recognized as the Guild's "Supervisor of the Year" for fiscal year 2014-15. Mac Bowman, Shop Manager, made the announcement at the annual supervisors picnic September 28. Danny has been a supervisor for many years. He is a lathe instructor, the lumber team label operator, cleans all of the dust collection filters on a weekly basis, helps and assists with the Guild auction/sales collections and events, actively assists with charitable projects, and is a mentor to anyone that asks. Danny is the ideal example of a leader and a doer. Please offer Danny your thanks and appreciation for all that he does so the rest of us can enjoy our Guild membership.

Wood Procurement

Aubrey Rogers

First of a series of articles to keep you informed.

Yes, I was the procurement manager before, but this is not my "old job". Under David Aman's dedicated leadership he has created a service to members never dreamed of when we implemented this program. Lumber species has gone from ten to over one hundred, and manual procedures have been replaced by automated systems. Of course, none of this would have happened without dedicated volunteers. Last year we have recorded approximately 500 hours of volunteer time on deliveries. Rudd Veltman has created an exceptional computer system to manage the purchasing, labeling, tracking, and sale of every board we buy, backed up by a team of members who provide computer support. Danny Goodson implements the labeling and inventory procedures, a critical first step. Bill Brett and his wife Margery have the important role of managing sales and receipts. Jim Kilton is always on hand to expedite the delivery process and we also have a dedicated team of volunteers to unload, sort and stack the lumber.

If you would like to join this team just send me an email.

One of my goals is to reduce the number of unaccounted boards. We

are proud of the way our honor system works, but it needs some tweaking. Please follow the rules published in the wood room regarding the filling out of envelopes for each board purchased for personal or project use and be sure you deliver them to the supervisor before you cut the piece.

With the help of our web manager I plan on periodically publishing "wood procurement news", covering such topics as delivery dates, and specials, so watch for these emails. And if you need a board not covered by our normal order just send an email and I will try to obtain it.

I am committed to keeping up the wonderful service that has been provided by our wood procurement program. You can help by keeping me informed on any issues that arise. Working together we can maintain this great benefit.

Guild Announcements:

Big Thanks

Thanks to Richard Mackintosh for his many years of service as our “Events Manager”. He has submitted his resignation effective December 31, therefore we are seeking someone to fill this position. You can find out more about what is required by going to our website, then looking under Guild Information; Guild Documents; Director’s Manual; then Position Descriptions. Also, thanks to Sandy Cochran, Tom Jones, and the entire team that help make our meetings successful. We also need a director for the Toy Program for next year.

Accounting

An Accounting Review Committee has been appointed. Buzz Sprinkle, Bill Brett, and Al Socha will work with Treasurer Bill Fuller, and our Accountant Bill Gay to ensure our income and expenses are properly administered.

Need new Tools?

Thanks to Libby Handford, widow of long time member Walt Handford for making his tools available for sale through the Guild. Also, many thanks to Charles Green for donating all of his major tools to the Guild for our auction/sale. Charles helped with toys and charitable projects, and has moved to Michigan due to health reasons. We also have many tools from other sources. A date for a

proposed auction/sale will be announced soon. We also need a director to step forward for this important service.

Strategic Planning Committee

Bobby Hartness will join the Strategic Planning Committee. It also consists of Aubrey Rogers, Tom Berg, Mac Bowman, Buzz Sprinkle and Wayne Comstock.

Roof Repairs

All repairs have been completed! Thanks to Karl Kelly for his persistence in getting these necessary repairs made to protect our facilities. We should get many years of added (leak-proof) service from our existing roof.

Christmas Dinner

Get busy, don’t wait, and make a handmade gift for the spouses for the Christmas Dinner. Also, it would be great if all members would make at least one toy and bring to the November Membership Meeting. Otherwise, we may be a little short of toys for distribution to the kids this year.

Show & Tell

Bring your “Show & Tell items for the next meeting; then have them displayed in the lobby for the next month. This gives more people an opportunity to admire your handiwork.

Mark your calendar

Next Board of Directors meeting

Board Room,
Tuesday, September 29, 4:30 pm.

Visit from “Lifewise” group

Wednesday, September 30,
10am ‘til noon.

GWG Membership Meeting

Monday, October 4, 6:30 pm.

Daylight Saving Time

(fall back an hour):
Sunday, November 1.

GWG Membership Meeting

Monday, November 2, 6:30 pm.

Group Tour of GWG

Rolling Greens Retirement Village will tour the GWG facility.
Tuesday, November 10, 10am.

Shop Clean-up

Saturday, November 14.
Details will follow.

Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 7.
Bring a handmade gift for spouses.

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / August 4 to September 7

	Hours
Child's Haven (Step Stool)	8.5
Child's Haven (Rocking Horse)	62
Meyer Center (Bird House).....	6.3
SC Veterans (Cremation Urns).....	96.5
Santa's Workshop (Toys)	180.5
Total	354

MENTORING CLASSES / August 4 to September 7

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes	305
Youth Classes	125

THE BOARD REPORT

Call to Order

President Aman called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Item 2

Secretary's Report and Discussion
Chuck Graham

Action: None – Minutes not available

Item 3

Treasurer's Report and Discussion
Bill Fuller

Action: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
The motion passed.

Item 4

Actions of the Board of Directors All
Action None.

DISCUSSION ALL

ITEM A

Aubrey Rogers has accepted position as Wood Resource Manager.

ITEM B

President Aman has requested that Bobby Hartness join the Strategic Planning Committee. It was pointed out that the Board needs to advise the Committee as to the Board's intentions or decisions relative to the recommendations the Committee forwarded in August.

