

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



May 2017



Guild members Bill Fuller, Allison Yanover, Karen Sheldon Butch Scott, Al Socha, and David Cheek will discuss the art of making Guitars and Ukuleles.



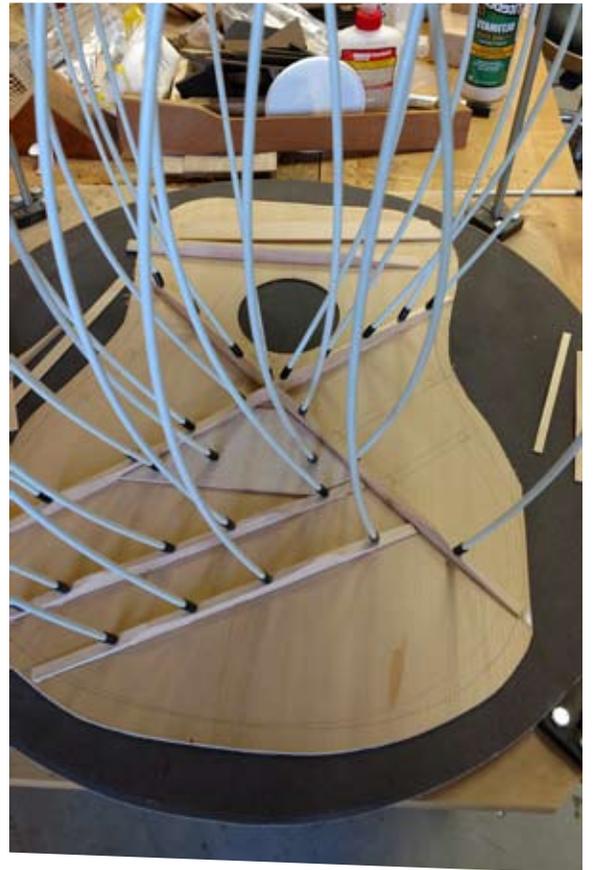
About 7 years ago, sitting in a rented beach house on a rainy day, I was enjoying the progress and clever songs my granddaughter and her friend were teaching themselves to play on cheap ukuleles. As time went on, they both wondered what they could do with an electric ukulele, (not knowing such things actually existed). So, I decided to make an electric ukulele. I purchased a high end kit from a Luthery Supply Company, and went to work.

As I built the purchased tenor ukulele kit, I soon realized each piece was a template, and that the components were relatively simple wood-working projects. So as I built the first, my mind was occupied with how to build more from scratch. Eventu-

ally I built a second, third, 10th, 20th and still going. And as with all things, what starts out hard became easy, and I realized I could move up to guitars. Over the course of a few years, other members expressed interest, and wanted to build with me, and learn to make instruments. Butch Scott was the first, and soon built a beautiful mahogany dreadnaught guitar. Allison Yanover then built two guitars, a standard and a cutaway dreadnaught. Allan Socha built his son a mahogany dreadnaught for Christmas, and David Cheek is completing his first. Karen Sheldon is just starting a tenor ukulele

We meet at my home shop to work, simply because the jigs and fixtures are there, and it would be difficult to drag them back and forth. Several of our group have built and donated jigs and machines to the cause. We're like a club within the guild, meeting about once a week, on and off, sharing our learning and techniques, making funny mistakes, and advancing our skills.

If there is any take away from our experience it is: Anyone in the Guild can make a guitar, and the assorted jigs and fixtures needed. It isn't rocket science. There are many other guitar builders (electric) in the guild as well. The wood for most of these guitars came from the lumber room. If there are members who are sincerely interested, the resources and mentoring to do it are available at the Greenville Woodworkers guild. Just do it!



