

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



February 2016



February 1 meeting - Veritas Tools

Vic Tesolin from Veritas Tools will conduct 5 very informative sessions on Feb. 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Greenville Woodworkers Guild. He will also be the presenter for the February Guild Meeting.

Vic designs and makes commissioned studio furniture and is an employee of Veritas Tools. He studied his craft at Rosewood Studio, where he graduated and later worked as a resident craftsman and part-time instructor. The entertaining and informative nature of his classes reveals Vic's passion for sharing his knowledge. His first book *The Minimalist Woodworker* illustrates his philosophy of "In order to understand, you must do".



About

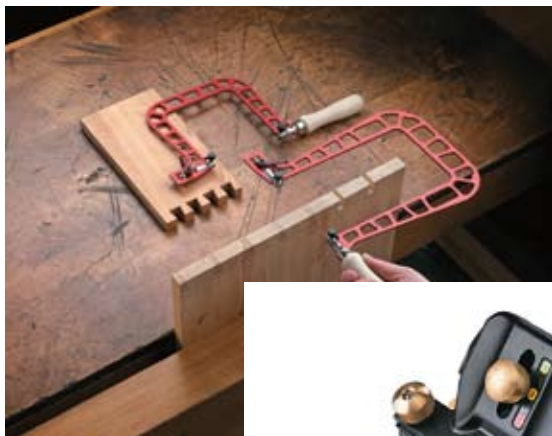
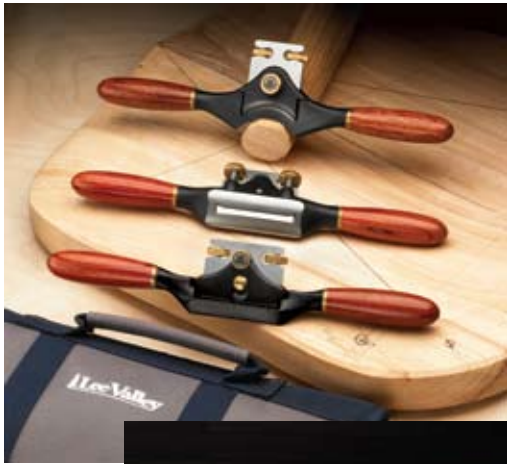
Vic Tesolin was a student at Rosewood Studio where he studied furniture design and making under the guidance of some of North America's top furniture makers. Vic began his career as a self-employed furniture maker designing and crafting furniture by commission while working at Rosewood as a part-time instructor and craftsman in residence. He realized that making the type of furniture that he liked to make didn't generate much income so he went in search for a more secure job. Vic then took the helm at Canadian Woodworking magazine as editor.

Currently he is the Technical Advisor at Lee Valley Tools. He still designs and builds furniture in a modest shop in his home in Carleton Place, Ontario. Having a full time job allows him the ability to build what he wants ... gone are the days of making things simply to 'pay the bills'.

The Canadian company, Veritas Tools, is a world leader in woodworking tool product research, development and manufacturing producing over 500 tools.

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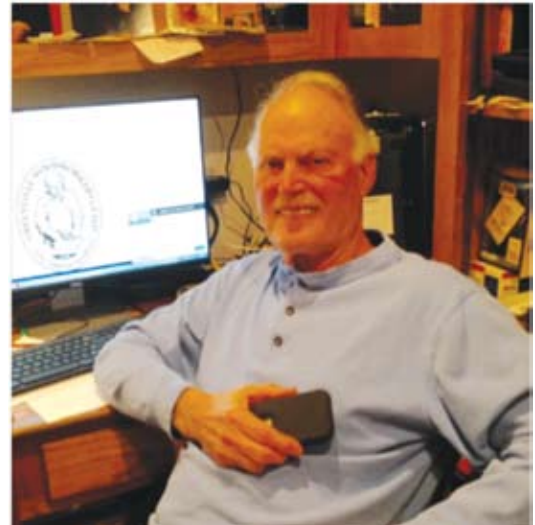
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Just what is a “Guild”? If you are like me, I get this question almost on a daily basis. When we say we are a member of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, do people really understand what our organization is all about? The word “guild” dates to medieval times when merchants or tradesmen joined together to protect the interest of their members, and sometimes these guilds developed into governing bodies. In the present day a guild is an organized group of people with common interest, whether it is woodworking, blacksmithing, artistry, quilting, carving or some other trade or craft. Usually guilds have a purpose, such as to preserve and further the craft, to promote their trade, to develop social well-being and fellowship among members, or to perform public or charitable acts.

