

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



October 2020



zoom

How to build a Slab Top Box

**The
presentation
will begin
Monday,
October 5th.
6:30 p.m.**

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



Please join member John Arnold as he demonstrates how to build a Slab Top Box. John is known for his beautifully designed boxes and during this 1.5 hr. presentation, John will share with you his tips and techniques on building this box.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Question.....does the world seem like it's spinning just a little faster than it should? Interestingly, if it actually did, our days would be shorter, the sea level would increase and satellites would no longer be in their correct position. But none the less, the pace of our lives seems to be going at a faster speed!

We're now experiencing cooler days and nights, welcoming early glimpses of changing leaf colors, college football and perhaps deciding on our projects for Christmas gift giving. Soon the seemingly nonstop political ads and commercials will cease, we will have completed the voting season and our eyes will be focused towards a new year.

The shop is noticeably busier and there is a steady flow of new members among us. With excitement, we have reopened many of our classes for new members that will allow for certification on various pieces of equipment. This will surely cause the shop to be busier in the coming weeks. So, a word to the wise, start your projects now because as you read this, we will be planning for Thanksgiving and then Christmas just 29 days later!

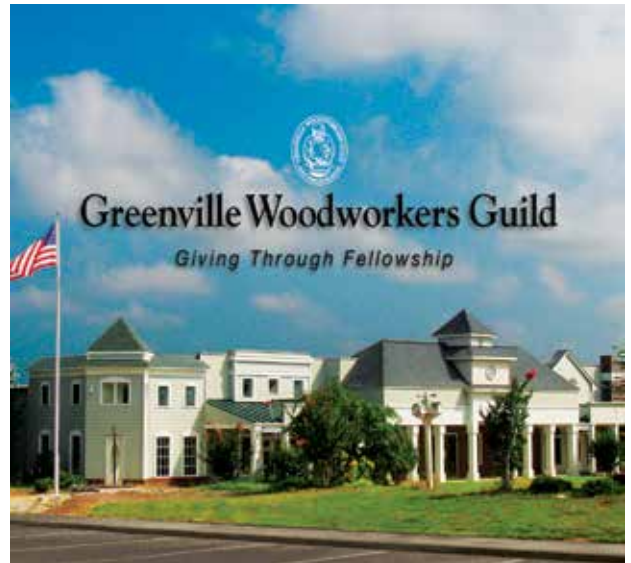
Regardless of where you find yourself in this current time, I hope you will make a conscious effort to give back to the Guild. Whether it is a financial gift, a helping hand in the various tasks that keep

our guild functioning or by simply helping out in the shop when a fellow member appears to be struggling. We have certainly become a stronger organization because of our members and it's our members who will keep us well positioned for the future.

Enjoy the guild!

"What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?" —George Eliot

If anyone can fill the gap with newsletters for 1982, 1983 and 1984 it will be a welcome addition to our archives.



GUILD HISTORY

(Part 2 of a continuing series of articles to come)

In last month's newsletter, we revived an information series on the history of the Guild. The original document, officially establishing the Guild, was the source of our first article. Future articles will rely on the newsletters and Board minutes for its source.

Now turning to our history, the Guild is fortunate that through three of our members most of our newsletters have been preserved. Jim Thomas, Steve Kern and Chris Peters provided copies, along with binders from an unknown origin. I cannot imagine how we could have preserved the Guild History without these

newsletters.

Ruud Veltman established the Guild's permanent records on the "CLOUD" several years ago. Currently, Kellie Lockwood maintains this information. The Newsletters, however, were not included but thanks to instructions and input from David DeWease, over 400 are now permanently protected in the MAGICAL CLOUD. Similarly, Chuck Graham, our secretary, has protected the Board minutes from the beginning of the Guild's incorporation, 2003.

Records from June 1982 archives

Part 2 of our history features items from the third newsletter to be issued, dated June 1982. This was provided by Michael Mc Dunn.

"Our meeting on June 7 will feature David Reid in a discussion and demonstration of CARCASE JOINERY."

From the president's (Art Welling) work bench:

"Overall, our first show was a big success, both for the Guild and for the Leslie C. Meyer Development Center. We held a one-day raffle and collected \$240.00..." "Those of us considered traditional woodworkers

really were put in our place at the show. Jim Thompson's bowls, Michael Mc Dunn's whole display and Dave Davidson's cutting boards stole the show"

Guild skill levels- Novice, Amateur, Journeyman, and Master Craftsman were established under a juried system.

"Everyone is asked to participate in a two-night workshop on finishing to be held July 12 and 13. Please bring 3 pieces of wood, 12" square sanded on both sides no more than 120 grit..."

Instructor Art Welling.

