

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



October 2016



Our October meeting will feature Tony Archino. Tony is a member of the Guild, and has been working with a number of our youth programs.

He graduated from the University of Florida in 2001 with a degree in Education and a degree in Fine Arts.

Tony Archino

Tony has been engaged in experiential education in one way or another; first as a Park Ranger in New York City, and then as a Program Director for a youth development program based out of the South Bronx that used the process of building traditional wooden boats to help kids develop and grow. Through that organization he built several varieties of boats, including several small open row boats, a Hudson river ice boat, an Adirondack club boat and a 21' Connecticut river drag boat with a gaff rig and a small decked area. But more important than the boats themselves, he saw what boat building can offer as an educational medium. From then on, he has focused on teaching through boat building. Upon leaving New York in the summer of 2011, he embarked on a small adventure, rowing one of the boats built by the kids, a 16' Whitehall rowboat, from the Bronx to a small Island in Maine, Little Cranberry Island, just off Acadia National Park. On the island, he volunteered with a small community boat building program, Islesford Boatworks, which operates a summer program in which the entire community comes together to build a boat. He says he loved the program, the island and it's community, and has returned every summer since to help teach the program. In 2014 Tony was named Executive Director of Islesford Boatworks, and continues to work there to this date. During the rest of the year, he is a stay at home dad, splitting time between taking care of his son, planning the next summer program, and volunteering to teach boat building at the Guild. His website is:
<http://islesfordboatworks.org/>





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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on “Shop Boo-boos”. I have never been known to be a person that was always “politically correct”, and I do understand that newsletters and other means of communications should always be of a positive nature. However, some issues just need to be said. And said out loud. So please take this as a positive message when I say to “think twice” before using tools and machines in the Guild shop. I believe that most damage and abuse to our tools and equipment, and ultimately unsafe acts which lead to injuries, are the result of not thinking at all. Often we get in a hurry to get a particular job done which almost always has to be done over, with even more time spent, and we fail to operate the machine properly. This happens when you attempt to make one pass on the router rather than multiple passes; or not correctly adjusting the table saw fence or blade. Sometimes we just don’t know how to perform a particular job, such as ripping really thin strips, but are embarrassed to ask for help. Too often we are so focused on doing one particular operation that we don’t see the bigger picture, i.e. getting an angle cut just right but failing to see the miter gauge which will go directly into the saw blade. All of these things, in too big of a hurry, not asking for help, and

not seeing the big picture, will result in damage to tools or material, and may lead to a personal injury. I contend that by “thinking twice” about what you are about to do will lead to less damage to tools, better quality in your projects, and a much safer environment. So please, work smart, think twice, and always be positive!

The Strategic Planning Committee deserves kudos for their hard work this year. Chairman Buzz Sprinkle presented their last report on “Charitable Projects” to the Board at its last meeting, and it was unanimously approved. Once this plan is fully implemented, we hope to see more volunteers helping with project activity; more training and leadership develop; improved quality of our finished projects; and renewed enthusiasm for this basic Guild tenet.

This looks to be an exciting year. We have some new enthusiastic Board members, the Operations Team fully embracing their areas of responsibility, and the Strategic Planning Committee looking at our entire operation for improvements. All of this will surely lead to success. Let’s all jump aboard and do our part, but remember to “think twice”.

Meet your new Board members

We welcome five new Board members for the 2016/17 year. The Board of Directors is the governing arm of the Guild which sets all policies, approves the budget, and controls all aspects of the Guild operations. You should get to know the members, and share your thoughts and concerns with them.



Dick Best (L)
Member at Large

Allison Yanover (R)
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Russell Stall (Above)
Vice-President Fund Raising



John Broach (L)
Member at Large

Rudd Veltman (R)
Vice President Charitable Projects

Roper Mountain Science Center

As part of their “Second Saturday” events, the Roper Mountain Science Center will hold its “Fall Harvest Festival” on Saturday, November 12 from 9 AM until 3 PM. Our Guild has participated for several years by turning spinning tops for all the children that attend. The kids are fascinated with the various toys we make each year, and with how a new toy can be made from a solid piece of wood right before their eyes. This event is part of our education mission, and has also served as a successful recruitment tool for many of the parents. This is quite an undertaking with preparing the wooden blanks, moving the mini-lathes, setting up tents, etc, but it is very satisfying at the end of the day.

If you are interested in helping, contact Danny Goodson or Jim Kilton. The center is operated by the Greenville County Schools System.



Kids and parents watching GWG members turning tops.



Kids painting and decorating their tops.

