

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



November 2020

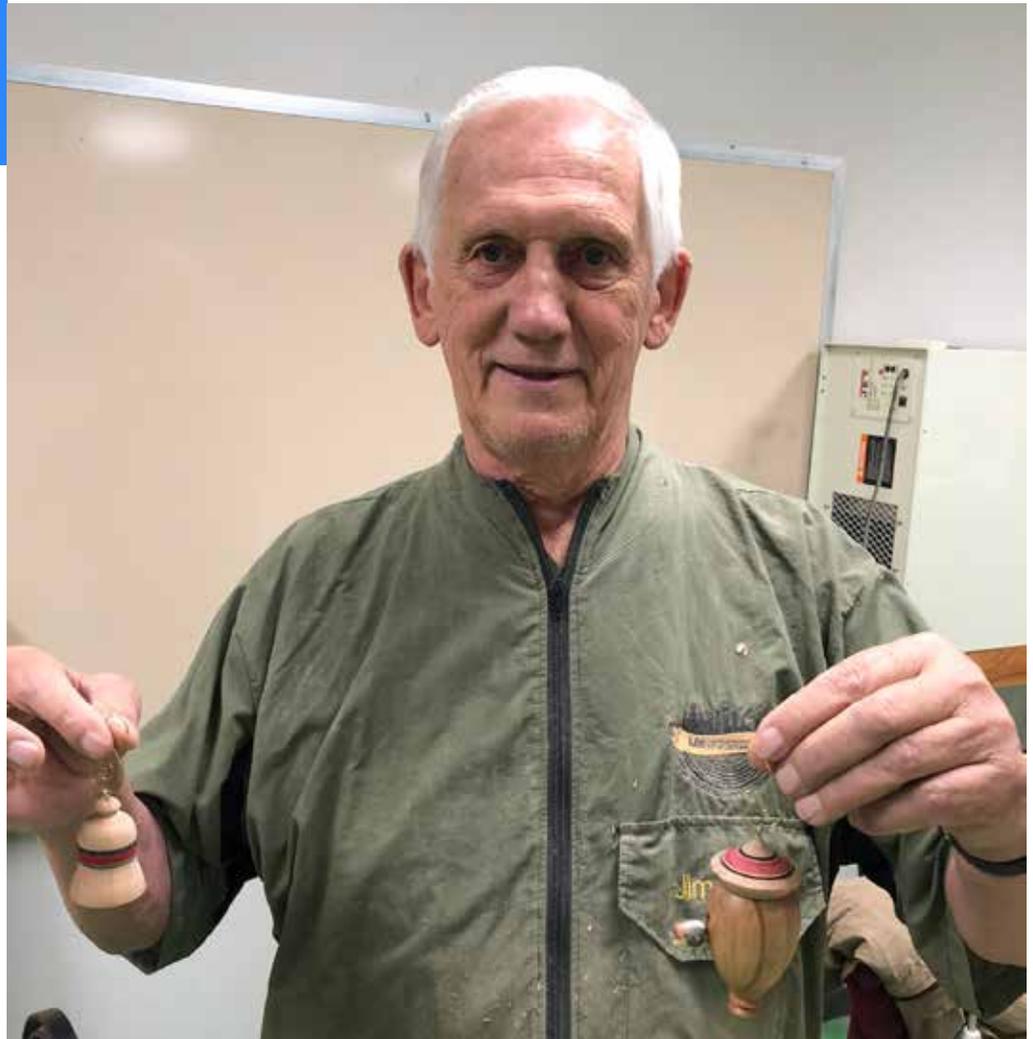


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**It's About  
the Birds and  
the Bells**

**The  
presentation  
will begin  
Monday,  
November 2  
6:30 p.m.**

Look for an E-mail  
from the Guild with a  
Link to log in to join  
the meeting.



Spend some time with our own Jim Kilton as he discusses the Birds and the Bells. Let's be clear, Jim will show us how he makes those little birdhouse ornaments and bells that we see around the shop during the holidays!! Jim has been a member since 1990 serving in various capacities around the Guild as well as 4 years as President. In recognition for all his contributions, Jim is one of only 12 Life Members within the Guild. He heads up our lathe training programs and is our champion for Beads of Courage Bowls and Lidded Boxes. Jim is also a member and mentor within the Carolina Mountain Woodturners and is a master turner.