There was an article on the adoption of the Meyer Center "special children that we have chosen to work with in a charitable way"

Aubrey Rogers 9/15/20

2020 Toy Program Update



We have received quite a few inquiries as to the status of this year's Toy Program. Well, it is alive and doing quite well. We kicked off the program a bit later than usual this year. The shop was closed for a number of weeks because of the pandemic. Once we had our protocols in place and the shop was open for members, the Toy

Program leaders (Rob Barhorst, Roy Painter and John Arnold) worked with Mac Bowman to carve out time on the shop schedule just for the Toy Program volunteers. You probably all remember seeing Tuesday morning shifts from 9am-1pm closed to everyone except Toy Program volunteers. But as fate would have it,

several members tested positive for the virus (they are all OK now). So in the interest of keeping our members safe and healthy, we collectively decided to not have everyone meet together on Tuesday mornings. Rather, members could continue to work on toys when their schedules allowed, often in their own shops. So the program was

not shut down, we just changed how we made the toys that children throughout our communities look forward to every year.

The result of this year's toy production is something that we can all be very proud of. Members have focused on making toys that are always big hits with children – white boards, Batmobile cars, John Deere tractors, small cars (many hand painted by folks at the Simpsonville Senior Center), literally hundreds of 3-D puzzles (made by Gary Morris in his own shop), grasshopper pull toys, crayon dogs and clock puzzles. The list could go on and on. Let's just say that Guild members have stepped up big time to the challenge of making toys for children during a very trying time. So, all Guild members should call out a very big thank you to all the members who have dedicated their time and skill to make toys in 2020.



Greenville Woodworkers Guild take on some of Santa's work.

By Lainey Veltri / Photos by Lainey Veltri

Saws of all sorts hummed and whirred as nearly two dozen woodworkers focused on their task at hand: making wooden toys for homeless and needy children in the Greenville area.



It was a Tuesday morning inside the workshop at the Greenville Woodworkers

Guild complex, where the scent of saw dust hung in the air. The scene could have been plucked from the pages of a storybook about Santa Claus' workshop, where the skillful hands of guild members—much like Santa's elves—fashioned planks of wood into puzzles, whiteboards, and miniature cars and trucks destined for organizations that help the less fortunate.

Greenville Woodworkers Guild is a nonprofit organiza-

tion that was founded in 1981. The guild is made up of about 800 non-

professional hobbyists who build wood products ranging from simple toys and furniture to items worthy of display in a museum. The guild helps members become better woodworkers, elevates public knowledge of woodworking as an art, and helps charitable causes through woodworking projects.

The toy project is just one of the guild's several charitable endeavors.

They also create wooden urns, bowls, and other items that are donated to worthy causes.

"This is just our way of giving back," said Rob Barhorst, a co-leader of the toy project and resident of Simpsonville, as he worked on crafting toy car parts.

John Arnold of Simpsonville, also a coleader and supervisor of the toy project, has been involved for five years, making toy cars, trucks, white-



boards, puzzles and much more.

"It's fun and you get to know people and improve your woodworking skills," said the Neely Farm resident.

Guild members typically begin making the wooden toys in April and finish up

in November just in time for Christmas for distribution to 14 different organizations, such as Shriner's Children's Hospital, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Hands on Greenville and Miracle Hill Ministries.



"We've given away thousands of toys," said Arnold. "Everything from John Deere tractors

and cradles to trucks and puzzles."

Once the woodworkers finish making the toys, another group of volunteers bring them to life with paint. The Class Art & Soul Painters, a group of women who meet for art classes at the Simpsonville Activity & Senior Center, took on the project several years ago after being asked to paint the wood toys.

"It's amazing to know they give these to children who have nothing," said Betty Zini of the Steeple Chase subdivision in Simpsonville, who recently finished painting a box of puzzles, cars and trucks for the guild. "We jumped at the chance to do it."

Guild member Kellie Lockwood was among the group busily making toy

cars on a recent workday in the guild's shop. The Simpsonville resident cut out car shapes that will eventually be painted and equipped with wheels.

"This is a lot of fun," she said. "It's fun working with the people and having a goal to work toward."

By the time the holidays arrive, the guild and artists will have created about 800 wooden toys for children and donated about 1,500 hours to complete them.

Typically, they make closer to 1,000 toys but the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays this year.

For more information about the guild's toy project and other charitable contributions, visit www.greenvillewoodworkers.com or call (864) 299-9663.

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The Greenville Woodworkers Guild
presents a huge

Tool Sale & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 10
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
209 Holly Ridge Drive, Greenville

Hundreds of high quality woodworking hand tools, stationary tools and more at great prices!!!

All items are priced, but silent bids (with a reserve) will be available on larger items.
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- GWG new members since August 2020**
- Bill Clarke Greenville, SC
 - David Foster Anderson, SC
 - Howard Foster Greer, SC
 - Todd Jensen Greenville, SC
 - Andrew Kenney Travelers Rest, SC
 - Ryan Leidy Belton, SC
 - Josh Lyle Simpsonville, SC
 - Andrew Pilgrim..... Greenville, SC
 - Ray Stubblefield..... Greenville, SC
 - Ronald Walker Easley, SC
 - Laura Wetter Travelers Rest, SC
 - Mathew Younger Greer, SC

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

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / April 1 to September 22 , 2020

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	5.5
Toy Workshop.....	692
Habitat Shop Carts.....	103
Childs Haven Rolling Bookshelves.....	13
Brake Cart for HFH.....	5.5
Other Charitable Projects.....	22
Total.....	841

MENTORING CLASSES / April 1 to September 22 , 2020

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	504
Youth Classes.....	265
Total.....	769