Our Guild is all of these things. It was organized thirty-five years ago by five men so they could get together regularly over coffee, promote the art of woodworking and perform charitable works for the community. We have grown to almost 700 members with these same goals and objectives that we state simply as “Giving through Fellowship”. Our very well equipped shop allows us to get together regularly, learn new skills or improve existing ones, and to give back to our communities through charitable works. If you, as a GWG member, ONLY come to

the shop to use the tools and equipment for your personal use, then you are missing out on the true meaning of a guild. Taking classes, attending workshops and seminars will improve your skill sets, and it may even lead to new friendships. But if you do all these things and don’t help with charitable projects, you cannot experience the true feeling of a “Guild Member”.

I encourage everyone to get involved with something that is not your personal project or activity, i.e. a charitable project. I have been a member for twenty years and can’t remember when we had so much participation in seminars, meetings, and training sessions. Our charitable projects may be at an all-time high, with significant ones being Veteran’s Urns; Beads of Courage, Santa’s Workshop; Tables for the Fine Arts Center; The Meyers Center for Special Children; Child’s Haven; Miracle Hill; and now Benches for the Cancer Survivors Park. There is something among this list that everyone can participate in, even if you are free only at night. So get involved!

And next time you are asked what is a “Guild”, you can proudly say “It’s a group that works together to improve lives”. And I am a Guild Member!

Announcements:

VP Fund Raising

Vann Matthews has accepted the position of VP Fund Raising and was approved by the Board. Thanks for stepping up Vann!

Storm Water Retention Fees

Greenville County has declared that the Guild is exempt from paying storm water retention fees. Thanks to Bill Fuller for pursuing this assessment and saving the Guild almost \$1,000.

Seminars/Workshops

More than 60 members have signed up for the seminars/workshops being conducted by Vic Tesolin from Veritas / Lee Valley Tools for February 1-4. A number of our Youth members will also attend.

SC Vets Donate to GWG

The SC Veterans of Foreign Wars donated \$200 in appreciation to the Guild to use for construction and materials for the Veteran's Urn Project.

Home Hours for Charitable to be Recorded

We will soon have a method to record the hours for "Charitable Projects" work done from your home. Many of

you spend numerous hours at home that have not been recorded until now. This will be rolled out in the next few weeks.

Masters Series Seminar well attended

The Glen Huey / Chuck Bender Masters Series Seminar on January 4 was a huge success, with 90 members attending the seminar and more than 75 attending the cook-out at Bobby Hartness's shop. Thanks Bobby!

Board meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, February 8, at 4:00pm at the Education Center.

Up-coming Meetings

The March 7 meeting will have a very gifted turner, Joe Ruminski of Fairview, NC, as our featured presenter. Joe will also do a turning seminar Monday. On-Line Registration will be required, but will not open until early February.

April Program

For April 4, our Program Director Glen Torbert has gotten a noted woodworker from Maine. This presentation will be sponsored by

Freud, maker of router bits and saw blades. He will be demonstrating how to make joinery easier with the router.

May 2 program is currently open, but mark your calendar for our annual "Sawmill Picnic" on June 6. This year's picnic will be a special affair and celebration that you don't want to miss!

International Woodworking Fair

Registration is now open for the IWF (International Woodworking Fair) in Atlanta, August 24-27 at the Georgia World Congress Center. This is a huge affair, and you need to attend at least once.

Tool Sale Announcement

Resource Manager Aubrey Rogers, along with the Tool Sale committee, have determined that the Guild's next Tool Sale/Auction will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016. This is a different date than described elsewhere in this newsletter, but is necessary due to having a very large inventory for the sale of some extremely nice tools. We don't have adequate storage for the sale items, and they want to get them into "new owners" hands as soon as practical. Watch for more details.

New Miter Saw



Shop Manager Mac Bowman has announced the purchase of a new miter saw to replace the existing DeWalt. The replacement is a Bosch 12" Dual Bevel Glide Miter Saw, which will be installed shortly. In order to insure that all members using the saw are familiar with its functions, a short recertification plan will be conducted. The recertification requires a user of the saw to view a short video and then demonstrate (to a Supervisor) the ability to operate the basic functions of the saw. Our certification processes are to ensure the safest work applications for our members.

Youth Program Still Going Strong!

