

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



May 2016



**May 2 meeting -Andy Nuffer - Vice President of Sales
Robinson Lumber Company**

**Importers & Exporters of Lumber, Decking,
and Flooring since 1893**

Andy Nuffer

Andy is Vice President of Sales for Robinson Lumber Company, Greater New Orleans Area. He is a graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, and Temple University, with a M.S. in Educational/Instructional Technology. He previously worked for Thompson Lumber Company and Baille Lumber Company. Robinson Lumber Company is a leading U.S. importer/exporter of lumber and operates globally in over 62 countries.

Our Program Chairman Glenn Torbert has been attempting for almost a year to get Andy to Greenville, and this will be a rare opportunity for you to hear this outstanding presentation on all aspects of wood technology. You will learn all you need to know about the chemistry of wood, why it twists, bends, warps, etc. and air-dried vs. kiln-dried.

You really don't want to miss this meeting!

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In 1893 Charles Wesley Robinson, Indiana railroad builder and banker, founded Robinson Lumber Company in Meridian, Mississippi. Recognizing the opportunity to export high quality Long Leaf Pine lumber around the world, he soon moved the company to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Robert Gibson Robinson, his son, upon recognizing the declining supply of export quality Heart Pine, began the company's first foreign manufacturing facility in Nicaragua in 1942 to supply Pitch Pine to Robinson's customers around the world.

After World War II, Jack, Charlie, and Sam, the third generation of Robinsons entered the business, expanded into hardwoods and began operations in Honduras and Brazil. Now owned and managed by

the fourth generation of the Robinson family, the company boasts multiple U.S. locations including the East, West and Gulf coasts plus the superior Appalachian hardwood region.

Robinson now has five locations in Central and South America and our newest, a sales office in Europe. The Robinson tradition continues with expansion into new products to meet the needs of old and new customers alike.

Robinson Lumber Company is now owned and managed by the fifth generation of the Robinson family carrying its traditions into the next century.

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Now that springtime is here, it means another winter has passed. Spring time: a time of renewal, a time of rebirth, a fresh start. It is an indication that we need to leave behind the doldrums and cabin fever of the winter, and get prepared to do those things we have been setting aside or putting off for “better weather”, and to accomplish something from our “bucket list”. The one thing that we all have in common is that we are all pursued by the calendar. It chases us like an enemy, and each passing winter is one less that we have to empty our bucket list. It seems strange, but the older I get, the fuller my bucket list gets. I think we all desire to do all those things, see all those things, and accomplish all those things that we dream about and just never do. Now, springtime, is the time to commit to do as many of those things as possible. Do it now, before another spring turns into summer, then fall, and another winter passes. Mark on your calendar where you are now, then mark on that same calendar the date you plan to finish that most important project, visit that longtime friend you haven’t seen lately, gather around with the family, travel to some exotic place, or just stop

and “smell the roses”. Let us start pursuing the calendar, and see how much we can get done before our calendar runs out. As the Disney saying goes, “If you can dream it, you can achieve it.” Let’s start emptying our buckets.

The Guild offers many opportunities of a wide variety for members to consider. We will soon have our annual election, and maybe you have the ability to fill a role. There are numerous charitable projects that may need your skills, and more charitable work could be accomplished if we had more volunteers. Consider taking a class, or even teaching a class. Other areas such as our grounds, building maintenance, lumber sales, and many day to day activities could use your help.

You – each individual member - is important and vital to this organization. So take advantage of the time we have right now to work on your personal bucket list, but also help the Guild with its bucket list. Mark it on your calendar.

Announcements

Beads of Courage

Our "Beads of Courage" program has been very successful, and we want to thank all those who have participated so far. Our members have really produced some outstanding pieces! With such great momentum we must be sure not to become complacent. The table in the lobby is full only because the hospital has not asked for more treasure boxes yet, we still lack a number of boxes to fulfill our commitment.

