

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



July 2018



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John Arnold

John joined the Guild when he retired in 2014.

Since joining the Guild, he has co-lead a number of charitable projects, including our toy program, Urns for Veterans and the Neonatal ICU Mold Box effort. He was also the lead on the Guild's Butterfly Box commission. He has been a mentor to a number of young people working on school and personal projects. He is a shop supervisor and a member of our Board as a Member at Large. He has also led several box making mentoring classes, and is a frequent mentor to Guild members on an on-going basis.

Since joining the Guild, John has completed more than 110 projects, including over 70 boxes. His boxes are typically one-of-a-kind pieces. His inspiration for specific boxes comes from a variety of sources, but the primary inspiration is in the medium itself - the wood. With each box, he tries to highlight the texture, pattern and beauty of the wood, letting the wood basically "tell the story of the piece". A number of his projects have been for boxes with a specific purpose - a jewelry box, a pen carrying case, a conductor's baton case - but the majority of his boxes are crafted to be art pieces that people can enjoy and appreciate.

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T H E P R E S I D E N T S C O R N E R

The Greenville Woodworkers Guild is an organization on a mission to serve.

Recently I received an e-mail from a member who said he didn't like what the guild has become, and he is considering whether or not to renew his membership next month.

I explained the policy to which he addressed his consternation and offered more in person discussion, and asked that he reconsider his reasons for leaving the guild.

After cogitating a bit, the conclusion that occurred to me was that whether or not he wants to use the shop, his dues are put to good use in service to our community.

By serving the many charities, who in turn support our neighbors and those less fortunate than ourselves, by supporting our indigent service men with a final gift of dignity, our children (and their families) who are stricken with demoralizing afflictions, the guild helps many folks with a helping hand to brighten their day. Consider the child who receives a toy when there otherwise might not be one, or the one stricken with cancer who receives a Beads of Courage treasure box.

We serve our members by maintaining the Education Center where we conduct classes in many fields of woodworking, in order to build their skill set, We provide access to the machinery via the certification process and maintenance. The supervisors serve the guild by giving their time, unselfishly; to cover the many shifts needed to safely operate the shop.

Also, the membership folks who keep those details on track, the folks who reconcile the wood sales, and the wood resource managers that keep the shelves stocked. There are the Youth Program directors, and mentors, who serve our young people. The Board of Directors and Operations

team who guide us through the night. How about the A/V team, and other folks, who facilitate meetings and events?

Obviously, this is one side of the story. It's my vision of the guild. I find it hard to understand why any of our members would willingly forfeit their relatively inexpensive membership in such a jewel of an organization. So many folks with a similar, and I might say inspiring, vision of our guild work tirelessly to support the mission statement, which should allow all those involved to stand tall.

So, unless you are a part of these aforementioned groups, or one of many who are yet unmentioned, part of your contribution to our great organization can be the few dollars given unselfishly to "keep the wolf from our door". Keep in mind that all the folks who volunteer pay their dues also.

We appreciate immensely those who unselfishly give of themselves to facilitate all that happens, and try to engage those who only use the shop for their own ends. Many folks do this, but still contribute by buying wood, paying dues, supporting our fund-raiser, and offer their works for our various shows and exhibits.

How proud are you when you when you mention you are a member and are asked about the Guild? Most folks are pleased to hear about all we offer to our community, and each other.

Sometimes we might do well to realign our thinking, to consider all this, when it comes time to renew your membership. If you are not happy with the direction the guild is going, get involved, and be a positive force for change. One thing we are not lacking is the opportunity to serve your guild!

Two new charitable projects.



Request for Beads of Courage bowls for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

The Guild has been asked by the GHS Children's Hospital to include the Neonatal group into the beads of courage program. This request will involve bowls without lids and the logo imbedded in the bottom of the bowl. The hospital needs are 150 bowls per year. This is in addition to the 60 bowls per year we are making for the oncology kids.

Request for lidded boxes for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

The guild has also taken on an additional Beads of Courage project for the NICU unit at GHS. We are creating boxes in which to place molds of feet or hands of children who have succumbed to their afflic-

tion, and we are also providing smaller bowls so their parents can keep their beads for them at their bedside.

These boxes and bowls are intended to lift the spirits of the parents while they are dealing with all the uncertainties of a premature birth of their babies. This, like our other Beads of Courage program, will be ongoing, and while our offerings are a bit smaller, we've been asked to provide them in greater numbers.

Once again, Jim Kilton has stepped up to champion the cause, and he is gathering a team to facilitate the build.

Last week Jim asked for some help getting started, and with the help of several members, spent the day rough turning 44 small cherry and persimmon bowls. We used some wood that was sawn by John Crow when he brought his mill back after the saw-

mill picnic. The bowls were placed in paper shopping bags, encased in wet shavings, and were put up to dry, so that in a few months we will be ready to finish them. Some wood has been milled for the boxes, and a prototype has been submitted to GHS for approval. Production will begin soon. Please get up with Jim Kilton to volunteer for this important project team. We need turners and also folks who do flat work.

Those involved with the turning session were, Jim Kilton, Aubrey Rogers, Eric Thomas, John Broach, Jim Sinclair, Steve Stuart, Steve Bigham, Stinnes Jordan, and Ken Fissel.

If you wish to help with either of these projects contact Jim Kilton.

The first session for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Beads of Courage bowls began June 21. The plan is to have a group get together every three or four weeks to make bowls for this program.



