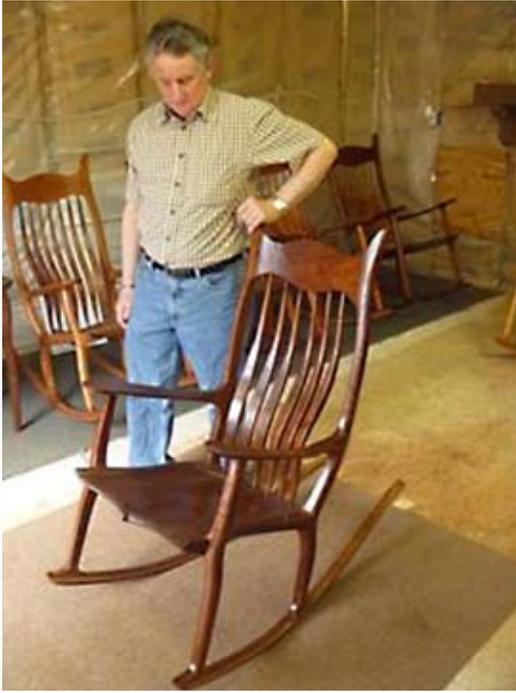


ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



April 2017



Welcome back Harold Dobson. Harold has been featured in Mountain Discoveries Magazine and recently one of his chairs won the Director's Choice Award in a SC county museum art exhibit.

Harold Dobson

Some men pursue woodworking. Others have it thrust upon them. Then there are the Harold Dodsons of the world. Harold is a man who can take about 40-odd feet of lumber — usually walnut but occasionally cherry, white oak, chestnut or curly maple — and, within a couple of weeks or so, craft it into a gleaming showpiece that cradles the body, supports the lumbar and is sturdy enough to be passed down to your grandchildren's grandchildren.

A woodworker since 1976 — though he modestly concedes those early efforts were mostly 'junk' — Dodson first became enamored of the idea of building hand-crafted rockers when he saw a Sam Maloof design in a magazine in 1981. He discovered they had a mutual understanding; the beauty of wood lies in its heart and may be found through patient labor and careful appreciation of its characteristics.

Over the last two years Harold has explored new avenues and developed new types of benches and chairs.

Each Rocker is individually crafted according to each customer's specific interest and body type. Once completed, each chair is signed, numbered and dated. Below are a few options you might consider when placing an order.



Wood Selection: Commonly Harold offers rockers in cherry, maple, oak, chestnut or walnut woods. If desired, he may also use Persimmon and other exotic woods when they are available.

Styles: Harold currently offers a couple different Adult Rocker styles. One he personally designed and a rocker based on Sam Maloof's original design - his most

popular. In 2007, Harold began offering a children's rocker after crafting one for his first grandchild.

Awards & Recognition: Harold has been featured in Mountain Discoveries Magazine and recently one of his chairs won the Director's Choice Award in a South Carolina County Museum Art Contest.

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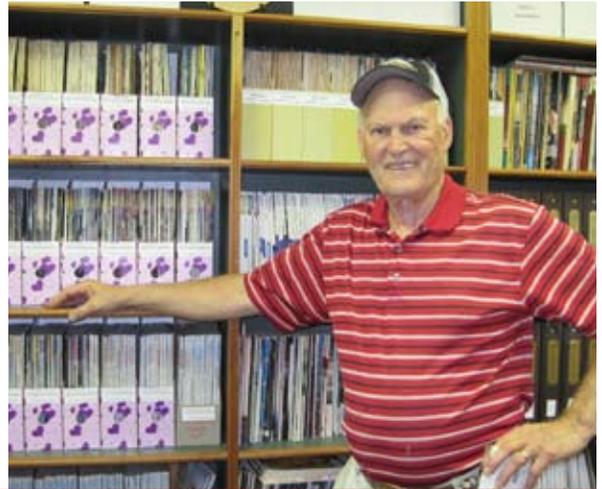
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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Spring is finally here, ushering in renewal and new growth all around us. We are beginning to see leaves on trees, blooms, flowers, and the emergence of green grass. Just like nature around us, it is an opportunity of renewal and growth for our Guild. We are at the zenith of our existence as an organization which was founded in 1981. We have the highest level of membership ever; we have facilities that are the envy of all other woodworking Guilds; our charitable projects are reaching into the greater community and having more impact than ever; and dozens of volunteers are working together to make it all happen. So why do we need renewal and growth?

