

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



February 2017



The February meeting will feature Mark Barr.

Mark will recap briefly what his seminar included plus more. Mark uses his router skill as a primary method for building and jointing the furniture he builds. He will show how using his router with shop built jigs makes the router a special tool for woodworking.

## Mark Barr

About 25 years ago was the first time Mark Barr came to Greenville to conduct a seminar for members of the Woodworkers Guild. At that time he said there were 28 members, a couple of names he still recalls, and they are still very active in the Guild. Over the past 25 years Mark has been here ten to twelve more times conducting other seminars and we are lucky enough to not only have him as presenter at our next meeting but to also have him conduct a seminar on Monday before our meeting.

A custom furniture builder for 30 years, Mark spends his time in his two on property shops creating home and office furniture. From 20 foot conference tables, entertainment centers, dining tables, and curved reception desks, his business is about 50% office and 50% home furnishings.

Mark is into efficiency – using some hand tools but also using power tools to get the job done. His philosophy is to keep it simple – break down the piece into smaller projects. He builds many of his own jigs and fixtures to accomplish that.

Teaching is also a part of woodworking Mark enjoys. Along with teaching throughout the country, one of his shops is set up to use for teaching. And now that his children are grown he plans to do more teaching from home.

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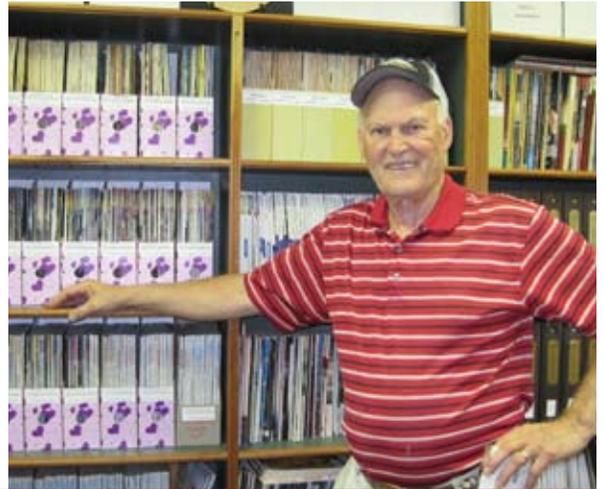
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## David Aman President



## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

I think most of you will join me and welcome this New Year as a fresh start, a new beginning. The past year has been full of discontent, dividedness, mean spiritedness, intolerance, etc., throughout our entire country. Now that the barrage of nasty media ads have ceased for a while, let's take a breath, look around for something positive, good, and right. If only our entire nation and world could live in peace and harmony, one with another, and live together in harmony and accord, there is no limit to what we could achieve. In other words, we could all be a member of a "universal guild". Our Greenville Woodworkers Guild has a broad diversity of members in wealth, education, politics, skill levels and other areas. Some of us do "flat" work, others are "round" workers; some come to meetings, others don't; some are greatly involved, others are not. Yet at the end of the day, we all come together and are just "Guild" members that do woodworking. By working together...we are one body! Let us all strive and come together to make this year the best ever. Remember ... life is short!

We are truly a diverse group of people, but we are not for everyone. A news column last week spoke about when to "walk away" from a prospect or potential sale. A day or so later I

encountered an acquaintance that I have tried several times to talk into joining our Guild. It is just a hobby with him, and he has a few tools in a garage workshop, and is recently retired. What an asset he would be to the Guild, but more important is how he could benefit from the knowledge of our members, resources, and mentoring programs. He asked me about several members that he knew or had met, and told me that he had taken my invitation and visited the Education Center. "Well", I said, "what did you think?" His reply was "You guys don't have anything I don't already have, except maybe more expertise, but it's not worth the money." He is happy without us, and has no interest in the other "BS" (his words) that we do. So, I "says to myself, self, it's time to walk away." We have to recognize that not everyone is a "joiner", or wants to give back through charitable work, or is the least bit interested in anything outside their circle. When you meet someone like this, invite them to come see what we have, but when they reject it, just "walk away".