By Richard Mackintosh

Winter classes for teenage woodworkers are well underway. We have 21 students with half working on Wednesdays and half on Thursdays. Dr. Wells Doty heads up lathe classes and Richard Mackintosh teaches traditional hand tool work. We are well

assisted by Daryl Roberson, Bill Lancaster, Russ Clark, and several other good members of the Guild. A waiting list for the next class is actively receiving students. A recent "Road Trip" to the Carolina Mountain Wood Turners monthly meeting in Asheville, NC, was a great success. Come to our Guild monthly meetings and see what the teens are making!

New Approach to Tool Sales

By: Aubrey Rogers, Resource Manager

Without question the Guild's tool sale program (auction) provides an exceptional benefit to members and their families. One phone call brings a convoy of pickups to the member's home to relieve them of that lifetime collection of precious and not so precious tools. Members can also bring their unused items to the shop. The proceeds are either donated to the Guild or shared. Members can buy the items at significant discounts and our share of the proceeds contributes to keeping membership dues low. After the last sale in October, several members met with the goal of improving the process. Many of our methods were retained. The sales approach, silent auction, fixed pricing and tables for the small items was confirmed as the preferred method over an auction. The auction was an early success, but as the volume of items increased it became a long drawn out process, and small items took as long to sell as the larger ones.

The administration on the day of the sale has not been changed as we will

hold the sale in the auditorium and flow customers through the shop to pay and exit. And the payment collection method has proved successful. The sale will be open to the public. What has changed is a system has been developed by Ruud Veltman to track the entire process. This allows for the pricing and tagging of items as soon as the items are acquired and an early list of what is for sale. It also calculates the allocation of the proceeds which was a time consuming process. The pricing process was thoroughly reviewed and it was decided to attempt a better match with the market value, both for fixed pricing and minimum bids, and once the price is set it will not be discounted during the sale, a major deviation from our past practice. A decision was made to fix the date of the sale, the last Saturday in October. The committee's desire was that everyone would know when the sale was taking place. This does not, however, prevent a spring sale if enough goods are available. The tool sale program is manpower intensive activity for the Guild, we have a tool sale team on call to help with clean up, labeling, computer input, pricing, delivery, storage, set up, customer service, sales processing, collection, entrance and exit duty. Moving the heavy equipment is a special challenge. If you would like to participate in this rewarding activity please join our team.



Jim Kilton, Project Chairman with Katie Sullivan, Child Life Specialist, Children's Hospital, and David Aman, President of the Guild, admiring some of the boxes that have been delivered..

Beads of Courage Project

The Beads of Courage Project was just kicked off in mid-December, and what a start! By the January meeting we had forty boxes already completed.

When Children at the Children's Hospital Cancer Center have procedures done they receive a small bead to signify their "courage" during the treatment. This is a national program, and some children received hundreds and even thousands of beads. The Beads of Courage Organization,

located in Arizona, works through Wood Turner Organizations and Guilds like ours to provide containers for the children to put the beads in as a keep-sake.

So far, about 30 containers have been delivered to the Greenville Children's Hospital and we have about 20 in stock. They are giving boxes to all children under treatment as they come back to the hospital for more treatment, in addition to the

new patients. This means a larger number will be needed over the next few months, then it will (hopefully) level off to 45-50 per year. I have never seen a charitable project have the impact on our members as this one has. Members are eagerly making boxes and you can just see the pride and compassion in their eyes as they deliver them to the shop. It is an honor to be associated with these members and this project.



Bead Bowls/Boxes Guidelines:

- Beads of Courage recipients may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is Better! Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" minimum), 5" height (4" minimum). Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are: 4" X 6" X 4".

- Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break. Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or

be damaged; remember, hospital rooms have limited storage space.

- Finishing of boxes is extremely important! Beads of Courage members who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Also do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.

- All kinds of wood are beautiful! Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.

- If possible, engrave, burn, or letter "Beads of Courage" on the lid or side of the box. Many woodturners like to use the Beads of Courage® ceramic logo bead in their design (Jim Kilton has these available).

- Personalize your donation. Mark your name or initials, type(s) of wood, and date on the box bottom if you wish. It is also nice to include a personal note of encouragement, business card, etc. inside the box.

Please contact Jim Kilton, Project Chairman, if you can make a bowl or box.

The kids will love you for it.

Introducing New Supervisors

The operation of our shop and Education Center depends entirely on a large force of volunteer members who serve as shift supervisors. They cover more than seventy shifts each month of four hours each. In order to provide you, our members, with this level of service supervisors have to serve multiple shifts each month. Their primary job is to ensure your safety and enforce the rules while you are working in the shop, or anywhere in the facilities. In addition, they are there to help with any other facet of Guild activities from new members, shop tours for visitors, certifying members to operate tools, selecting wood, cleaning up when members leave a mess and many other jobs. Next time you are in the shop, take time to say Thank-you!