Imagine, if you will, a child stricken with this terrible disease. He, or she, is placed in a care facility, not knowing what comes next. They then begin their treatment and, enduring fear and discomfort, get through it. They get to choose a treasure box from the selection at hand, and begin to fill it with the beads they've earned by virtue of the handmade treasure box you've provided them. What a boost they must feel knowing someone they've never met cares enough about them to share such a gift!

We're told, by Dr. Schmidt that the children and their families are ecstatic with their boxes. They proudly display them to each other and their caregivers, and I suppose anyone with whom they can share their story.

So, please keep these children in your hearts, and build a box for a child. There is a special reward for those who do. It's in your heart, and you will receive much more in return for doing so than the time you invest. It's what we, the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, do as a contribution to our community.

– Ken Fissel

Did you know?

Genuine mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*), also known as Honduras mahogany, Bigleaf mahogany and South American mahogany, is exported in the form of logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood. Mahogany trees reach heights up to 150' with trunk diameters as large as 7'. Its primary growing region is South America and, to a lesser degree, in Central America and small portions of Mexico. It is the most valuable timber species in its growth area and its uses include fine furniture, archi-

tectural millwork, paneling, cabinetry and boatbuilding.

More wood selections

We now have a good selection of thick stock, in 6/4, 8/4, 10/4, 12/4, and 16/4 thicknesses. Aubrey Rogers, Danny Goodson, and the entire Wood Team are doing a great job in keeping our lumber room well stocked with good quality and low priced lumber and plywood. Check out the wide selection we now have! Lumber sales are the second largest source of income, behind only membership dues, so you benefit, and the Guild benefits when you buy your lumber at the Guild. Thanks for your support.

No open-toed shoes in the shop please

During warm weather lots of people like to dress for the heat and being outdoors. For some people this means footwear consisting of flip-flops and sandals. For safety reasons our shop requires closed toed shoes, no exceptions. So when you come to the shop for any reason, leave your open-toed shoes at home and wear regular shoes please. This also applies to any visitors you bring with you. Thanks for cooperating

GWG Guild - 35 anniversary 1981 – 2016

This year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. Steve Kern is a three time past president, former mentor, supervisor and long-time member. For the last 25 years he has volunteered in many roles, provided leadership, and organized our first fund raising drive towards building our very own Education Center.

The year was 1991. My family had just moved to Greenville and I heard about this group called the

Greenville Woodworkers Guild that had been meeting for ten years. It was difficult to wait until the first meeting in September. You see, the guild only met from September to May in those days. At that time the guild met at S & B Woodworking, the studio of Bob Ripley, one of the founding members and main contributors to keeping the guild going for ten years. When I showed up there were about twenty members present and we were asked to go get our own chair from a stack upstairs and to make ourselves comfortable. Show'n Tell was amazing with most of it being projects in various stages that Bob was working on for a number of customers. The program was entertaining and educational. I met new men who shared my hobby of building furniture, musical instruments, cabinets and other items from wood. I could hardly wait to pay the annual dues of \$25.00 and begin to learn more new skills from and with these men.

That was 1991. There was no guild shop open six days a week. There was no way to work together to construct charitable projects for the Meyers Center for Special Children (We completed projects in our own shops). There were no women or youth. There was no Toy Program. There were no formal classes. There were no lumber sales. There were no family oriented programs like our Christmas and Summer dinner meetings. There were no auctions or sales. The guild had no money to pay for outside program presenters. Programs were almost always presented by our own members. It was a very small group of dedicated, giving and caring men who shared the same values - improving their skills, sharing their love of woodworking and using those skills to help those in need. WOW! Has the GWG come a long way? Yet the focus has remained the same to this day. May we each find a way to contribute to the future of this awesome organization.

– Steve Kern

State wide recognition:

The McKissick Museum of the University of South Carolina has invited the Greenville Woodworkers Guild to be a co-presenter of an exhibit featuring work by contemporary South Carolina furniture makers that McKissick Museum will host from August 1, 2016 to July 15, 2017. The Board of Directors accepted this invitation, and proudly announces our association with the USC College of Arts and Sciences. Three of our members have been selected as exhibitors: Art Welling, Michael McDunn and Harold Dodson. During the next few months, we will be participating in publicity for this event, and encourage all members to plan to attend this exhibit in Columbia.



