

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



June 2016

You are invited to join us for the Annual Sawmill Cookout on June 6.

Please sign up on-line before June 2 nd. so we can count you in.

We will furnish the entrée and beverages. You bring a side dish and a log.



# Sign up for the Sawmill Cookout before June 2nd.

[http://greenvillewoodworkers.com/google/form\\_sawmill.htm](http://greenvillewoodworkers.com/google/form_sawmill.htm)

**Sawmill runs from 2:30 PM until 6 PM**

**Sell and Swap tools - 2:30 until 6PM**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM**

**Now for something New !**

**Show and Tell 2 PM until 8 PM**

**In lieu of a program, we're going to have an expanded show and tell.**

**This is your opportunity to show off your work.**

We're going to set up an area and allow you to show your items beginning at 2:00 PM until the end of the night. The idea is to give us all a lot more time to see each other's work and time to spend discussing the work. We will not ask you to describe them using the microphone, just face to face with other members.

If you've made something in the past that is very interesting, bring it, even if it has been used for some time. If you have an item that just isn't quite finished, we'd like to see them as well. We can

appreciate the work, even if it isn't finished.

If you haven't brought an item because you don't like to speak out at the meetings, this time we're not going to ask you to do that.

If the item is very large, you'll have room for it this time. Turners, we'd like to see a lot of turnings, all types.

Let's all make the picnic a little more fun by bringing some cool items to show.

We'll have Phillip Dean and his Woodmiser sawing for your pleasure. Logs should be at least eight inches in diameter but no more than

eighteen inches. Lengths can vary from six to ten feet.

Bring logs cut in the last six months please, nothing bone dry. Sawing will begin at 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM. There will be an area set aside for people who want to bring tools to sell or swap.

Tommy Thompson will again be cooking the chicken and the Guild will provide tables and chairs, service and drinks. The rest is up to you to bring a dish. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

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## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Some of you may be surprised, but the Guild is not a perfect organization. Remember the famous saying of Yogi Berra, "If America was perfect, it wouldn't be." So is the state of our beloved Woodworkers Guild. We have now been organized and have continuously operated for 35 years. Since 1981 hundreds of people with all kinds of backgrounds have contributed to what we are today, and they got most things right! As in all things, some members want to go in one direction, others in the opposite direction. Some want short, entertaining meetings; others want detailed presentations; and still others prefer no meetings at all! About 200 of our approximately 700 members never sign-in to the shop during the year, while about 100 sign-in at least three times per month. We average about 150 members at each meeting, but most of our members seldom if ever attend a meeting. So, what can we do to seek perfection? What can we do to satisfy all members? Is it our mission to be perfect, with totally satisfied members? Even if we tried, we still wouldn't get it right for everyone. That is why communica-

tions and feedback is so vital. We want to offer programs and opportunities that some members will enjoy, knowing that others won't participate. The recent Road Trip to the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts is an example. Only thirteen members and their spouses took advantage and went on the trip, but for some of them it was a significant benefit, and one of the few opportunities for them to participate. The Guild offers dozens of different classes, project activities, different wood species, and the list goes on and on. In essence, we try to offer something, if only one thing, that each individual member can participate in. Therefore, let us resolve to openly communicate our ideas, and share your thoughts about what the Guild does or does not offer you. Only by hearing what members want, and are willing to participate in, can your leadership team develop the tools to do a better job for you. It won't be perfect, but we can all try to do one thing better each day.

Please respond with your ideas to [pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com](mailto:pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com)



## Charitable Projects

Thirty-six Cat Trophies were made for South Carolina Ovarian Cancer Foundation for a spring run. These trophies were made by Guild members Allison Yanover and Dick Best.



David Dewease, the project leader, with four of the finished workstations.



Ed Kroposki & Dick Best working on the 8 Triple Tree Aerodrome Workstations



## Guild Librarian

### Billie Aman, first day on the job!

Many thanks to Vickie Coker who has served as our Guild Librarian for several years (since about 2009). She has done a fantastic job in keeping the library organized, and materials available for our members. Billie Aman has agreed to serve as Interim Librarian. If any member or spouse is interested in filling this important role or assisting in any way, please contact Karl Kelly, Superintendent, or David Aman, President.

Our library is one of the features that sets our Guild apart from most other non-profit organizations. When speakers, presenters, prospective donors or likely new members see our library they are visually impressed by not only the physical assets, but the fact that the Woodworkers Guild is serious about research, history and preservation of the woodworking

trade. We have an extensive collection of magazines, how-to books, plans, videos, etc. that benefit all members, new and old. Cities, states and universities, and now Guilds, are often noted for their library facilities.

A significant feature of our library is the ability to quickly find articles, plans and descriptions of any woodworking project you desire. Simply go to the computer in the library, follow the instructions posted there and enter your description, i.e. "end table". It will list all magazines, articles, and the page or issue that "end table" appears in. You can then go to the shelf and pull that issue. This takes less than a minute! Or, you are free to pull magazines and browse to your heart's content. But please, **DO NOT REMOVE** magazines or books from the library. They have been painstakingly catalogued and provided for everyone to use, so please put them back exactly where you got them. Most magazines allow copying

for personal use, and a copy machine is available in the adjacent work room. Also, check-out for videos and other library material will be available at monthly meetings.

Got old magazine copies you wish to donate? We probably already have those copies! We have complete sets of "Woodsmith", "Fine Woodworking" and possibly other magazines. We do need hard-back books since this collection is minimal. If you wish to donate books or magazines, e-mail [pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com](mailto:pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com) and we will assist you. Excess copies will be offered to members at monthly meetings.