Refreshing News



Our “Agent-in-Charge” of refreshments, Robert Tepper, would like your feedback. We first tried stocking water and soft drinks in the break room refrigerator, but this became cumbersome. We then had an official drink machine installed, but our business wasn’t substantial enough to warrant frequent servicing. A few months ago an anonymous donor gave us a first class drink cooler, and Robert has been stocking it ever since. He has also added a line of snacks, including

chips, crackers and candy. The current “special” is mini candy bars priced at 30 cents or three for a dollar! Let him know your preference, and he will try to supply it. Remember, all sales are on the honor system, and proceeds go to support the shop operations. Also please remember that the refrigerator in the auditorium is off limits! It is only for monthly meeting purposes and you should never remove anything from it. Thanks!

Many Thanks

Our Guild could not operate or do the many things we do without financial support from many individuals and organizations. Special thanks go this month to The Keowee Chapter of the Military Officers Association, which is sponsoring materials for GWG’s Veteran’s Cremation Urns. MOAA has raised and given more than \$150 to date, and will be submitting donations on a regular basis. Funds are donated by the MOAA membership and from fund raising events such as the upcoming Veteran’s Appreciation Day in Seneca, S C. We have been making veteran’s urns for the South Carolina Veteran Cemetery’s for the past three years. This is a great charitable project for new members to get involved with. Next time you see a veteran, thank them for their service!

Calendar of Events - 2016

August 1 thru mid 2017

McKissick Museum
Exhibit of Furniture Makers

October 3

October Membership Meeting

October 10

Next GWG Operations Meetings

October 10

Next GWG Board of Directors Meeting

November 5

Tool Sale/Silent Auction

November 7

Alf Sharp Seminar

November 7

November Membership Meeting

November 12

Fall Festival at Roper Mountain

November 19

Shop & Grounds Clean-Up/Fix-up Day

December 5

December Meeting & Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner will once again be catered by Mutt’s of Greer, with turkey & dressing, ham, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, desserts and a variety of drinks. There will be multiple serving lines, and excellent tables and chairs! Entertainment will follow in the auditorium featuring the “Greenville Chamber Singers”. We will then share home made gifts with all spouses, which has become a rich tradition. Each attending member is asked to make at least one hand made item to be placed in the gift exchange. Now is the time to start working on your gift, so the finish will be good and dry!



Aubrey and Danny have our next tool sale and silent auction ready for November 5.

The Guild has scheduled a tool sale for Saturday November 5, 2016 from 8 AM to 11:30 AM. This is your opportunity to obtain some excellent tools at good prices. Just fill the baskets we will provide, and if you would like to keep the basket, the price for each is \$15.00.

If you have tools to sell please contact Aubrey Rogers or Danny Goodson to make arrangements. You may deliver them to the shop, or arrange to have us pick them up. Right now we have room to accommodate additional items, but you need to act fast before we reach our limit. Rules for selling your items are: You can donate your tools to the Guild and get a tax credit; we

are a 501 (c)(3) organization.

This may be advantageous to you over selling them in certain circumstances. The Guild collects a 25% commission on member sales and 35% on non-member sales. We collect 100% commission on items valued by the Guild at \$5.00 and less. We do not inventory these and sell them on tables for \$1, \$3 and \$5. Items not sold during the sale become the property of the Guild. The Guild sets the selling prices and no discounts will be offered during the sale.

Items priced at \$50.00 and over are sold by silent auction with a set minimum bid; silent auction bidding closes at 11:00 AM.

This year you may enter by the door to the boardroom and wait there until the doors open to the auditorium at 8:00 AM. We will still need to identify you when you make a purchase. If you know your member number or have your badge with you there

is no need to register, just show your badge when checking out. Otherwise you will have to register so you can be identified when you visit the cashiers. We will accept cash, checks and credit cards.

All tools and items are sold “as-is”, and the Guild offers no warranty, implied or otherwise. Mark your calendar for November 5! Aubrey Rogers & Danny Goodson
Danny and Aubrey look forward to seeing you and your friends at the sale!

Shop Boo-boos!!!

From time to time we need to be reminded of safety issues and tool operations that can lead to injuries, damaged equipment, or problems that other people have to fix! Safety should be our first and foremost objective each time we enter the shop. But we all need to adapt a portion of the

medical creed that says "...DO NO HARM!" The next objective would be to "...clean up your mess"! A lot of us worked very hard, invested a lot of sweat and money in our wonderful facilities, and like to think of the tools and equipment as our own. When you come to the shop, do you view it as a privilege to use your "own" tools? Misuse and careless use of all the tools

has been an ongoing issue, but one that can be remedied by "thinking twice", then using the correct tool properly. The following pictures show just a few of the everyday issues that our supervisors must deal with:



Some thoughtless member removed lumber from its bin, propped it against another rack, and left it there. With nothing to hold it, all of these boards will soon be on the floor, hopefully not striking someone as it falls. Also, it is impossible for other members to retrieve wood from the rack it is against. When lumber stacked like this falls, it goes in every direction and seems longer than its 14 foot length!