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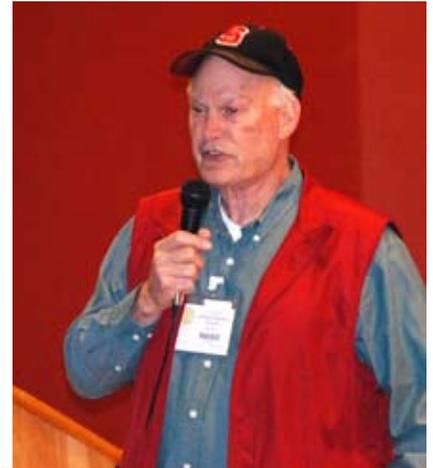
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## David Aman President



## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

For a little more than thirty five years this Guild has been a gift to the people of the surrounding communities. Since its beginning with five people in 1981, literally thousands of people, men, women and children, have been touched in some way by this gift. Some of these people have invested a lot of money, sweat, and even tears to build the organization that we have today, but even so, it is truly a gift. You pay dues that entitle you to membership, but the Guild itself is a gift. Wait a minute you might say, “a gift is something given voluntarily, without any payment in return”. That is true, but this Guild is more than the money donated; more than the labor expended; and more than any of us could expect or hope for. It is a gift, given to all of us that enjoy the smell and feel of wood, and the joy of forming that wood, with our own hands, into something beautiful and useful. So I contend the Guild is given to each of us as a gift. This causes me to think of the famous phrase from The Book of Luke (12:48): “To whom much is given, much is required”.

Since our first wood working shop was created in 2003 on Poinsett Highway, tools were purchased, wood was offered for sale, and members

had a place to work on charitable and personal projects, and trust that everything would be there the next day. Now we took on more responsibility for these gifts. The common “Honor System” was put into place. Members were expected to pay for wood and supplies they used, and to protect tools from damage and misuse. Members were required to be honest and trustworthy with a high sense of integrity and character. The only way the Guild could now operate was if we policed ourselves, and brought honor to the Guild. With the tremendous facilities that we now own and operate, there is even a greater need for trust, honesty and integrity among our members. Members that fail to respect this mandate (or requirement) should not be members of this Guild. We are a generous, caring and forgiving group of people, and we will forgive the transgressions of anyone who violates our covenants. But in order to protect and sustain this wonderful gift we have been given, we must continue to require only the best of ourselves. Let us all accept this gift with gratitude, and honor it with our character.

## The Dream Center Update

Thursday, April 6, 2017 was a day of celebration at the Dream Center in Easley. In an astonishing short time the team consisting of Dick Best, Dick Dobbins, Doyle Hogsed, Tom Vandiver and the technical expertise provided by Jon Rauschenbach completed the first furniture consisting of kitchen counter and wall cabinets for the family room. The Dream Center takes in no-income families, about half of them homeless, to give them several months of training and preparation to find their own way in society. When not in class or busy with work sessions families can spend time in the “family room”.

Three days after a first visit to the Dream Center, Jon had construction plans and cut lists prepared for

the “Dream Team” to start their work sessions. 335 Shop hours later – not counting travel time and time spent at the site in Easley – the last pocket screw was screwed in, the last lap of finish applied. It was a job well done. The Dream Team is making us proud of our Guild.





## Youth in Action

Over the past few months, or even at our latest monthly meeting, you've probably seen something resembling a boat 'floating' around the guild. If you've not seen it in person, hopefully you've seen pictures of it in the newsletter or on our Facebook page. If none of this is ringing a bell at all, then we really need to do something to get you more involved with what's going on at the Guild!

Since last September five youth group students from our Wednesday class along with two mentors (Tony Archino and Chris Calvin) have been meeting at least once a week to build a 10 ½ foot Fiddlehead (decked canoe), designed by Harry Bryan. The completely hand-made canoe is constructed of cypress on a white oak

frame, has a cherry deck and was built using traditional boat building techniques.

The students have decided to donate this one-of-a-kind canoe to a local nonprofit, "Friends of the Reedy River", a conservation organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, and restoring the river. They officially launched the "Guilded Dragon" Thursday, April 13 at Cedar Falls Park in Fountain Inn.

"Our boat building program is inherently about building community; every person feels personal pride and ownership, yet it belongs to no one person. That is community. Everyone working with personal pride towards a common goal. I can't think of a better group that this applies to than the youth and mentors of the Guild," said Anthony Archino, a Greenville

Woodworkers Guild mentor.

"We are grateful to be the recipient of this beautiful canoe and are awed by the work and effort put into this project," said Patricia Carson, executive director of Friends of the Reedy River. "We plan to raffle the boat later this year as a fund raiser, which will help us to do more work protecting the Reedy River."