## Huge Yard Sale

Hundreds of duplicate copies of magazines have been identified, and will be offered at the Sawmill Picnic on June 6. Come by the tent and browse through the boxes. You may even find a rare copy to add to your personal collection, or the perfect project you (or your spouse) have been looking for! Any remaining magazines after the picnic will be properly disposed of.

## Nutshell Pram Launched

Thanks to all who participated in the Youth boat building project.





## Searching for Leadership

Rusty Hill, Chairman

Three members of your current Board of Directors have decided to retire from the Board after this fiscal year (September 1 thru August 31), and will complete their present term August 31. To replace them, an "Annual Meeting" will be called-to-order at the July 11 membership meeting for the purpose of electing new Board members. Rusty Hill has agreed to Chair a Nominating Committee, and will present nominees at the annual meeting. If you are willing to serve the Guild and pay back some of the benefits you have received, please consider talking to Rusty. Send your name and contact information to [pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com](mailto:pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com) and it will be passed to Rusty and the committee.

The following are retiring: Darryl Robinson as Member at Large; Van Matthews as Vice-President, Fund Raising; and Wayne Comstock as Vice-President, Communications. All three of these gentlemen have served the Guild for many years in numerous leadership roles. Their service has been exceptional, and we offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

To find more information about any of these positions, please go to our website "GreenvilleWoodworkers.com", then Guild Information/Guild Documents/Directors Manual and you will find the Position Descriptions for each one. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty. We already have someone that has volunteered for the "At Large" position, and are now hoping you will volunteer!

To sustain and continue to operate an organization as large as ours, we are in constant need of people to assist with various activities. If you have skills or any background in accounting, legal, fund raising, audio/visuals, computers, machine repair, electrical, HVAC, or any other field, please contact [pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com](mailto:pres@greenvillewoodworkers.com). We have a need for your help!

## IT Committee Changes

Our IT Committee was formed about six years ago and plays a vital role in the everyday operations of our shop, Guild facilities, inventory and sales, charitable projects, mentoring programs, and membership functions. At our old shop on Poinsett Hwy, we had a second-hand computer with virtually no memory, and a basic connection to the internet. What changes we have made! Robert Tepper has ably served as manager of this group for several years, and now wants to devote more time

to "making sawdust". He and David Dewease, another member of the team, will switch jobs. Effective immediately, David will become Information Technology Manager. Let's thank both of these fellows for their dedication and time consuming work on our behalf.

## Better Air Quality

A plastic "curtain wall" was recently installed around the downdraft sanding tables, along with an overhead air filter. This has helped reduce the air borne dust particles in the rest of the shop area and helps make everything cleaner, including the air we breathe.

Shown are members sanding various table parts for the Fine Arts Center charitable project: Mark Barnes, project Chairman; Jim Stradling and Bland Burkhardt. Thanks to this team, this project is making rapid progress



Mark Barnes, Jim Stradling, Bland Burkhardt

## Birdhouse Competition



The winners in each category are:

Functional:

1st place--Al Kaufmann

2nd place--Bill Keener

Decorative/Whimsical:

1st place Bill Keener

2nd place Gene Hardy

“Green”:

1st place David Aman,

2nd place Gene Hardy

Thanks to all who participated in the 2016 GWG “Build a Birdhouse” Contest held at the May membership meeting! We had a total of 8 participants.

Start working on your birdhouses now for next year’s contest! You have seven months to work on them, so there should be no excuses for not getting at least one completed. Next year’s contest will be held during the February membership meeting.

Rosie Gaddy will once again be Chairman, and the rules will be the same as for this year. We are looking forward to seeing your creations next February!





## Happy Travelers

The GWG Road Trip to Old Salem and MESDA (Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts) was exciting and enjoyed by all 26 people that traveled together. We saw Old Salem, an early Moravian settlement, the museum, Old Salem's workshop, and the warehouse where hundreds of artifacts are stored. There was lots of great food and fellowship to go along with seeing some exquisite furniture, pottery and other artifacts up close.



## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / April 5 to May 2

Hours

Triple Tree (Work Stations) .....	91
Fine Arts Center ( Desk) .....	82
Habitat Restore (Furniture Repair) .....	0.5
Santa's Workshop (Toys) .....	277
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>63</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / April 5 to May 2

Hours

Combined total hours for adult classes .....	316	Youth
Classes .....	210	

**WOW! Charity hours were robust to say the least, 139 sessions over 452 hours!!**

As for mentoring, the totals for mentoring were 112 sessions over 526 hours!  
The lathe classes were busy and again the Youth program took the prize! Our youth mentors gave 210 hours of their time over 112 sessions to help 37 beginning and teen woodworkers! Those young people received a total of 541 hours of training over a combined total of 122 sessions!!

As usual, our supervisors and others keep the GWG shop staffed and maintained,  
giving 580 hours of their time to serve us all!

– Jack McKay

# Show & Tell

For more photos see our web site

Chris Craft Boat Restored  
by Sykes DeHart



Nutshell Pram by the GWG Youth Group



Box for Beads of Courage

Coffee Table  
by Karen Sheldon







Spice Chest by Vince Dicarlo



Longneck Banjo by Tony Archino



Three Point Bowl by Gene Hardy



Segmented Vase and Platter by Jim Kilton



Fluted Bowl by Bill Lancaster



Painted Hollow Form by Tom Berg



No information  
available



Boxes by John Arnold



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