Please join Jim as he shows us how those beautiful ornaments are created.

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## Joe Boyd President



## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

I recently watched a special on television highlighting the life of JEOPARDY game show host, Alex Trebek. It was interesting to learn that he has been an avid home remodeler and has completed many projects in his home. He commented he has done plumbing, electrical, drywall, and carpentry and considers himself a “brown thumb” (I guess as opposed to a green thumb?). Additionally, I was surprised to learn he drives a red Dodge Ram pickup truck as opposed to the stereotypical Los Angeles celebrity’s flashy car. Impressed that a figure as notable as he would be such an avid DIY’er, made me wonder what other celebrities might be addicted to this hobby that we so enjoy at home and through the guild. A few clicks through Google and my question was soon answered.

There are a number of actors who began in the carpentry trade as a means to make a living prior to their acting careers.

Most notable are Harrison Ford, Adam Carolla, and Nick Offerman (Parks and Recreation). In fact, you can visit Nick Offerman’s shop at [www.offerwoodshop.com](http://www.offerwoodshop.com).



Nick Offerman (Parks and Recreation)

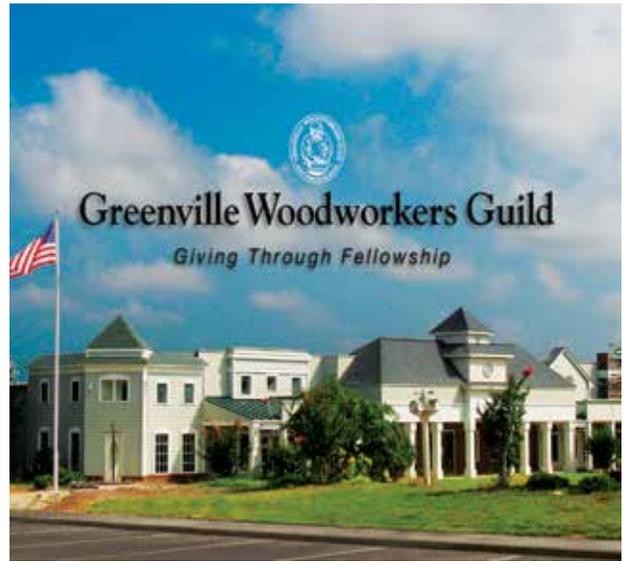
Not to leave out the ladies of the guild, Martina Navratilova, Dana Vollmer (US Olympic gold medal winner), Courteney Cox and Rosalynn Carter are all known for their DIY and woodworking activities.

And for the guild’s woodturners, William Macy learned woodturning and earned himself a cover story on Woodturning Basics magazine (from the editors of Fine Woodworking).

Recognizing that the guild certainly has many very talented woodworkers, I wonder when we will have our first celebrity member... or have we already and I simply don’t know? Let me know and I will highlight them next month.

I’ve come to realize that while we may not be an expert on “everything woodworking”, there are a number of our members who are extremely talented in different aspects of woodworking. It might be hand-cutting dovetails, inlay work, CNC, turning, or marquetry. What is also true, our members are happy to share their knowledge and expertise to fellow members. If you find yourself struggling, look around and ask around. I bet you will quickly find people who can either help or point you to the person who can. So, feel free to ask your fellow members for their advice. And if you’re the one being asked to share your knowledge or wisdom, remember, as in JEOPARDY, your answer must be in the form of a question!

Enjoy your guild!



## GUILD HISTORY

### (Part 3 of a continuing series of articles to come)

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This Article was in the October 1994 newsletter, the Meyer Center was in its old site, less than forty students and Robert (Bob) Thomson was the coordinator of all the work done by our members. One visit to the Meyer Center to watch these professionals performing miracles with these special children will clearly indicate why the Guild selected this to be our prime charitable activity.

“Since the Guild was formed in 1981, we have volunteered our services to the Meyer Center to build their equipment. To acquaint new members with the Meyer Center, the following is quoted from one of the Meyer Center bulletins:

We are the Meyer Center for

special children. And since 1954 we have operated with a clear goal in mind: To help physically challenged children begin to realize their full potential...The potential to be self-confident.

The potential for independence by acquiring development skills.

The potential to show the world what they can do.

But it does not just happen by chance. It takes the skill and knowledge of professionals to tap the potential of the students... because they are “special” with unique needs and requirements due to the physical challenges.

