

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



July 2016

35TH



ANNIVERSARY

OUR JULY MEETING PROGRAM WILL BE "PIONEERS OF THE GWG", FEATURING
BOBBY HARTNESS, ART WELLING, MICHAEL MCDUNN, BOB RIPLEY, AND BOB HARVEY.



Our July meeting program will be
“Pioneers of the GWG”

Featuring :

Bobby Hartness

Art Welling

Michael McDunn

Bob Ripley

Bob Harvey

It will be a panel discussion format with David Aman as facilitator. Some of these gentlemen (Art Welling, Michael McDunn and Bob Harvey) are charter members, while others were instrumental in the formative days of the Guild. They will be discussing how the Guild was formed, its early day mission and purpose, how they operated on little money and no facilities, how we got to where we are now, and other historical information. They will also entertain a few questions from the audience.

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David Aman
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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Our July meeting is really something to look forward to! It is rare to have a group like this, “Pioneers of the GWG”, together at one time, all fine craftsmen in their own right, and all instrumental in the origin and growth of our Guild. We are now at a sustained level of about 700 members in good standing, a significant gain from the original five founding members. Come and hear what they have to say.

Recently Rudd Veltman did an analysis of Guild members versus shop users. The criteria was based on members that logged in on the touchscreen as they entered the shop from May 2015 through April 2016. Interestingly, about 40 percent of our members never signed in (or used the shop) during this period. Of the approximately 425 members that did sign in, only about 250 members signed in at least twelve times (average of 1 visit per month). Just 100 members signed in at least 36 times! You can draw your own conclusions from this information.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a new policy on member project storage. This has been precipitated and made necessary by a number of things. Some background: Our original shop included no room for project storage. Some cubbies were donated and installed, but soon became filled. A policy was instituted to regulate storage and allow a minimal space for active, repeat active, projects. It soon became a nightmare. When our new

shop was acquired a study was done on project storage needs (as well as charitable projects), and an area was set aside for this purpose. This was soon filled and more bins were created. These soon became filled. The Education Center is for educating and training members, to build charitable projects, and to serve the personal needs of members when possible. We are not a storage facility! A quick glance through the current bins shows bin after bin filled with scraps, wood not being used for any project, and all kinds of other stuff. A few actually contain an on-going project. We have more than adequate space if everyone would just adhere to our policies, clean out the junk, and use this space only for current, ongoing projects. The new policy will hopefully make things better for members and supervision. If it leads to “permanent” or unencumbered storage, it will be revised again. Please remember, we are not a storage facility!

One last thought. Our Guild has always operated on the “honor system”, even for wood sales and other areas. Every time I entertain a guest or visitor, they often comment on the friendliness, neat appearance, and character of our members. It is the people that make our Guild outstanding, and it is outstanding people that we attract as members. Let’s keep it that way!

Calendar of Events

July 11
July Membership &
Annual Meeting
*(Please note the change
from 1st Monday!)*

July 12
Next GWG Board of Directors
Meeting

July 19
Visit from Gwinnett Woodworkers
Association

August 1
August Membership Meeting

August 1, 2016 through
July 15, 2017
McKissick Museum Exhibit of
Furniture Makers

August 24-27
International Woodworking Fair
Atlanta GA

Late August
Visit from Portland Oregon
Woodworkers Guild

September 12
September Membership Meeting
*(Please note the change from
1st Monday!)*

October 3
October Membership Meeting

October 29
Next Tool Sale/Auction
(proposed)

November 7
November Membership Meeting

Mid November
Shop & Grounds Clean-Up/
Fix-up Day

December 5
December Meeting &
Christmas Dinner

More changes!

If you are a shop user you have probably noticed that we have a new method of offering soft drinks in the shop. The old vending machine has been replaced by a beverage cooler. Thanks to an anonymous donor for purchasing this cooler, and to Robert Tepper for keeping it stocked on an ongoing basis. A variety of soft drinks will be available in the cooler, and bottled water will be in the break room refrigerator. Its success depends on you! There is a “collection box” in the cooler and refrigerator, and each item is just 50 cents; nothing is free! This is pretty much a break-even process at these prices, but any extra will go towards operating the shop. Please do not even think of taking water or soft drinks from the refrigerator in the auditorium. These items are for monthly meetings only and not for use by anyone other than our Event Manager.

Thanks again to the responsible members for making this happen!

New Project Storage Policy

Our Shop Manager Mac Bowman proposed and the Board approved a new policy for member project storage. This policy will be implemented for a six month trial period, then reviewed and revised as necessary. Its intent is to provide minimal storage for current, ongoing member storage of parts,

pieces, and partially completed projects for short durations. It is not intended to provide permanent or long term storage, or for items not intended to be used in a current project. Mac hopes this will “provide a fair and equitable means of providing temporary storage at the GWG shop”.