Please look all you want, but always place lumber back in its correct bin as flat as possible in the bin. This helps keep it from warping, and is there for the next person to look at.

Recognize this? Someone thought that we operated a metal shop instead of a wood working shop. Our blades are designed to only cut wood! Running the fence against the blade not only damaged an expensive fence, it also damaged this blade, probably beyond repair.

We have had too many metal miter gauges run directly into the saw blades to even count! What was this person thinking?

And finally, cleanup. What happens when you "accidentally" overfill the dust collector, or do not "beat the filters" according to directions each time? Sometimes it takes three people to fix the problem!

This is the residue left in the pleats of the large filters. It does not go into the cyclone collector, but sticks in the filter pleats and blocks the air flow in the entire system. Beating the filters helps this debris fall to the bottom so air can move through the filter. Next time you use a tool and need the dust collector, stop first and read the directions posted in the dust collection room.

Cleaning this system is a nasty job, and few members are even aware that it takes place. Thank you Danny Goodson for regularly doing this!

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / July 5 to August 1

	Hours
Fine Arts Center Desks.....	15
Beads of Courage (Bead Boxes).....	17
Fine Arts Center (Desk).....	3
Mauldin Police Display Case.....	1
Mauldin Police Cabinet.....	95
Santa's Workshop (Toys).....	323
Our Lady of the Rosary (Shelves and Pedestals) <i>(Time donated by volunteers - non-Guild approved)</i>	76
Total.....	530

MENTORING CLASSES / July 5 to August 1

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	418
Youth Classes.....	387
Total.....	805

For the month the Toys Workshop 2016-003 took the prize with 100 sessions over 323 hours!
The Mauldin Police Dept continues to enjoy the fruits of GWG labor with a total of 19 sessions over 96 hours!

Our law enforcement at all agencies and our firemen certainly deserve all the attention we can give them!

As for mentoring, the adirondack chair classes with 23 sessions over 69 hours had really nice numbers as did the jointer/planer classes with 13 sessions over 32 hours! But as usual, our Youth program took the prize! Our mentors gave 274 hours over 57 sessions to mentor our teens for 387 hours over 86 sessions! WOW!

– Jack McKay

Show and Tell



Small Box by Chris Calvin



End Table by John Arnold



Platters by Jim Kilton



Mortising Jig by George Wells



Coffee Table by Dan Polstra



Bowl by Karen Sheldon



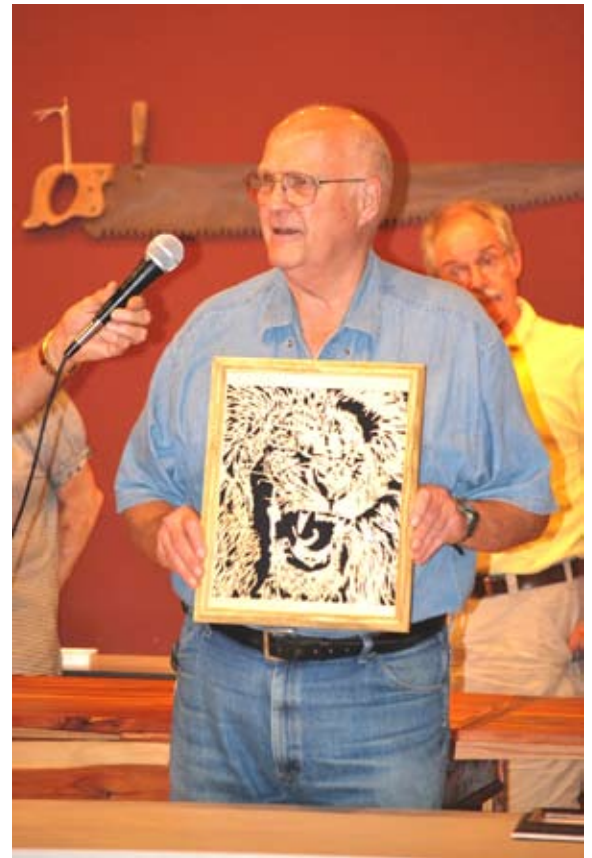
Natural Edge Bowl by Susan Kilgore



Box by Rick Raburn



Pub Table by Keith Steveneson



Lion Roar by Gary Morris



Pendants by Sandy Cochran



Jig by Glenn Tolburt

NEXT GUILD MEETING - MONDAY, October 3, 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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