

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



December 2017



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Please mark Monday night, December 4 on your calendar  
for a “dinner date” with your significant other.

This will be our annual Christmas Dinner at the Guild,  
starting at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30.

For your entertainment we are pleased to have as our guests  
The Greenville Chamber Singers.

## Annual Christmas Dinner

Monday night, December 4th will be our annual Christmas Dinner at the Guild, starting at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. Mutt's of Greer is preparing a wonderful dinner of turkey & dressing, baked ham, macaroni & cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, drinks and dessert for just \$18 per person.

Once again we are pleased to have as our guests The Greenville Chamber Singers. They were formed in 1996 and are under the direction of Angela Lemere, district choral coordinator at Dorman High School. They will be presenting a concert featuring familiar favorites (with some fun twists!) as well as some new music.

We will NOT have show and tell this year but as always, members are asked to bring a handmade item to be given as a door prize. Our goal is to have one gift for each spouse and guest in attendance. If you bring your spouse, bring one gift. If you bring any additional guests, bring that number of gifts as well.

Register by visiting the Guild Website at [Greenville Woodworkers.com](http://GreenvilleWoodworkers.com). We will use electronic check in. No tickets will be mailed. You will receive a confirmation email to let you know your registration was completed. If you have problems registering, please call David Dewease at 864-293-2573 between 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM.



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## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hopefully every one enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends. Now we are getting ready for the next holiday occasion, Christmas, where good will abounds, reverence is noticeably at the forefront, and friendships and gift giving is on one's mind.

We here at the woodworkers guild are able to share one of life's greatest gifts, that is being able to interact with like-minded others, sharing our creativity and kindness for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves.

"Service Through Fellowship" is the motto on our logo. Have you ever given any thought to what was intended when it became a part of our culture? We have a number of members who rarely come to the shop. To me, they are missing out on the part of the guild that's most valuable, the fellowship. I am truly amazed at the number of friends I've made as a result of my joining the guild. More than that, I find myself in awe at the talented craftsmen with whom I can interface and from whom I can learn.

When I walk into the shop on any given morning I'm greeted by many smiling faces, all engaged in some chore, or in a discussion about a new technique, or finish, or upcoming project. Many are deep into toy

making, or a charitable project, but nearly everyone is enjoying their time, together, with other members. If you are one of these folks who rarely come to the shop, I invite you to make an appointment with yourself, and come spend some time with us. I'll bet it won't be long until you find yourself wrapped up in conversation with a friend, old or new.

Look around, at the project teams, open a dialog with them. They are eager to share what's happening at that particular phase of the plan. Be careful though, it's infectious, and you may soon find yourself with a tool in hand, as part of the team. And understand this, everyone began as a novice. The point is there is always someone in the shop who is willing to help, or share ideas about how to proceed. In many cases you might be talking to a master of the craft who will be able to logically walk you through any detail.

I think we have earned a reputation of a group with big hearts, and we want all of our members to really become a part of our family.

So,,,,,, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!!!

## Birdhouse Contest

Judging will be at the February 2018 guild meeting.

Open to adults and youth under 18 years if age.

Prizes will be given in 3 categories:

**Functional**

**Decorative / Whimsical**

**Green - Recycled materials**

You may enter only one birdhouse in each category.

Birdhouse must be 75% wood.  
*No kits allowed*



## Categories

The sky is the limit! Be creative! Your birdhouse can be traditional or an original design. No birdhouses made from kits will be allowed.



### Functional Birdhouse:

A birdhouse entered into the functional category can best be described as a working birdhouse. It will be judged on the following criteria, in order listed: craftsmanship, functionality (for birds), able to be mounted, easy access for cleaning, type of material used and aesthetics.

### Decorative/Whimsical:

A birdhouse entered into this category can be used indoors or out and not necessarily functional. It will be judged on the following criteria, in order listed: aesthetics, imaginative theme, texture, color, composition, and craftsmanship.

### “Green”:

Think repurposed, environmentally friendly, recycled. Green birdhouses can be functional and / or decorative.



### NOTES:

- Each house can only qualify for one category, but you can enter more than one category.
- Birdhouses must be made by the person entering the contest and made within the last year.
- All entries must be in good taste.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the Feb. GWG meeting.
- Entries must be at the GWG no later than 6:30pm the night of the meeting. An entry form will be available then.

## Bird lovers choice award

All those attending the February GWG meeting are invited to judge the birdhouses before the meeting using your spare change to vote for your favorite. No \$limit. Vote for as many birdhouses as you wish. Each 1¢ is worth one vote. Your spare change votes will be donated to the GWG for shop supplies, such as sandpaper, etc.