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Guild members built 26 headboards and nightstands, and a combination piano bench/book case for the Ronald McDonald House

We received a Thank-You letter from Marti Spencer, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. "There are no words to really describe what the Guild means to us! The most important thing for the Ronald McDonald House here in Greenville is to stay true to our mission of keeping families together during a very unpredictable time in their lives.".

On Thursday 21 June at the festive opening of the new extension of the McDonald House some hundred plus people were present to show that Greenvillians wholeheartedly support this mission of keeping families together.

After the ribbon cutting visitors flooded the new building to admire the great facilities including the

beautiful creations from our Guild: 26 headboards and night stands, and a combination piano bench/book case. We congratulate project leader Bill Bagwell and his team of Bill Brett, Ron Critser, Tony Frichtl, Keith Rackley, and Keith Stevenson with the visible results of their woodworking skills. Thank you guys for a job well done.



Military Museum received a grant to build more displays you are interested to be part of the team to respond to this challenge.

The Guild has been very active in support of the new Military Museum at the downtown airport.

It came to a glorious conclusion when (Chautauqua) Sir Winston Churchill arrived on Saturday June 16 at the downtown airport and then proceeded to the Military Museum to meet hundreds of Greenvillians. Many stopped by to admire the display cases built by the Greenville Woodworkers as well as ten sturdy indestructible benches. Some twenty

woodworkers were involved in the building of the cases. Those with more than 8 hours on the task of milling, building, gluing, and sanding were Dave Bingham, Steve Bingham, Donnie Brown, Kevin Curry, Leroy Ehlers, Bill Ensor, Roger Friday, Frank Gramling, Jake Jordal, Steve Padula, Brian Reeves, Mike Sigler, and Ruud Veltman. This does not even include the painters Keith and Steve nor the transportation team transporting the displays to their destination. Benches were built by Bob Armbruster, Marion DeWitt, Dick Dobbins, Jim Gilreath, and Neda Zivkovic. Thank you all for a job well done. To show their appreciation the Museum director has asked us to build several more displays after they received a new grant from

Lockheed. If you are interested to be part of the team to respond to this challenge make your desire known by sending an e-mail to: Ruud Veltman, ruudgwg@att.net.

If you have not done so yet, visit the Museum (next to the downtown airport restaurant) and admire your colleagues' handiwork.



The Youth Program has acquired 5 new lathes and will use them to make Beads of Courage bowls for the Guild's support of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric wards at Greenville Memorial Hospital .

The Youth Program has acquired five new Jet 1210VS variable speed lathes. Funding for the lathes came from three sources: A \$1,500 Educational Opportunity Grant from the American Association of Woodturners resulting from Russ Stanton's individual efforts, \$2,300 in memorial donations in memory of a member's son, and the proceeds from raffling off four of the old lathes. Woodcraft of Greenville sold the lathes at a substantial discount, allowing the Youth Program to purchase some needed accessories. The new 1 HP lathes were installed and new, higher capacity, wiring provided by David Aman. The first use of the lathes was to support a jewelry-making class by Joe Ruminski, who taught over fifteen youths to make pendants at no cost. The Youth Program has also committed to making bowls and Beads of Courage bowls for the Guild's support of the NICU and Pediatric wards at Greenville Memorial Hospital .

The Guild teens routinely assist both the Girl and Boys Scouts in completing their requirements for their Merit Badge in Wood Working.

The Guild Teens instruct in shop safety, proper stance when around power tools, basic First Aid for scrapes and cuts and attention to eye and lung safety. Our teens demonstrate proper use of twelve basic hand tools for constructing simple projects. The Scouts learn the use of these tools in building a traditional Shaker peg board. The maple pegs were a gift to the Youth of the Guild from Casey Wood Products of Maine. Feedback from all Scouts and their Leaders has been most positive. Our teens gain much from their teaching experience.

Richard Mackintosh
Youth Program

The Guild received a donation of 2 new machines.

- **Powermatic 12" Jointer**
- **Powermatic 20" planer.**

Thanks to Bill Cobb, a Guild member since 2013, for the greatly appreciated gift which will help the Guild be even more efficient when building charitable projects.

Metropolitan Arts Council Show - July 27th thru September 9th of 2018

Please contact Ken Fissel if you plan to enter your work in the show at: pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com

The Woodworkers Guild has been invited to present another show at the Metropolitan Arts Council.

We will begin accepting display items at the shop on July 17th. Items will be delivered to the MAC gallery on July 24, 2018

So, please, get those creative juices flowing, and target these dates so we can present a show greater than last year's showing, which was received extremely well.

The Guild has cherry bowl blanks and would appreciate anyone turning a bowl to sell at the show as a contribution to benefit the Guild.

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / May 8 to June 4 , 2018

	Hours
Santa's Workshop (Toys)	289.5
(Flag Cases).....	4
Rafka (Podium).....	6
Beads of Courage (Lidded Bowls).....	13.5
Ronald McDonald House (Hall Bench).....	16.5
GHS Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Bead Boxes)	2.5
GHS Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Mold Presentation Boxes)	17
Our Lady of the Rosary (Furniture).....	20
Other Charitable Projects.....	15
Total	384

MENTORING CLASSES / May 8 to June 4 , 2018

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	71
Youth Classes	113
Total	184

Except for Toys Workshop, GWG experienced a probably, much deserved reduction in hours and visits in all categories!

It has been a very busy year, month to month since last September, so guys, kick back and enjoy the summer!

– Jack McKay

**NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, July 2, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Social time begins 6:00 p.m.**

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