A member seeking storage will get a “storage tag” to place on the bin or project, containing a start and expiration date. Two free 30 day tags (30 consecutive days) will be available each year, not to run consecutively. Beyond these 30 day periods, a “license tag” for 30, 60 or 90 days will be available for a fee of \$15 per month, paid in advance. Any storage out of date will be removed to the “delinquent storage area”.

We cannot afford to build new outside storage facilities, and the general consensus of the Board is that we should not take priority space out of the existing shop area for storage. Let’s try this for six months and evaluate it at that time. Mac is currently tweaking the administrative process for this, and will implement as soon as practical.

Thanks for your support of this initiative!

Limited Offer



You asked for it, and now we have a limited supply of Guild logo clothing in Tee-shirts and ball caps. They are available for purchase at the Supervisor's Station at any time, and will be available at the July 11 membership meeting. The Tee-shirts come in tan with a pocket, and light green and blue without a pocket. Sizes include Large, X-Large, and XX-Large; our current stock is mostly X-Large but other sizes may be ordered (call David Aman @ 270-3740). Ball caps are light khaki, with a modified embroidered logo on the front and "Giving Through Fellowship" across the back. These are being sold at our basic cost of \$10 each for the Tee-shirts and \$14 each for the ball caps. They can be seen in the wall mounted display case on the right as you enter the shop. If you wish to purchase one, ask the supervisor, then put the money in a brown envelope (please pay for clothing separate from any other items such as wood, etc.). Successful sales of these items will help determine if other items are offered.

Let's all support the Guild by wearing your Guild clothing in public!

Free Magazines

The Guild Library is undergoing reorganization and updating to make material more accessible to members. As a result, a large number of duplicate copies of magazines are being disposed of by offering them to our members at no cost. We had as many as 10 or 12 copies of some issues, and shelf space is at a premium, so there was nowhere to store all of these magazines. They were offered at the Sawmill Picnic, and will be offered one more time at the July meeting; after that date, July 11, they will be dumped. Come look through them; you might find one with the perfect project! Please take all the copies that you wish. There is no charge, but donations to support the Library would be appreciated.



Charitable Project Opportunities

Reply to: aman@bellsouth.net

We need someone that can cut out six simple bird houses for folks from the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs to assemble and finish.

We are seeking 2 or 3 folks to build and finish two statue pedestals for Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Beads of Courage

Each time the Children's Hospital calls for more "Beads of Courage" boxes, it is a sharp reminder of the special needs of children with cancer in this area. This box is not only for holding the special beads they get for each medical procedure they endure, but also holds a reminder of the courage, hope and love from their families, friends and supporters. Hopefully when they beat this dreaded disease and grow into adulthood, they will see this little handmade wooden box up on a shelf, and be reminded of all their supporters from the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. As Jim Kilton, Project Manager, delivers more boxes to the Children's Hospital this week, our supplies will be diminished once again. This will be an on-going charitable project, and as long as children continue to develop cancer, we hope to continue to deliver boxes. We will continue to need at least 3 or 4 boxes each week for the foreseeable future. Also, we are delivering on a trial basis some unfinished wooden projects in hopes that the children can paint and decorate them as part of their convalescence.

Please commit to making some boxes, bring them in and put them on the table in the lobby! Jim Kilton has the "Beads of Courage" buttons, and can supply any directions needed.

Welcome Our New Supervisors

Karen Sheldon / Rob Barhorst



The operation of our shop and Education Center depends entirely on a large force of volunteer members who serve as shift supervisors. They cover more than seventy shifts each month of four hours each. In order to provide you, our members, with this level of service supervisors have to serve multiple shifts each month. Their primary job is to ensure your safety and enforce the rules while you are working in the shop, or anywhere in the facilities. In addition, they are there to help with any other facet of Guild activities from new members, shop tours for visitors, certifying members to operate tools, selecting wood, cleaning up when members leave a mess and many other jobs. Next time you are in the shop, take time to say Thank-you!