ITEM C

The year-end reports which were provided in advance are tentative, subject to finalization by Bill Gay and Bill Fuller.

ITEM D

Bill reviewed various year-end financial reports. Of note was the fact that the Budgeted Net Profit of

\$14,290 was exceeded significantly as the preliminary Actual Net Profit is \$56,817. Entries for the roof repairs have resulted in some commingling of monies between operating and capital accounts.

ITEM E

A discussion was held relative to accounting for and reporting of operating and capital monies. A review with Bill Gay is expected to provide guidance on appropriate accounting guidelines for the Guild to follow going forward.

ITEM F

An Accounting Review Committee is being established to assist in the monthly review of the Guild's financial reports. It is intended that this committee will support the Treasurer and Accountant in their efforts to provide accurate, consistent and meaningful financial reporting. The president recognizes that, up to this point, most of the responsibility for increasingly complex accounting is falling on only two individuals.

ITEM G

A President's Council, made up of the current and past presidents of the Guild is being established. This Council, among other responsibilities, will be critical in developing and driving a program to encourage member volunteers in the execution of Guild programs and activities.

ITEM H

Membership: President Aman noted that membership over the last several months has been declining. This troubling development is heightened by the loss of female

members. These issues will be further developed for future Board discussion.

ITEM I

Positively, Wild Apricot is proving very successful in terms of lightening workloads, encouraging renewal and ease of payment.

ITEM J

The concept of Associate Members was discussed. It is apparent that guidelines are needed to define the criteria for Associate Membership in the Guild. President Aman and Rob Barhorst will undertake this review.

ITEM K

Education Center (Karl Kelly): Generally, everything is in good shape, including the grounds. The roof is complete with minor issues as is the paint booth. The paint booth requires the installation of HVAC.

ITEM L

A proposal will be developed for the proper conditioning of the server closet.

ITEM M

It was decided, in the absence of clear responsibility for the maintenance of the entry street to Guild property, that small paving contractors will be approached relative to repairing potholes.

ITEM N

Educational Programs (Bill Keener): Forty classes have been scheduled and most of the openings have been filled for the fall sessions. Again, Wild Apricot is proving very beneficial in terms of registration, payment and reporting.

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ITEM O

Darryl Roberson has been asked to provide direction for the Youth Program. At this time, the emphasis is being placed on programs for the younger children, ages 7-13.

ITEM P

Fundraising (Joe Denny): Joe reported that he will begin to develop proposals from various potential donors for unrestricted and restricted funds. His request is to be provided with specific needs of the Guild in order to develop requests from those GWG Record of Proceedings sources that only provide restricted funds. Needs include, but are not limited to, machines, materials and programs.

ITEM Q

Charitable Projects (Bruce Rankin):

ONGOING PROJECTS:

- Child's Haven - Rocking Horse complete, Great job by Bill Brett and gang.
- Child's Haven - Step Stools in process, Two completed and two needed in the future
- Hughes Residence - Two Tables in process for more than 18 Months.
- Veterans Urns – Sixteen urns have been completed. The redesign of the urns is underway.

NEW PROJECTS:

Bruce Rankin has been contacted by James Thompson, who is a Guild member, who has a daughter in Shannon Forest School. They are requesting two teaching easels. It was concluded that this is not a Guild project and, if completed, it would be by interested Guild members.

ITEM R

Communications (Wayne Comstock): There is a need for the Guild to be publicly recognized for its efforts in producing Veteran's Urns. Wayne will reach out to various news outlets.

ITEM S

The fact that the web manager will attend Board meetings was welcomed. His presence will be instrumental in updating and maintaining current the Guild website, which is an important source of information for members, prospective members and the community at-large. President Aman indicated he has thoroughly reviewed the current webpage content and has shared his findings with the web manager.

ITEM T

Membership Meeting: this general meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM U

Wood Inventory Report: the annual report revealed a very minor loss of plywood sheets and boards over the past year. It was agreed that this small amount of shrinkage was remarkable and probably most attributable to lack of coding or miscoding.

ITEM V

The upcoming festival "Get Out Greenville" offered us (at a price) a booth. The board declined to participate.

ITEM W

Rolling Green Retirement Village requested to be allowed to visit and take a tour of the Education Center. This was approved.

ITEM X

The question came up about using the software Wild Apricot to make reser-

vations for the Christmas Dinner, how would we issue tickets, etc. No action taken, but it was discussed, and will probably come up at a future meeting.

SEPTEMBER SHOW & TELL
SEE MORE PHOTOS ON OUR WEB SITE



Peapod Small Boat Model
by Chris Calvin



Ring Boxes by Ken Dunlap



Tri-Corner Lipped Box
by G. Scott Kilgore



Maple & Walnut Double Wave Bowl
by Wells Doty

CHARITABLE PROJECTS UPDATE



- This “Rocking Horse” was made by Bill Brett and several other “cowboys”, Bill Bagwell, Keith Rackley, and Ron Critser, for A Child’s Haven benefit auction.
- Bill Schmidt has made a beautiful birdhouse for an upcoming benefit for “Child’s Haven”. Step stools and cabinets are currently being built for this terrific organization.

- Hughes Residence tables are almost complete and will be delivered soon.
- Urns for Veterans is a popular and ongoing project.



John Arnold, Project Manager, with a new prototype for future urns.

- There are also two “Non-Guild” projects that are about to get underway. One of these consists of cabinets for the Mauldin High School Band. The other is construction of two easels for Shannon Forest School. These are not officially Guild projects because they fall outside of our non-profit guidelines. Individual members are working on these projects.

- For information on any of these projects, and especially to find out how you can participate, contact Bruce Rankin at:

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NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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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