Jewelry Chest –
Anna Mazurek (Camden)



Walnut Rocker –
Harold Dodson (Pickens)



Cabinet –
Adrian Land (York)



Bureau –
Ben Mason (Rock Hill)

**Education Center
Improvement Day
Saturday, May 21, 2016
8:30 am to 11:30am**

**Calling all Shop &
Facility users!**

We have scheduled an Education Center Improvement day on Saturday, May 21 2016 from 0830 to 11:30. We need your help to keep our facility in shape. This is your opportunity to give a little and help a lot. As always there will be a “plethora” of tasks to complete. Certainly there will be one that your skills will handle. We need 35-45 volunteers to make this effort successful. A notice will be sent to you via eMail to facilitate sign up. When you arrive, coordinators will assign you to one of several areas. Come early to insure your choice is available. We thank you in advance.

One other item that needs to be addressed as Spring/Summer arrives is the permissible footwear in the Education Center. Please NO open toe shoes anywhere in the Center. This includes the shop as well as the adjacent rooms. Your assistance in following this policy is greatly appreciated.

–Mac Bowman
GWG Shop Manager



**Last call to sign up for the
road trip to Winston Salem**

Time is running out to sign up for the road trip to Winston Salem, NC, to visit the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts and view their outstanding handmade furniture collection. We will also tour Old Salem, an early Moravian settlement. This is a chance to see firsthand exhibits of furniture that we can strive to reproduce, as well as enjoy fun and fellowship with other members as we travel. Go to the member website gwgmembers.com for information, or David Aman at: presgwg@gmail.com or 270-3740.

Calendar of Events

- May Membership Meeting..... May 2
- Birdhouse Competition May 2
- Board of Directors Mtg May 9
- Road Trip to MESDA May 18 & 19
- Shop Clean-up Day..... May 21
- June Sawmill Picnic..... June 6
- July Membership Meeting July 11
- IWF Atlanta..... August 24-27



Birdhouse Contest

Our Birdhouse Contest will be held at the May 2 Membership Meeting. Rosie Gaddy has worked hard on this competition, and expects lots of birdhouses in all categories:

Functional Birdhouse: Best described as a working birdhouse. Judged on the following criteria: craftsmanship, functionality (for birds), able to be mounted, easy access for cleaning, type of material used and aesthetics.

Decorative/Whimsical: Can be used indoors or out and not necessarily functional. Judged on the following criteria: aesthetics, imaginative theme, texture, color, composition, craftsmanship.

“Green”: Think repurposed, environmentally friendly, recycled. Green birdhouses can be functional and/or decorative.

Have your birdhouse at the May 2 meeting by 6:00 PM and complete an entry form. Great prizes will be awarded the winners!

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / March 8 to April 4

	Hours
Beads of Courage (Bead Containers)	3
Cancer Cat (Trophies).....	52
Triple Tree (Work Stations)	55
Fine Arts Center (Desk).....	6.5
Habitat Restore (Furniture Repair)	0.5
Santa's Workshop (Toys)	200
Total.....	63

MENTORING CLASSES / March 8 to April 4

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	110
Youth Classes	183

Nice numbers for Charity, especially for the Toys Workshop!

Mentoring overall slowed a bit from the torrid pace of the last several months ,
but the teens in the Youth program blew it out with 410 hours over 94 sessions!
Of course the Mentors are there with them donating 183 hours of their time over 36 sessions!

And of course supervisors and other volunteers gave more then 700 hours of their time over
228 sessions to make all of it possible!

KUDOS to GWG!!!

– Jack McKay

Show & Tell

For more photos see our web site

Bowl and knives by G. Scott Kilgore



Greene & Greene Coffee Table
by George Wells



Blocks for Trikes by Darryl Roberson



Headboard by Robert Tepper



Guitar by Peter Robson



NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, May 2, 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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