We have discussed many topics in this column over the last few months, all of which I hope has inspired thought and conversation. This Guild is made up of so many facets, that it is difficult to point to all of the components in one small article. We can only point to one or two things at a time. To get to the bigger picture we need to renew discussion, conversations and thoughts that create new ideas, new programs, and maybe even a re-creation of our processes and procedures. We cannot become stale and complacent. We can't let our supervisors, mentors, and team members become "burned-out". We need to get recharged! We need new people to step forward. We need our

new members to get challenged. We need our longtime members to continue extending their outstretched hands. By working together we can all achieve greater things. By working together we can build upon our successes, develop new ideas, and move this Guild forward. Let's all pledge to do our part to insure the spring-time renewal and growth we need to sustain our Guild for many more years to come. It is important not just for us, the existing members, but for all the future members and craftsmen we have yet to meet.

And speaking of "unseen" members, let me take this opportunity to thank all of the team members that helped with the recent tool sale and auction. Under the leadership of Aubrey Rogers and Danny Goodson, several dozen members and spouses were required to pull this project together. We helped two of our longtime members close out their woodworking careers, and in the process made a significant contribution to the future needs of the Guild. Hundreds of hours were devoted to collecting, cataloging, moving, organizing, and conducting this massive undertaking. To all of you "unseen" workers, please accept our sincere thanks for a job well done!

Future Woodworkers

We had a recent visit from two delightful Senior classmates from Wofford College. As a midterm project requirement for a photography course, Laura Roddey from Beaufort and Rachel Silman from Florence had to “go out into the community and take pictures of a profession they found interesting.” Laura and Rachel had been exposed to woodworking through family members, and thought it would be fun to photograph some woodworkers. They found us from our website and arranged a visit. They were totally fascinated by our shop, the people and the projects they saw. They especially commented on how friendly and accommodating our members are, and the cleanliness of the shop. They took many pictures and hopefully earned an A+ on their project.



Rachel Silman and Laura Roddey

What in the ...

Have you seen this in the shop? No, we're not expecting a flood, it's just the Teen Program at work with the assistance of Tony Archino and others. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks!



Notice of Annual Meeting

Please take notice that the Annual meeting of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, Inc. will take place at 6:30 PM, Monday May 1, 2017, as part of our regular monthly meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect the Guild Board and Officers for the next fiscal year. These members will be the governing authority of the Guild for 2017-18, and will need your support.

Message from Ken Fissel

Beads of Courage treasure boxes are on my mind as I begin to make plans to head west to the AAW Symposium in Kansas City this June. It promises to be a rewarding and educational experience as we get to interact with so many people afflicted with the same malady. We also get to see the massive outpouring of love that is delivered with the hundreds of treasure boxes that are brought to the symposium. The Beads of Courage program is widely supported throughout the many chapters, and AAW.

The Nominating Committee, led by Robert Tepper, presented the following candidates to the Board of Directors at the March BOD Meeting, which approved their report:

President:

Ken Fissel to replace David Aman

Superintendent:

Dick Best to replace Karl Kelly

Member-at-Large

David Aman to replace Dick Best.

All other Board members will retain their current position, listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

It's great to watch folks from all over display their work. These boxes are not the high end art pieces seen in the galleries around the symposium, but very functional, durable pieces to let a child know we care about them and want to help with their struggle.

We would like to take at least a dozen with us. We need your help. If you would like to turn a treasure box you can see the specs at this website: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>

Bigger is better, 6" x 6" x 6" is a minimum size to aim for with no sharp

This slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting, and the floor will then be opened for nominations from the floor.

Please be in attendance for this important meeting, so your voice may be heard and support shown for these dedicated members.

Thanks to all of the Guild members who helped with this project. Within the next month or two, some additional work will be done on the front parking lot, so be on the lookout for your invitation!

edges and loose fitting lids. Be careful of the finish.

We have beads for you to incorporate on your creation, or you can buy them from beadsofcourage.org. We are told that the kids really light up when they get to choose their treasure boxes, so let's get those creative juices flowing once again.

Many, many thanks go out to those of you who have produced the treasure boxes already. They are among the most creative I've seen.

See me, Ken Fissel or Jim Kilton if you have any questions.

Education Center Improvement Day

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:30 am to 11:30 am

Calling all Shop & Facility users!!! We have scheduled an Education Center Improvement day on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. We need your help to keep our facility in shape. This is your opportunity to give a little and help a lot.