## Dues Increase

Your Board believes it necessary to increase the dues. Why now when we have a sufficient cash reserve? Our forward plan indicates an increase is required to sustain the Guild for the long term! We should not wait until our reserves are drained, particularly in the light of the value the Guild provides for its members. Also, our previous Boards had the wisdom to create sufficient cash reserves that enabled us to have the facilities we have

today, and the current Board should do no less.

Less than half of our income is from dues. It has been supplemented by auction sales, wood sales, donations, etc., all contributing to our current position. And the capital expenditures have not materialized because we have been able to defer large planned expenditures. According to our planning model that is about to change. We anticipate requiring close to \$60,000 a year and are short by \$25.00 per member just to

maintain our facilities. Extra spending is anticipated for improvements in our operations, a portion of which we plan to obtain from fundraising.

Your Board is proposing to raise the dues from \$120.00 a year to \$150.00 a year and to increase the one time initiation fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00 effective January 15, 2018. We believe this continues to represent a significant bargain to our members and seek membership approval.

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## Member's storage policy revision

Please be aware that effective November 15, 2017 the member storage policy was revised.

***The change impacts only those wishing to store partially completed projects in the Auditorium.***

The current policy allows members to store items in this location if they have leased other storage space

and for as long as they wish to maintain the lease. This has resulted in some projects spending far too much time in storage with little or no work being completed.

The new policy requires that you obtain a GOLD TAG for the auditorium storage. The charge for the GOLD TAG is \$5.00 per week for a maximum of 6 weeks. Renewal of this TAG will be at the discretion of the

Shop Manager. If a renewal is given, the cost will be \$10/week for no longer than 6 weeks. After the 12 - week period no additional renewals will be issued.

**CHARIBLE  
PROJECTS  
2017**

**Project**

**Leader**

**Status**

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WHHS – Display Case .....	Bill Ensor .....	Completed
The Dream Center – Counter .....	Dick Best.....	Completed
Ronald McD House – Headboards .....	Bill Bagwell.....	Waiting installation
Piano Surround .....	Jon Rauschenbach .....	Completed
Doll House .....	Bob Gulotty .....	Completed
Fiber Studio Tables .....	Roger Cottrell.....	Completed
Butterfly Boxes .....	John Arnold.....	Completed
Mental Health America – Tables .....	Jon Rauschenbach .....	Phase 1 complete
Cello/Viola Storage Racks .....	Mike Mathers .....	Starting soon
MHCC – Benches.....	(Pending).....	In progress
MHCC – Displays.....	(Pending).....	In progress
Wheel Chair Pad .....	John Arnold.....	Completed
TCMU – Reading Bench.....	(Pending).....	In progress
MAC – Bookcase.....	Jay Leonard.....	Starting in Jan 2018

**Ongoing Projects**

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Toys Workshop.....	Rob Barhorst.....	In progress
Beads of Courage.....	Jim Kilton .....	In progress
Habitat .....	Bill Bagwell.....	In progress
SC Veterans Urns .....	John Arnold.....	In progress
Conste Park Signs .....	Dennis Defrancesco.....	In progress
Flag Display Cases.....	Steve Estabrooks.....	In progress

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / October 10 to November 6

	Hours
Santa's Workshop (Toys) .....	283
SC Beads of Courage (Bead Boxes).....	32
Ronald McDonald House (Headboards).....	6
Flag Cases.....	3.5
Greenville Mental Health (Desk).....	266
Our Lady of the Rosery Cabinet and Shelf .....	124.5
MHCC (Benches) .....	2
Wheel Chair Pad .....	9.5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>726.5</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / October 10 to November 6

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	646
Youth Classes .....	274
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>920</b>

As for Charity, the Mental Health Desks led the pack with 47 session over 266 hours, followed by those toy makers with 78 sessions over 283 hours, and a nice project OLR Cabinet and Shelf with 36 sessions over 124 hours!

As for our supervisors and other volunteers, they donated 563 hours over 179 sessions!  
We are truly indebted to them for all that they do!

– Jack McKay

SHOW & TELL



Christmas Decoration by Michele Grandonico



Boxes by John Arnold



Turnings by Bill Lancaster





## SHOW & TELL



Checker Boards by Charlie LeGrand



Nesting Tables by Lowell Dawkins



Carvings by Dave Fisher



## SHOW & TELL

**NOTE:** Please fill out the (Show & Tell Item Identification Sheet) located on the show and tell items table so we can publish your name and description of you item in the Newsletter.

**ALSO:** We need your full name printed legibly.



Notecard Box by Karen Sheldon



Lamp and Flag Boxes by Steve Estabrooks



Ornaments by Harry Greisser

**NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017**  
**Social time begins 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30**

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