

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



March 2016



## March 7 meeting - Joe Ruminsky

Joe has been a professional educator for thirty years as a teacher and school administrator. Ruminski started turning at the age of 13. With impeccable standards, he has commercially produced over 800 natural edge bowls, utilitarian bowls, vases, Christmas tree ornaments and art pieces.

Joe will conduct a turning seminar for Guild members on Monday March 7, from 10 am – 3 pm and be our guest speaker on Monday night

## Joe Ruminiski

After retiring from the public education system he has continued his love for teaching by teaching woodturning and doing demonstrations across the United States. He takes great pleasure in breaking down what seems to be difficult into simple steps so that it becomes attainable for those who pursue the skills of turning. There is no greater delight than to see someone leave a class a better turner than when they came in the door. No matter where he goes and how often he teaches he is still picking up little tips to use. Joe's personal turned work has a focus on how-to-do, as much if not more, than what to do. Figuring out how things work and making it, is what drives his passion to create. He has given himself permission to explore color, shape and form using whatever techniques are available to him. He is constantly learning and putting new ideas together for his creations.

Joe teaches at the Arrowmont School of Arts in Gatlinburg, TN and the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. He has worked with the youth program for AAW for the past 7 years. His "Craft Corner" performances have been featured on local television. Joe is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, president and board member of Carolina Mountain Woodturners, and a member of American Association of Woodturners.





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## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Last month we discussed “What is a Guild” and found that it is “an organized group of people with common interest”. Now let’s look at the people that make up a guild, in particular our Woodworking Guild. We now have over 600 primary (dues paying) members, and over 700 when Life-Time Members and Family Members are included. To operate as “an organized group” requires a lot of different talents and skills. Just like a human body needs different parts to function as a body, or a manufacturing plant needs different materials to produce a finished product, we need different people to effectively operate as a guild. We need people to order supplies; people to sort and stack lumber; people to pay the bills; people to conduct classes; people to install computer systems; people to repair the machines; people to plan charitable projects; and people for a multitude of other chores. In other words, we need people with various skill sets, talents, training, ability, knowledge, interest and desire to perform all of the different tasks necessary to function as a guild and operate our facilities. It is estimated that of the 700 plus members,

only about a hundred different members are involved in our Guild operational activities. Lots of people use the shop; lots of people attend training classes; lots of people come to meetings; and lots of people will offer to help. To all of you... Thank-you! But if you have special skills such as software, computer applications, finance, legal, accounting, grant writing, surveys, audio-visual, governance, electrical, plumbing, or anything else that could be useful, please let us know. I know that a large percentage of our members are retired and just want to do woodworking. But to give back, to lend a hand, to help our Guild grow and prosper is important and can be very rewarding. Please consider offering your talents by contacting me at:  
[presgwg@gmail.com](mailto:presgwg@gmail.com).

I would love to hear from you.

## Announcements:

### Enjoy the meeting!

Our last meeting was informative, interesting and educational for the large crowd of about 185 members and guests who attended. Our guest speakers have been very complimentary of our facilities and members, and do their best to make the programs interesting, timely and useful to our members. Everyone involved, from those making announcements to “Show & Tell” presenters, want to make the meeting experience delightful for everyone. The following is just a reminder (99 percent of all members already practice these) that will make our meetings even better and more enjoyable!

### Meeting etiquette:

- Be seated when the meeting starts.
- Please sit in the auditorium; don't stand around perimeter.
- Turn-off or silence all cell phones.
- Use restrooms before the meeting or during breaks.
- Please don't bring food or drinks into the auditorium.
- Please be courteous to speaker/presenter by staying for the entire presentation.
- If you must leave, do it quietly and from the rear if possible.
- Don't allow door to slam.
- Clean-up after yourself and properly dispose of any trash.
- Do not be a distraction!

If we all practice these common sense suggestions, everyone can enjoy the meeting!

### Guild Shop Should be Commercial Free

Our Woodworkers Guild is an all voluntary, non-profit Organization with a 501(c)(3) tax status. That means quite simply that we do nothing for profit either as a group or individually. A large number of our members have made significant sacrifices, both monetarily and in sweat, and will not allow what has been built over 35 years to be put at risk. We own 6.5 acres of land and facilities valued at over one million dollars. Not included is the intrinsic value of what over 600 members contribute each day for the benefit of other members, our youth and our greater community. That's a lot to put at risk by allowing a few members to take advantage by performing commercial work in our shop. If we were to lose our tax status, we would immediately become subject to more than \$50,000 in county and city property taxes, additional taxes for storm water retention, loss of our sales tax exemption, subject to OSHA Regulations, and hoards of other taxes, fees and expenses. In essence it would result in the death of this Guild. We cannot allow that to happen! Our shop is exclusively for charitable, educational, and personal activities.

What is commercial work? First, it is not the making of items for an occasional street festival, or for an occasional sale which recovers costs of materials. It is not making gifts or items for your family, friends or church. It is not doing a special, one time project for a friend that reimburses you. If you believe that any of your Guild Shop activities are commercially motivated, they probably are. Ask these questions: Do I have a business license? Am I required to report this as taxable income? Do I advertise or have a website? Am I being paid to do this? Is my livelihood partly dependent on my shop projects? Do I buy lumber or materials as a commercial customer? Do I take orders? If the answer to

any of these is yes, then you are doing commercial work. If you do repetitive projects, bring in large quantities of lumber or plywood, try to hide your activity, or arrive in a commercial vehicle, then you are probably doing commercial work. If this is the case, please stop immediately. If you have any doubt or questions, then ask a supervisor; they will get an answer for you.

We have always operated under the “honor” system in all that we do, and activity inside the shop will be no different. All that is asked is that no one puts our tax status at risk, thus putting the entire Guild at risk, by doing any kind of commercial work. Thanks for understanding this request, and for abiding by our policies.

### GWG celebrates 35th anniversary

The Guild was established in 1981

### Next Tool Sale / Auction Saturday April 2nd

Hold that Date! Saturday, April 2 is the date of our next giant tool sale and silent auction. It begins at 8:30 am at the Education Center, and silent bidding ends at 11:15 am. There will be tables of \$1 and \$5 items while most tools will have fixed prices from \$7 to \$45. Other items \$50 or greater (minimum price) are available for silent auction. Everything is priced to sell, and no discounts will be offered at this sale. This sale has some unusually nice tools! Bring your friends and neighbors, and your cash, checks or credit cards!

### Joe Ruminski Turning Seminar

Monday March 7  
10 am – 3 pm  
\$40, includes lunch

Sign up on-line at [gwgmembers.com](http://gwgmembers.com)

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / September 8 to October 5

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	7
Cancer Survivors Park (Benches).....	7
Children's Hospital (Entertainment Center).....	4.5
SC Veterans ( Cremation Urns).....	24
Seiver MS Robotic (Boxes).....	17.5
Santa's Workshop (Toys).....	9
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>69</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / August 4 to September 7

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	403
Youth Classes.....	149



Rocking Chair



Coin machine  
by Larry Buettner



Turned pen  
by Krystal Ingram

Segmented Turning  
by Jim Riley



Turned and carved bowl  
by Bill Lancaster





Automatic blast gate  
by Bobby Hartness



Lecture  
by Wells Doty



Pepper grinders and jewelry  
by Sandy Cochran



Shakers  
by Mckenzie Cairns



Mirrors  
by Dennis Satterfield





Hall Tree  
by Madison Trump



Rocking Chair

Coffee Table  
by Tobias Martin



Box  
by John Aronld

**NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, March 7, 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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