

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



October 2017

Andrés Riquelme
Restorations



The presenter for the October meeting will be Andrés Riquelme. Andrés is a third generation woodworker originally from Chile.



With 25 years of experience beginning in Chile, I have nurtured my passion for art and working with my hands. My father, in Santiago, taught me to create objects of art from local natural materials. My grandfather, a woodworking teacher, has been my inspiration. In the 1990's I moved to Miami, Florida where I worked for antique dealers, restoration service companies, and individual customers; and gained a great deal of experience in restoring antique European furniture. After several years I moved to Greenville, South Carolina where I've had an opportunity to focus more on antique restoration. My reward comes in the joy I receive in bringing back the life to a beautiful piece of furniture or art.

I work with customers throughout Upstate South Carolina, providing period-correct restoration, repair and conservation of fine antique furniture, architectural pieces, sculpture and artwork.

Andrés was introduced to Ken Fissel at the MAC reception, where he expressed interest in the guild's exhibit, and mission. He then toured the Guild and was impressed enough to become a member. He will tell us of his penchant for finishing and give us a few tips on prep, prep and prep, before applying a finish to a new creation.

He will also give us some instruction on repairing pieces and finishes.

Later in the month on Saturday October 28th Andrés will give a seminar at the Guild's spray booth. He will demonstrate "using the spray gun" This will be "hands on" instruction. There will also be discussion regarding other finishes and ways to apply them.

Watch the mentoring site for additional information.

Miscellaneous projects by
Andrés includes the Poinsett
Club

Poinsett Club
Bar



Poinsett Club
Cabinets



Poinsett Club
Bar



Dining Table



Mahogany Chest

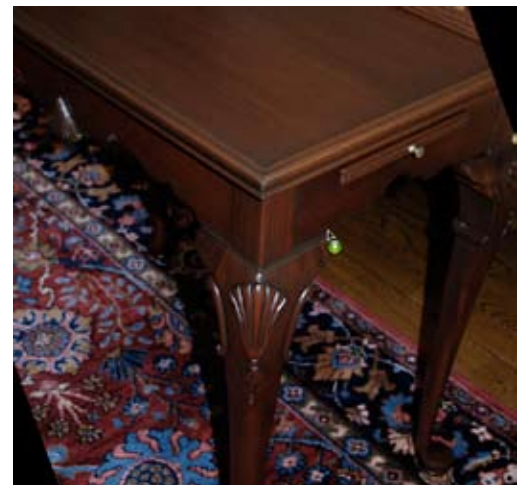


English Desk
c.1850

Gold Leaf Table



Tea Table



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KEN FISSEL
President



THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Another summer is in the books, and we can now look towards cooler weather, football, managing fallen leaves and all sorts of chores before colder weather moves south. It seems the whole focus shifts to a more sequestered existence.

Fall brings conclusion for our elves and our toy program. The flurry of effort on Tuesday mornings gets even more so as projects are wrapping up, and thoughts change to distribution, and the smiles on the recipients faces. Although the work is not yet finished, the toy folks can, once again stand tall for their efforts. Good job John, Rob, and ALL the members who give unselfishly of themselves for this cause.

Other charitable projects are being delivered, as is noted in other sections of the newsletter. "JOB WELL DONE!" goes out to Ruud Veltman and all those who stepped up and helped create the pieces for our community. There has been a trophy case for Wade Hampton High School, a piano bench for Miracle Hill, A work table for the Fine Arts Center, Bowls and salt boxes etc for Project Host fundraiser auction, The ongoing Beads of Courage effort, and also the Veteran's Urns, and other projects either under construction or in the works.

The guild has, in my opinion, made a great showing with this round

of projects. Don't let up. These efforts can only enhance our stature in our communities.

Now comes the tough part. It's time to ask the question, "What have you done to enhance the guild's prescience in our city, or your guild experience?" Do you know it takes about 110 people positions per month to operate our shop. The guild needs your help! We have immediate openings for several important positions to be filled. One is Program director (to take care of lining up our presenters for our monthly membership meetings). Another is Auction manager, (to help close our member's shops when they donate their equipment to the Guild for auction).

The Guild is in need of drawers, carts, and dollies, to be built and a myriad of shop fixtures to help organize clamps etc. Let Mac Bowman know if you can help.

So there is always something to be done. Keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, the key word being "volunteer". Many of these small tasks can be completed in a short amount of time so step up and take something on. We need to expand our workforce, not just our membership numbers. The guild is something greater than us, and you can make it better, by becoming more involved.

Thanks to all for your efforts!



Fine Arts Center table completed and delivered.

Congratulations to team Cottrell.

The team led by Roger Cottrell with the able help of John Bobier, Bruce Colby, Marion deWitt, Mark Johnson, Anne Pierce, and Charles Sutter delivered a 500 + pound table to the Fine Arts Center. Because of the weight the oversized table, measuring 5 ft. x 10 ft., was delivered in three part; the frame and two sheets for the double thick MDF table top. The table will be used at the Fine Arts Center in their Fiber Studio Printing Shop. The Fine Arts Center has sent the Guild a check for \$1,300.00 as reimbursement for the cost of the materials used to build the table. As usual the labor has been donated with thanks for the opportunity to demonstrate the woodworking skills of our members. Thank you guys for a job well done. Thank you to all who participated in the transportation of the table to the Fiber Print Studio.





**Piano cabinet delivered
to the Chapel of the
Miracle Hill Rescue
Mission**

All who were in the shop recently saw the piano cabinet growing in beauty. It has now been delivered by the team to the Chapel of the Miracle Hill Rescue Mission on Washington Street to be used for praise and glory to our Creator. From left to right: Team leader and designer Jon Rauschenbach, Dick Best, Bob Gasperic, and Miracle Hill Director David Hanna. Not pictured is team member Stan Barrett.

To us it looks better than the most expensive Steinway. Great job, guys. Thank you for demonstrating the skill of our Wood Workers.

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / August 8 to September 11

	Hours
Wade Hampton High School (Display Case)	131
Santa's Workshop (Toys)	287
Beads of Courage (Boxes).....	7
SC Veterans (Urns)	4
Ronald McDonald House (Headboards)	107
Greenville Rescue Mission (Piano Case)	235
Dream Center (Dollhouse)	47
Flag Cases.....	20
Fine Arts Center (Table)	144
Butterfly Boxes.....	33
Our Lady of the Rosary (Cabinet & Shelf) <i>(Time donated by volunteers - Non-Guild approved)</i>	57
Total	1,072

MENTORING CLASSES / August 8 to September 11

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	172
Youth Classes	151
Total	323

Charity had a really robust month with 310 sessions spread over 1073, that is, one thousand and seventy three hours! It is the high for this GWG year and maybe for all times! As usual the Youth program had really nice numbers! The mentors gave 151 hours of their time over 32 sessions! The totals for the students was 196 hours over 43 sessions! What a great ministry! The other mentoring was a little slow for the month!

Maybe most everyone is all trained up! Lastly, where would we be without our supervisors, and others who fix things, and maintain our great lumber supply?

We are a blessed organization!

Looking forward to a new GWG year!

– Jack McKay

NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, October 2, 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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