At the Meyer Center, we have the professionals – teachers and

therapists- who work closely with each student. Our highly trained staff can satisfy these special needs and bring their potential to life. To assess and treat these students, we rely on the strength of a team, a group composed of a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, a speech/language pathologist, a preschool education teacher, a school worker, and most importantly the family. These professionals, with the help of the family, evaluate each student and formulate an individual Education Plan, a carefully constructed strategy of goals and objectives.

Then, when we have a plan, we do what we do best, work with the students!”.

## Medallions can personalize your woodworking project.

Guild member Van Matthews met by phone a member of the San Diego guild, Gary Anderson, who sells medallions that can personalize a woodworking project or bowl. He shares this information as a number of our members may like to enhance their projects with these medallions. Van also commented that Gary will help with the design and is offering a 10% discount to our guild members.

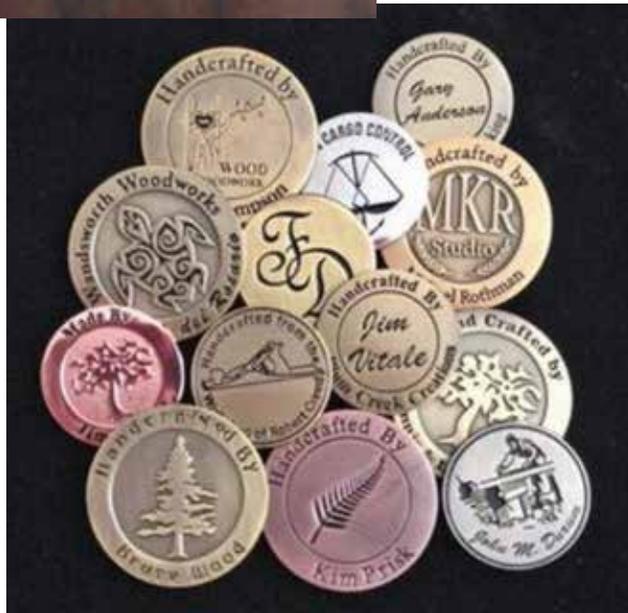
Gary's email address is:

[pinz711@aol.com](mailto:pinz711@aol.com)

and his website is

<http://signaturemedallions.com>

Thanks Van for passing this along!



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### **GWG new members since September 2020**

Roger Castaldo ....Simpsonville, SC  
Mic Cooperman ..Easley, SC  
Dave Dole ..... Greenville, SC  
Karina Jimenez.....Greer, SC  
Aaron Katz.....Greenville, SC  
Alex Lukomskiy ..Greer, SC  
Nick Mock.....Greer, SC

Steve Petruescu ...Greenville, SC  
Ronald Rapp.....Greenville, SC  
Shawn Reilly ..... Fountain Inn, SC  
Craig Severson.....Greenville, SC  
Ray Stubblefield...Greenville, SC  
Jason Wolfe.....Greenville, SC

## Veterans Rest in Peace



On October 5, 2020, 4 veterans were laid to rest in SC Florence National Cemetery.

There were no friends or family attending, only a military honor guard to recognize their life and their service to our country.

The purpose of the Missing in America Veteran Recovery Program (MIAP) is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint

efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

The MIAP is a Federally recognized Non-Profit Veterans Organization for the identification, location, verification, and movement of Veterans and their Dependents.

Our Guild's Veteran's Urn Project, led by John Arnold and Rob Barhorst, has been a partner with this program

for the past 5 years. So far, we have provided over 150 wooden urns which are used in Beaufort and Florence National Cemeteries and at the SC State Veterans Cemetery in Anderson. The attached photo shows our urns being used in a recent ceremony at the Florence National Cemetery. If you would like to learn more about MIAP visit [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us). To learn about our project here at the Guild or to make a donation, contact John or Rob.

# G W G A C T I V I T Y R E P O R T

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / September 1 to September 30 , 2020

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	5.5
Toy Workshop.....	265
Neonatal Mold Boxes .....	3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>273.5</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / September 1 to September 30 , 2020

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	138
Youth Classes .....	13
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>151</b>

**Unfortunately, the guild will not be able to host the annual Christmas dinner this year due to Covid-19. We trust you will have a wonderful holiday and wish you all the best this Christmas season. Our monthly Guild Zoom Meetings will resume January 4, 2021.**

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