*(Article reprinted from in the Greenville Journal)*

## Annual Meeting – Election of new Officers

The Greenville Woodworkers Guild, Inc. will hold its annual meeting during the May 1 membership meeting. The primary business will be the election of officers for the 2017-18 fiscal year. As reported last month, the Nominating Committee led by Robert Tepper has proposed the following changes: Ken Fissell, President (replacing David Aman); Dick Best, Superintendent (replacing Karl Kelly); David Aman, Board Member at Large (replacing Dick Best). All other positions are proposed to remain the same. Please come and show your support for our Guild.

### **President:**

Ken Fissell to replace David Aman

### **Superintendent:**

Dick Best to replace Karl Kelly

### **Member-at-Large**

David Aman to replace Dick Best.

## GWG is now online with social media

There are 2 new Social Media tools to help the Guild communicate with our members: a GWG Facebook page and Instagram account.

The Facebook page will feature updates to happenings at the guild, videos of interesting tools and woodworking from across the Internet and a place for sharing ideas. Our Instagram

account will mostly be an avenue to share pictures of member's projects going on around the shop as well as pictures from our monthly show and tell.

Social Media is a valuable tool for communication these days given how many people are online and how sites like Facebook and Instagram handle and share posts, pictures and information. These sites allow the Guild and its members to share relevant information more quickly, efficiently and easily than other methods such as email, website updates and newsletters. Additionally, as updates, posts and/or pictures are 'liked', 'shared' or 'commented' on, then it's possible for online friends and friends of friends to see that information as well, multiplying the audience that sees the information, helping us communicate with the community and other groups and organizations as well.

We're trying to do as much as we can to keep our members informed and connected and you may see us expand further into social media in the future as we continue with our mission of helping our members become better woodworkers, elevate public knowledge of woodworking as an art and help charitable causes through our woodworking skills.

We realize that social media isn't for everyone and will always continue to send email communications and update the Guild website as we currently do.

## How to connect with the Guild on Social Media:

### Step 1

'Find' us on Facebook and Instagram at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/greenvillewoodworkersguild>

<https://www.instagram.com/greenvillewoodworkersguild>

OR –

login to these sites with your account and search for Greenville Woodworkers Guild

(Note – if you don't already have an account on these sites you will need to establish one)

### Step 2

'Follow' and 'Like' us

### Step 3

'Like' and 'Comment' on posts, pictures and videos to let us know what you think and share with your friends.

We hope you'll 'like', 'follow' and 'share' our new social networking tools. If you have any questions regarding the Guild on Social Media or any other GWG communications topic please contact Allison Yanover – VP Communications at [comm@greenvillewoodworkers.com](mailto:comm@greenvillewoodworkers.com)

## 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

## Tool Sale – Overwhelming Success

Thanks to a large number of dedicated members, our recent tool sale was a huge success. The Guild realized net proceeds of more than \$12,000, and we still have a few items remaining. Special thanks go out to Wayne Comstock and Clay Cook for making their personal shops available for this sale. Aubrey Rogers and Danny Goodson managed the sale and coordinated the entire event. More than two dozen other members and spouses pitched in to pick up and process tools, and do the administrative part of the sale. Job well done folks

## Sawmill Picnic just around the corner . . .



Get ready...it's coming! Monday, June 5 is the date for our annual "Sawmill Picnic". The fun, festivities, and log sawing will begin at 2:30 PM. Come join the fun and fellowship that will be followed by a terrific picnic. The Guild will furnish barbecued chicken, drinks, table service, tables

and chairs. You and your spouse can bring a side dish or dessert. Sign-up for attendance, logs to be sawn, and food will begin after our May membership meeting ([gwgmembers.com](http://gwgmembers.com)). Planned activities include the sawmill, active Show & Tell, a swap shop, the picnic, and more.

If you have logs to bring, they must have been cut in the last six months (no dried out logs), and should be at least eight inches and no more than eighteen inches in diameter, and lengths from six to ten feet.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The shop will be closed the entire day.

## Welcome New Members!

We have experienced a significant increase in membership over the last few months. The word going around is that the Greenville Woodworkers Guild is the best deal in town, and a lot of people are taking advantage. The following have joined since January 1 of this year. Please offer them a hand of friendship, get to know them, and help get them involved.