Watch for these new supervisors, and help them help you by being safe, following the rules, and cleaning up after yourself. Welcome aboard!!



Butch Scott



John Arnold



Bill Lancaster



Allison Yanover



Don Smith



Board Approved Charitable Project:

Our Guild has been asked to build benches for the Cancer Survivors Park, now under construction in downtown Greenville. The request was for the Guild to build eight to fifteen benches to be placed on the Boardwalk, which is approximately 1,100 feet long. The benches are to be about 8 feet long capable of seating 3-4 people. The benches may be of different designs, and perhaps different materials. The pictures show the

boardwalk that has been built, which is only a small part of the Cancer Survivors Park located on the Reedy River near Church Street and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and connected to the Swamp Rabbit Trail. This will be an excellent way for members to get involved in a terrific community project and to improve your wood working skills. More details will be coming shortly from Bruce Rankin, VP-Charitable Projects.

The Cancer Survivors Park Alliance will also offer the Guild trees that have been or will be taken down to complete the park. They are offering the lumber from these trees for the Beads of Courage, the Veterans Urns, and other projects. Like the Guild, The Alliance is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) corporation; for more information go to: www.cancersurvivorspark.org

New Help for Wood Resources

Our Wood Resource Manager should more aptly be called the Guild's Resource Manager. This position handles all wood purchases, stocking, inventory, pricing and sales. In addition, he is responsible for all items offered for sale by the Guild, including small items such as screws and hinges, and larger items such as tools (or any other item) deemed surplus or unusable by the shop, tools donated for sale, and the pick-up and sale of tools from members, widows, estates or others. Aubrey Rogers has done a splendid job in this position. He now announces that Danny Goodson will be Co-Manager, and will assist Aubrey with the wood program and Tool Sales/Auctions. Danny has been ably assisting with wood sales and tool auctions for several years. A lot of work is required to make all of this successful, and the efforts of Aubrey and Danny are greatly appreciated.



Project details for Miracle Hill Ministries Rescue Mission

Another charitable project completed and installed.

Five base cabinets with two drawers and one shelf with laminate counter tops and one wall hung cabinet with shelves.

Folks in the picture left to right are:

(Left) Mark Alverson
Director, Greenville Rescue Mission

Guild members

(Middle) David Cheek
(Right) Craig McKee



Some Guild History

The tale that follows is a great example how a living vibrant organization continuously innovates and renews itself. It tells about how newcomers build on the lessons learned from their predecessors to hand the torch over with the innovations they deployed to their followers who continue building and improving the organization. It is a never ended process of continuous development.

Some 10 years ago Herb Ireland was the Membership Chairman. His tool was a very sophisticated Microsoft Excel database. Herb is a true and formidable Excel Master. Herb used the badge number as the identifier of a member. When a member gave up membership the badge number was used for a new member.

Membership kept growing when Jim Coon took over. To keep track of the membership payments in a growing organization Jim purchased membership software "MemberTies". Jim was also the first to buy a barcode reader – the same reader we are still using at the Sign-in computer after he introduced the barcoded badge to record participation at the monthly membership meetings. Soon a problem appeared with using the badge number as an identifier of a member. Since there are multiple Joes, Jims, Millers, and Smiths to use a name as unique identifier does not work well. But the badge numbers had been recycled. That means that there are now several records with the same number. This is not well accepted by a database. Therefore Jim created a unique 6 digit number – the MasterKey – to uniquely identify each member. Today you find the MasterKey printed on the badge below the bar code.

At about the same time John Roberts started the computerization of the Guild by installing a computer in the shop and writing the first Shop User Database – the same we are still using today – to keep track of equipment certifications. During several years Buddy Turner continuously improved on the system. The identifier was the badge number but then problems ap-

peared as explained in the paragraph above.

In 2010 when we moved to the new shop in Mauldin a door access system from KanTech was installed. The MasterKey was the opportune unique identifier of each user of the system. At that time the IT committee under the leadership of John Roberts decided to use the MasterKey as the code to connect Guild systems.