# STILL TIME TO REGISTER

Registration online at [gwgmembers.com](http://gwgmembers.com)

(Log in and click on “Mentoring Classes and Events”)



## ADVANCED ROUTER TECHNIQUES BY MARK BARR FOR BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED WOODWORKERS

A custom furniture builder for 30 years, Mark spends his time creating home and office furniture. Mark has a simplistic approach to measuring, joinery, finishing, and all facets of wood working. His demonstrations include beginning and advanced router skills, bits, jigs, and finishing techniques. If you have seen one of Mark’s seminars before, you have even more incentive to attend this seminar, and learn even more. Every Guild member serious about woodworking should attend. You will acquire knowledge, new skills, and a renewed outlook on woodworking.

**Monday, February 6**  
**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Cost: \$40**  
**Includes Seminar and Lunch**

Registration for Mark Barr seminar online at [gwgmembers.com](http://gwgmembers.com)  
(Log in and click on “Mentoring Classes and Events”)

or

Register by phone by calling David Dewease  
864-293-2573 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 pm.



Bill Keener teaching the Cub Scouts safety.

Butch Scott cuts out a Pinewood Derby car for a Cub Scout.



## Youth Activities

Thanks to ten of our GWG members for giving up a Sunday afternoon and helping a group of Cub Scouts, ages 7-11, with a special project. Each year Cub Scouts and their Dads make a small “Pinewood Derby” car, and have races against each other on a special track. The cars come as kits with a basic block of wood, and we help them cut it out to their own design with our bandsaws and sanders. This project dates back to our old shop, and we have assisted hundreds of young boys, hopefully encouraging them to become future woodworkers.



Proud “Car owners” getting ready for race day.



## What's new in the shop?

Thanks to some dealing and an anonymous donor, we have a new Powermatic 22 inch drum sander to add to our sanding equipment. The old Jet drum sander will be relocated, and have 80 grit paper for general sanding. The new Powermatic will have 100 or 120 grit paper, and be used for finish sanding. All users will have to be certified on this machine, and will have to schedule use with a supervisor, and leave collateral while using it. Almost all problems that we have encountered with all sanding machines has been from glue-ups and too aggressive (thickness) passes. Problems from glue have been uncured glue, excess glue, and improperly cleaned glue joints. In the future, all members are asked to wait 24 hours before using sanding machines after a glue-up. This will allow the glue to thoroughly dry and not melt from the friction and heat of the sanding machine. We have recently seen brand new belts ruined in five minutes from glue. Belts for the new machine cost \$10 each, and members that damage a belt will be asked to pay for it; therefore the supervisor will check the Powermatic sanding belt before and after each use. Certification classes are being scheduled through our member website [www.gwgmembers.com](http://www.gwgmembers.com). If we learn how to properly use this machine, it will serve our needs for many years.



Herb Ireland training supervisors on use of the new Powermatic PM2244.

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## Birdhouse Competition February 6 meeting

There is little time left to get started on your entries for the “Bird House” competition that will be held at the February 6 membership meeting. There will be separate divisions for adult and youth (under 18). There will be three categories in each division, “Functional”; “Decorative”; and “Whimsical/Green”. Each person may enter one birdhouse in each category for great prizes! For details and rules concerning the competition or entries, please see the fliers that are posted around the shop. So get busy now, and get those birdhouses made!! We hope to have several to place around our grounds for our feathered friends to use!



## Calendar of Events - 2017

**February Membership Meeting**  
February 6

**Mark Barr Router Seminar**  
February 6

**GWG Board Meeting**  
February 13

**GWG Operations Meetings**  
February 13

**March Membership Meeting**  
March 6  
Featuring TiteBond Glues

**Tool Sale/Auction (proposed)**  
March 25

**April Membership Meeting**  
April 3  
Featuring Harold Dodson,  
Chair-maker

**May Membership Meeting**  
May 1

**Shop & Grounds Clean-Up**  
May 6

**Sawmill Picnic**  
June 5

## Welcome Apple Country!

On January 17 we hosted twenty four members of the Apple Country Woodworkers Guild from Hendersonville, NC, and the surrounding area. Thanks to Jim Kilton for arranging their visit and coordinating all activities. They lost their first shop, and are now setting up a new facility with a number of machines, including a CNC machine. They currently have about 140 members, and think they are at the point we were more than ten years ago when we moved into our first shop on Poinsett Highway. They were especially looking for help with their lathe program, but were interested in all facets of our operation, including Wild Apricot, insurance and lumber sales. Their visit concluded with lunch provided by Sandy Cochran.

Visits from other Guilds such as this one continue to validate all that we have accomplished with our Education Center. Thanks to Jim, Sandy, and all the other Guild members that assisted with their visit.