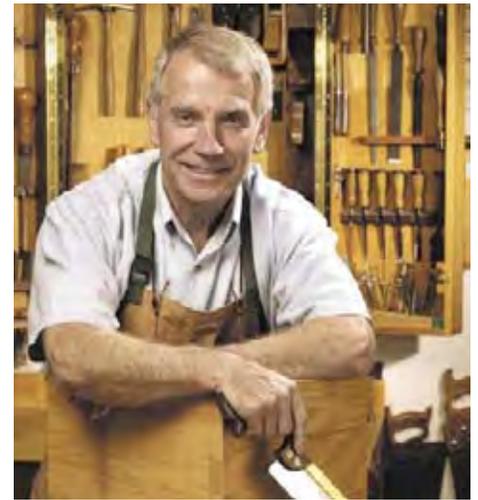
Watch for these new supervisors, and help them help you by being safe, following the rules, and cleaning up after yourself.

Welcome Visitors !

During the summer we will be hosting visitors from different parts of the country. First will be about 30-35 members of the Gwinnett (Georgia) Woodworkers Association. They are coming here on a bus trip, and will have lunch at our facility. A few of them visited shortly after we moved into the new shop, and now want to see how we have progressed. Any GWG member that would like to share lunch with them please contact me at presgwg@gmail.com. I also hope that we can have a number of "Show & Tell" items on display.

Visiting in August will be a couple of members from the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers located in Portland. They are detouring through Greenville after attending the Roy Underhill Woodwright's School in North Carolina.

Let's roll out a red carpet and make these visitors welcome! This means that we truly have something the world wants to see!



Invitation from Columbia

The Woodworkers Guild of Columbia extends an invitation to our members to participate in upcoming seminars with Frank Klausz, a master woodworker and cabinet maker, scheduled for October 15 and 16, 2016. The seminars will be held at Mann Tool and Supply, Inc., located in West Columbia, who is also a sponsor. Frank Klausz is a master craftsman who studied in a classic apprenticeship program in his native Hungary. He immigrated to the US, and is a world renowned master craftsman. He became one of the leading authorities on hand cut dovetails and other types of traditional joinery. Frank has written articles for all of the major woodworking magazines and created a series of videos on woodworking techniques, such as sharpening hand tools, dovetail joinery, mortise and tenon joinery, wood finishing and other topics.

The seminars will be held October 15 & 16 from 9:00AM to 4:30PM, with a cost of \$75 for a single day or \$135 for both sessions. For more information go to <http://manntools.com>. Click on the Calendar link to register for this seminar. The last day to register is September 7.

Big turn out for the annual GWG cookout. Good friends and good food. What more could you want?





LEFT TO RIGHT - RJ, Tyler, Stryder, Gabriel, William, Megan, Krystal and William

Guild's Youth attended the annual symposium of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

Eight members of the Guild's Youth Program attended the annual symposium of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) held in Atlanta June 9-12. They had the opportunity to see over two thousand turned objects, ranging from simple bowls and pens to at least one sculptural piece priced at \$65,000.00.

There were over 800 "Beads of Courage" bowls donated and on display. During the three day event, they each participated in free woodturning classes provided by AAW, with internationally-known woodturners providing the instruction. Various vendors and the AAW had set up an area for the youth turning sessions which was outfitted with twenty-five fully-equipped Jet midi-lathes, with each lathe setup and accessories valued at over \$1500.00 retail. A raffle was held during the symposium, and

at the end of the session, six of our eight youth attendees had won a fully equipped lathe to bring home. A seventh was a sister of a winner, and the eighth bought a lathe at a very substantial discount. The adult sponsors were able to bring all seven lathes home to Greenville.

It takes a lot of work to keep the guild shop and grounds maintained.
Thanks to everyone who volunteered for clean up day!



CHARITABLE PROJECTS / May 3 to June 6

Hours

Beads of Courage (Bead Boxes).....	43
Fine Arts Center (Desk).....	105
Mauldin Police (Display Case).....	40
SC Veterans (Urns)	1.5
Santa’s Workshop (Toys).....	329
Total.....	63

MENTORING CLASSES / May 3 to June 6

Hours

Combined total hours for adult classes.....	201
Youth Classes	167

Considering this is the last, before summer report, Charity hours and sessions were a new high for the shop year, led by Santas Helpers with 143 sessions over 329 hours!

As in the previous months the Youth mentors and Teen students took the prize for sessions and hours. There were combined, mentors plus teens, of 115 sessions and combined hours of 499!

Total participant hours was a new high for the year with 3658 hours! Total work sessions for the year thru May was 1175 second only to Nov. 2015 with 1212!

As for shop maintenance, building maintenance was at a new high of 57 sessions over 186 hours! Computer/IT had nice numbers as the IT folks went about installing a new server! I had no problem connecting to do this report, and things were much quicker, so you go guys! Other support activities had a new yearly high with 36 sessions over 125 hours!

It was a really nice month for GWG!

– Jack McKay

Show and Tell





NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, July 11, 2016 - 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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