Listed below are some of the tasks we will be trying to complete. We need 35-45 volunteers to make this effort successful. Sign up and addi-

tional information will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. Put this date on your schedule NOW!!!

Mac Bowman /GWG/Shop Manager

Shop -

- Sweep down/vacuum all walls
- Clean filters (all) and dust collector room
- Vacuum all workshop floors, walls, ledges, etc.
- Thorough clean up of all equipment
- Empty and wash out all trash cans
- Empty and Clean all vacuums
- Stencil waste barrels (wood waste etc)
- Straighten & Stock cabinets

Building

- Vacuum & dust various rooms
- Painting in some areas
- Simple repairs

Grounds

- Blow off paved area
- Run magnet over parking areas
- Plant/Trim/Clean various beds
- Trim Driveway areas
- Paint Lines



Mentoring Classes

Gary Morris is preparing for a scroll saw class. Mentoring classes such as these require a great deal of preparation on behalf of our mentors, who are totally voluntary, as are all of our staff. Whether it's basic hand tools, lathe turning, band saw boxes, or machine classes, a lot of hours are given each year by our dedicated mentors in preparing for and conduct-

ing these classes for the benefit of our members.

Sign up is easy and inexpensive! Just go to <http://gwgmembers.com> and select a class, then pay online, mark your calendar, and you are ready. Most classes have a minimal fee to cover cost of materials and supplies.

Remember, if you need to cancel your attendance in a class, please send an e-mail to gwg.classes@gmail.com or call David Dewease at 864-293-2573

between 8 am and 9 pm. Cancellations for classes that have a fee will result in a credit to you which you can use later. No refunds will be paid. Credit cannot be used towards wood purchase, but it can be used for another class or membership renewal. If you cancel at least 24 hours before the class starts, no charge will be incurred. Sessions not cancelled will be charged, regardless of attendance.

Charitable Projects



Charitable projects are the “backbone” of our Guild. We benefit many charitable organizations throughout our communities by offering less expensive alternatives to needed items such as bookcases,

cabinets, tables, toys, and other things. In most cases the charities just reimburse the Guild for our cost, enabling them to use their funding for more vital needs.

The Dream Center of Pickens County is one of our current projects that you were introduced to last month. They are meeting a real need to fight poverty, homelessness, and childhood education through this innovative approach. We have been requested to build a kitchen bar/cabinet for the “Family Room”, where clients spend time with family and children can do their homework.

By participating in Guild charitable projects, our members learn how to do various tasks, learn new skills, and advance their woodworking ability. More importantly, they practice our motto of “Giving Through Fellowship”.

Thanks to all of our many members that help with charitable projects.

Calendar of Events - 2017

April 3

April Membership Meeting (6:30 PM)
Featuring Harold Dodson,
Chair-maker

April 10

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

April 10 GWG Board of Directors
Meeting (4:00PM)

April 29

Shop & Grounds Clean-Up/Fix-up

May 1

May Membership Meeting (6:30 PM)
Annual Meeting/Election

May 8

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

May 8

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

June 5

Sawmill Picnic (3:00 PM until)

June 12

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

June 12

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

July 3

July Membership Meeting (6:30 PM)

July 10

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

August 7

August Membership Meeting
(6:30 PM)

May 8

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

May 8

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

August 31

End of Fiscal Year

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / February 6 to March 6

	Hours
Beads of Courage Boxes	23.5
Dream Center	31
Our Lady of the Rosary	
Platform (<i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i>)	50
Small Wall Shelf (<i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i>).....	29.5
Wall Shelf (<i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i>)	21
Total	155

MENTORING CLASSES / February 6 to March 6

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	482
Youth Classes	184
Total	666

There was nice month for Charity with 39 sessions spread over 154 hours working on 6 projects!

The totals for mentoring were 274 sessions over 1005 hours! Youth mentoring as usual led the pack with 123 sessions over 339 hours with mentor and student sessions and hours combined!

Lathe mentoring had a really nice month with 52 sessions over 199 hours!

The normal Ed Center support sessions were up due to the auction with 48 sessions over 213 hours!

KUDOs to all for a nice month!

– Jack McKay

SHOW & TELL

Walnut Table with Fluted Legs by
Bill Lancaster



Turnings by Wells Doty



High Angle Plane, Spoon Plane
and Travisners by Don Clarke

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Giraffe scroll work by Gary Morris



Fractal Burned Bowl by Jim Kilton

SHOW & TELL



Greene & Greene Style
Table by Matt Guzowski



Chippendale Table by Barry Jones

NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, April 3, 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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