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## Video Available

If you missed the most inspiring program we have had in recent years, a video is now available through our library. Last month on January 10 Michael Blankenship, a totally blind wood turner from Illinois, actually turned a bowl which is now in our lobby display case. Now a gifted wood turner, he learned his skills by

“watching” video tapes, then with his wife’s help using a soup spoon and large salad bowl, he learned how to turn beautiful pieces, and now makes a living with his craft. You need to see this to believe it.

Thanks to Russ Clark, Bill Lancaster and Don McClure for making this video possible. You can check it out at our February meeting.



## **Guild Tool Sale**

Our next Tool Sale/Auction is targeted for Saturday, March 25. The time will be the same as previous sales, 8:30 to 11:00 A.M, with the silent auction bidding (items priced at \$100 or more) ending at 10.30 A.M. We have the potential of two full member workshops, and a number of other quality tools. You can either donate tools to the Guild for sale, or you can consign them for a 25% commission. For those dropping off tools, please advise Danny Goodson or Aubrey Rogers in order that they can be secured in the lower building. Also ask the supervisor for a "Tool Sale Agreement" form, and complete it and leave with the tools. The forms are in the cabinet behind the supervisor's desk.

Our tool sales are open to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors, and enjoy the action even if you don't really need anything. Help us advertise this event by making copies and distributing fliers at your church, local restaurant, or other places where people can see it (fliers will be available at the monthly meeting). Also, if you are on "Facebook" or some other social media, send a note to all your friends. We will have a great selection of hand tools and power tools, and many more great items. Your presence is needed in order to make this important fund-raiser a successful event for the Guild.

## **Member Survey**

The Guild is attempting to improve our ability to focus more clearly on how to staff for various mentoring classes, improve our facilities, better manage charitable work, and provide greater benefits to all members. The ultimate hope is to improve our ability to serve all of our diversified members. This is a totally voluntary survey, but you are encouraged to take a few minutes to answer a few questions. As an incentive, each valid, completed survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 general purpose Visa card. Start the survey by clicking on: [gwgmembers.com/Member-Skills-Survey](http://gwgmembers.com/Member-Skills-Survey) Completing the survey will take less than 5 minutes, yet the results will be very beneficial and greatly appreciated.

## **Refrigerator Replacement**

If you have been in our auditorium recently, you can "hear" that our refrigerator needs replacing. We think that a small ice machine and drink cooler will meet our needs better than another refrigerator. This cost was unexpected and not budgeted. An anonymous donor has already made a contribution, and asked that it be used as a matching gift. If you have the ability and desire to donate toward this project, please place your donation in a brown envelope marked "Refrigerator Fund" and put it in the

payment slot at the supervisor's desk, or there will be a container available at the meeting Monday night. Thanks for your help.

## **Guild Documents Available On-Line**

[greenvillewoodworkers.com](http://greenvillewoodworkers.com)

Questions are often asked of different Guild leaders about different policies, procedures, job descriptions, etc. All members should be aware that all of these documents are posted for members and non-members to see on our website. To view or download, just go to the website, click on "Guild Info", then "Guild Documents", then "Director's Manual". These are posted and continuously updated so our members have ready access to the information, and to ensure that our Guild operates in an open and transparent environment. If you have an interest in serving in a leadership role, want to know about specific policies, or are just "browsing", please check these out. Also, please be assured that your Guild totally subscribes to these policies, will enforce them, and will always operate with the best intentions and highest integrity. If you have questions or concerns, please notify David Aman, President, at [presgwg@gmail.com](mailto:presgwg@gmail.com)

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / December 6 to January 9

	Hours
Santa's Workshop (Toys) .....	8
Our Lady of the Rosary (Shelves and Pedestals) ( <i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i> ) .....	91
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>99</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / December 6 to January 9

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	99
Youth Classes .....	205
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>304</b>

A pretty slow month of course because of the Christmas season!

In spite of that, Youth mentors gave 205 hours over 49 sessions of their time, to mentor teen woodworkers for 258 hours over 54 sessions!

There were 802 personal sessions over 2392 hours! A lot of Xmas presents were being made I expect!

The slow activity for charity and mentoring doesn't mean that times are slow for those who support the shop! Without them nothing happens! Give them a pat on the back when you see them!

– Jack McKay

SHOW & TELL





**NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, February 6, 2017 - 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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