Dawn Ayers	Greg Hess	Kevin Parker
David Baxley	Will Hollis	Ron Peace
Dan Breeden	Billy Hollis, Jr.	Mike Peters
R. G. Brown III	Dianne Jackson	Jim Rohrer
John Byrnes	Bruce Johnson	Ken Seay
Geoff Cole	Craig Jones	Audrey Pasin Sheets
Darren Cooke	Eric Langenderfer	Charles Silver
Merry Cox	George Leonard	David Smith
Roger Dalrymple	Steve Lockridge	Russell Smith
Dick Dobbins	Hugh McCall	Gill Stone
John Ehlers	Margaret Miller	Steve Street
Mike Ford	Ron Moede	Scott Vanvick
Andy Grafitt	Dave Mullen	Craig Wagner
Frank Gramling	John Norris	John Williams
Dana Greiser	Jim Osborn	Michael Zettler

## Calendar of Events - 2017

### 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 .....	14
Dream Center .....	303
Our Lady of the Rosary	
Small Wall Shelf ( <i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i> ).....	8.5
Wall Shelf ( <i>Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved</i> ) .....	1.5
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>327</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / February 6 to March 6

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	340
Youth Classes .....	190
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>530</b>

The the Dream Center Counter project took the lead with  
55 sessions over 303 hours!

As for Mentoring, the GWG Youth program continues to tally the highest numbers!  
The Mentors donated 190 hours of their time over 43 sessions! They mentored the Teens for 317  
hours over 73 sessions and the Charter Schools kids for 44 hours over 15 sessions! There was one  
Beginner sessions for 3 hours!

As for Ed Center activity, the Auction preparation totalled 224 hours over 56 sessions and our  
Supervisors as usual kept the doors open for us, for 288 hours over 61 shifts!

What a deal we have with GWG!

– Jack McKay

## SHOW & TELL

Platters by  
G. Scott & Susan Kilgore



Guitar by  
Allison Yanover

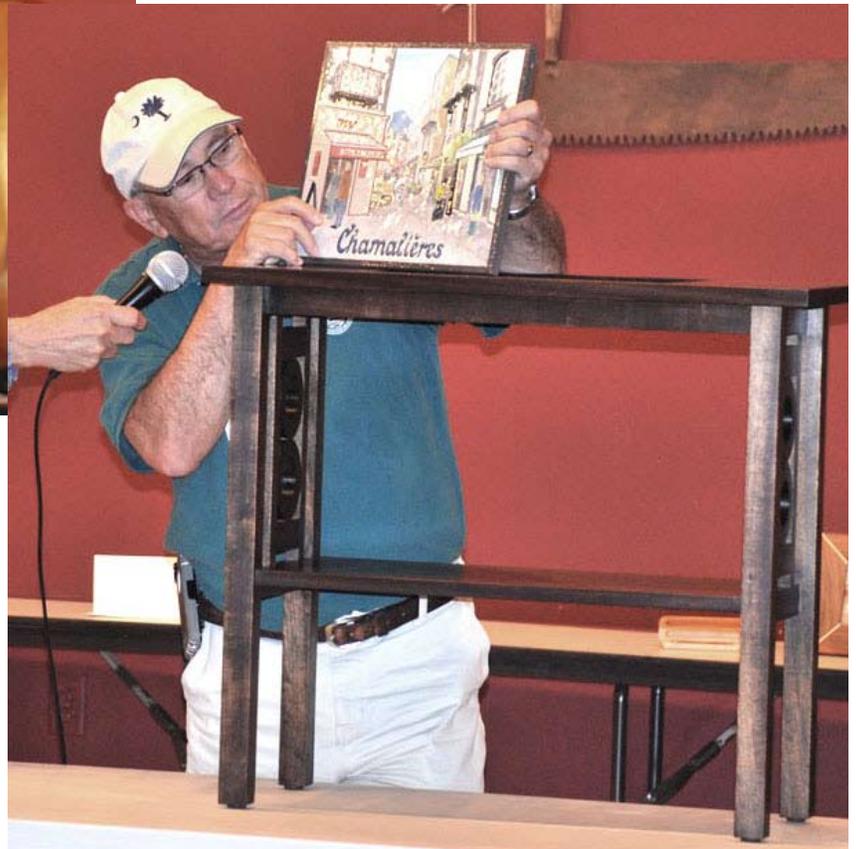


Table with Plaque by  
David Dewease

## SHOW & TELL



Desk by  
Student



Pen & Pencil Set by  
Karen Sheldon



Carved box and Turnings by  
Jim Sinclair

**NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, May 1, 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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