The "MemberTies" software that Jim Coon was experimenting with turned out to be very complex while in some areas not satisfying the needs of the Guild. It was then decided to build upon the experiences with the Shop User Database (SUD) which was based on Microsoft Access and to expand it with a membership module. Today we call this module MemDb (Membership Database). The MasterKey was tying the Shop User Database and MemDb together.

Jack McKay was producing monthly reports using paper sign-in sheets, indeed a very arduous and laborious task. Supported by IE manager, John Roberts, Jack had been pushing for quite a while to find a better solution to compile the shop attendance data. Finally he bought a touch screen and put us to work. Member Charles Roth wrote the program for the touch screen. Again the link to MemDb was the MasterKey.

From days of old Tony Ryan took care of the wood inventory using Microsoft Excel as his tool. Voices were heard asking for some kind of bar code system to facilitate the process of keeping track of inventory and sales. Using Tony's system as model and his advice as guide a Microsoft Access database was developed and a label printer installed. Under the leadership of David Aman the first labels using WISP (Wood Inventory and Sales Program) were printed in December 2011. Again the WISP data entry process managed by Bill Brett was tied to our other systems using the MasterKey.

In the spring of 2015 the local key card system was replaced by a web based version allowing the member-

ship team to manage the key cards from a guild computer or from home.

President David Dewease was pushing for a way to lighten the load of the membership team that had become a major burden with the greatly increased membership. This led to the roll-out of a web based solution provided by the company "Wild Apricot", one of the premier suppliers of membership software for small non-profit organizations. The new software allowed the membership team of Buzz Sprinkle and Sandy Rauh access to the system from home providing better and faster service to the membership and travel time saving for the team. Members can apply for membership, renew, sign up for classes and pay their bills at a time and a location of their choice.

By that time the old badge number had lost its significance. It is still maintained in our systems for compatibility reasons between software modules but had no practical value anymore.

When the layout of the badge was redesigned to allow mentor information to be printed on the badge it was decided to delete the badge number from the badge.

In November 2015 when members signed in at the touch screen their name appeared followed by the MasterKey. Before it had been the badge number. In a few months the last badges still showing the badge number will be replaced by new badges showing only the MasterKey.

A new system is in development under the leadership of Aubrey Rogers: the auction or tool sales program. Again the connector to our other systems will be the MasterKey.

What is the moral of this story? Do not be afraid of the future. More changes are coming; we do not know yet what they will be. But they will prove that the Guild is and will remain a living vibrant organization.

Ruud Veltman
January 8, 2016

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / December 3 to January 4

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	2.5
Children's Hospital (Entertainment Cabinet)	1
Fine Arts Center (Desk)	2.5
Total.....	133

MENTORING CLASSES / December 3 to January 4

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes	18.5
Youth Classes	92.5

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by Rick Abend



Pepper Mills
by Chuck Graham



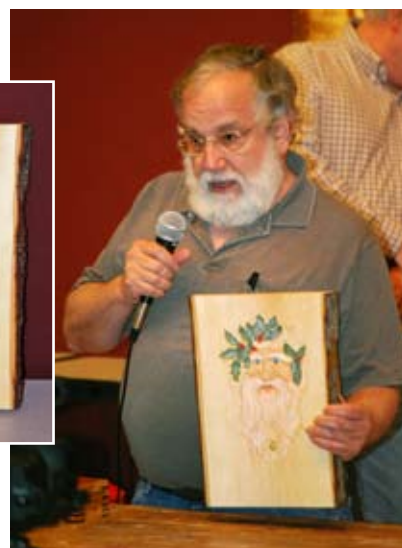
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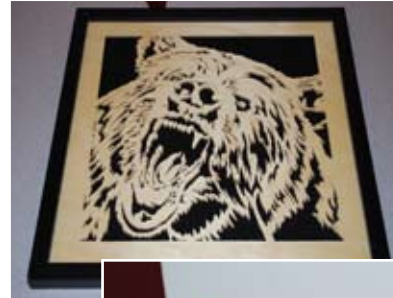


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Carving
by Vince DeCarlo





Brick Wall Cutting Board
by Karen Sheldon



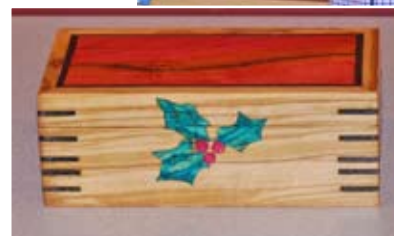
Scroll work
by Gary Morris



Box
by Dennis Fruechtenicht



Box
by Bill Schmidt



NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, February 1, 2016 - 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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