

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



June 2017

You are invited to join us for the Annual Sawmill Cookout on June 5th.

Please sign up on-line before June 1st. so we can count you in.

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



Sawmill Picnic just around the corner ...

Monday, June 5 is the date for our annual "Sawmill Picnic".

The fun, festivities, and log sawing will begin at 2:30 PM.

Come join the fun and fellowship that will be followed by a terrific picnic. The Guild will furnish barbecued chicken, drinks, table service, tables and chairs. You and your spouse can bring a side dish or dessert. Sign-up for attendance, logs to be sawn, and food will begin after our May membership meeting (gwgmembers.com). Planned activities include the sawmill, active Show & Tell, a swap shop, the picnic, and more.

If you have logs to bring, they must have been cut in the last six months (no dried out logs), and should be at least eight inches and no more than eighteen inches in diameter, and lengths from six to ten feet.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The shop will be closed the entire day.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to announce elsewhere in this newsletter an exhibition featuring the wood working product of our members, called "Wood Works". The invitation from the Metropolitan Arts Council to place an exhibit in their gallery began about two years ago at the beginning of our thirty fifth anniversary, and heated up a bit after the completion of the charitable project we did for the Fine Arts Center. Several years ago we had a downtown window display filled with a number of pieces, and some individual members have displayed in various places over the years. But this is the first time that I can recall our Guild has been asked to prepare an exhibit featuring a wide variety of items for public display. I immediately thought of the many Show& Tell items brought to our meetings over the last couple of years, and thought to myself, wouldn't the general public enjoy seeing some of the unusual and unique craftsmanship from some of our members? The quality, style, utility, and appearance of many of these items is worthy of being called "Art". Part of our mission is to "Promote woodworking as an art form", and I certainly think this gallery exhibit accomplishes that goal. I hope that you will respond and offer a piece or two of your finest work for inclusion in this show. If you don't already have something in mind, you have plenty of time to get something made. A special feature of this exhibit will be "Beads of Courage" and

"Veteran's Urns", which will introduce the general public to two of our favorite charitable projects.

Three things that I recently noticed really make me proud to be a Guild member. Foremost has been my visits to the shop on Tuesday mornings. What a madhouse of activity! Everywhere you look someone is sawing, sanding, gluing, and finishing some kind of toy for Santa. It is heart-warming to see so many members, men, women, young and old, participating in this activity to bring a smile to a child they may never know. My second observation was the overall general appearance of our facilities. The grounds are neat and well maintained, and visitors are generally amazed that a "shop" can look like this. And then there was the clean-up day. A number of members had prior commitments, but newer members stepped in and offered their help. This is just another reminder that our members will step up and help wherever there is a need. All of these things contribute to more people wanting to be a part of this outstanding and unique organization. It also leads to the generosity of our entire region thru volunteerism, charitable works and monetary contributions.

A special thanks to everyone for your dedicated involvement.

The Dream Center Update

Thursday, April 6, 2017 was a day of celebration at the Dream Center in Easley. In an astonishing short time the team consisting of Dick Best, Dick Dobbins, Doyle Hogsed, Tom Vandiver and the technical expertise provided by Jon Rauschenbach completed the first furniture consisting of kitchen counter and wall cabinets for the family room. The Dream Center takes in no-income families, about half of them homeless, to give them several months of training and preparation to find their own way in society. When not in class or busy with work sessions families can spend time in the “family room”.

Three days after a first visit to the Dream Center, Jon had construc-

tion plans and cut lists prepared for the “Dream Team” to start their work sessions. 335 Shop hours later – not counting travel time and time spent at the site in Easley – the last pocket screw was screwed in, the last lap of finish applied. It was a job well done. The Dream Team is making us proud of our Guild.

Counter workers below (Left to Right):

Dick Dobbins / Jon Rauschenbach / Doyle Hogsed / Tom Vandiver



Above: (Left to Right)

Dick Best, Jon Rauschenbach, Tom Vandiver.

Toy Factory

On Tuesday mornings, it appears that Santa's elves have indeed invaded the shop! These are some of the elves hard at work to help meet our toy supply needs for this coming Christmas.



Sandy Cochran & Rob Barhorst



Dillip Boal

Ken Piatek & Jim Gilreath



Allen Gilstrap & Louise Roach



George Wells & Allen Gilstrap



John Broach & John Arnold



Rob Barhorst & George Wells



Roy Painter & Joe Smith



Dick Best



Steve & Lyndell Mills



Jeff Zelmanow



Above (Left to Right):

Leroy Ehlers - GWG Member

Julie Jester - Habitat Store Manager

Monroe Free - CEO, Habitat for Humanity

Woodworker received Hero award

On March 8th Habitat for Humanity celebrated its volunteer appreciation breakfast. Guild member, Leroy Ehlers, received from Julie Jester, Restore Manager at the Taylors Restore, the Restore Hero Award for his efforts to restore damaged furniture to its old luster thus generating higher prices and more resources for the Habitat organization in its mission of providing affordable housing for its clients.

Leroy is not alone in this efforts. Other woodworkers helping at the Habitat Restores are Bill Bagwell, Dave Bingham, and Bill Brett. Thank you guys for giving a face to the spirit of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild.

Calendar of Events - 2017

June 5

Sawmill Picnic (3:00 PM until)

June 12

GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

June 12

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

July 10

July Membership Meeting (6:30 PM)

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GWG Operations Meetings
(2:00 PM)

GWG Board of Directors Meeting
(4:00PM)

August 7

August Membership Meeting
(6:30 PM)

August 31

End of Fiscal Year

Unclaimed remains of three veterans to be interred Friday at Florence National Cemetery

Matthew Roberson /
Florence Morning News

Veterans whose unclaimed remains are interred at Florence National Cemetery are given a wooden urn donated by the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. Each urn features the seal of their respective service branch

FLORENCE, S.C. --

Three veterans whose remains have gone unclaimed will be buried with full military honors at Florence National Cemetery Friday afternoon as part of the Missing In American Project.

"Missing in America Project is about many of our veterans who are estranged from their families or they have no family, they have no living benefactor who will claim their remains once they pass away," said Carolyn Howard, director of Florence National Cemetery.

The remains of Michael Carter who served in the US Navy; Robert Donn who served in the US Army and Ronald Stewart who served in the US Navy will be escorted from the coast to Florence where they will be interred in the columbarium at the cemetery, Howard said.

The remains will travel to Florence from the coast, Howard said. The National Cemetery has no good address for the veterans, she said. Only that they were in custody of a coroner's office within 75 miles of Florence.

They will be interred in urns provided by the Greenville Woodworkers Guild



GWG representatives were (Left to Right)
Rob Barhorst / Allison Yanover / John Arnold / Karen Sheldon

which donates hand-crafted urns with service branch specific medallions for the interments.

A state law was passed in 2012 that allowed for the unclaimed remains of veterans to be cared for by MIAP so that they could be buried with honors, Howard said.

Florence National Cemetery was the first National Cemetery in the state to participate in the program, she said.

"The first MIAP veteran we buried here he was on a coroner's shelf for three years -- they don't deserve that. They deserve a dignified final resting place for sure, that's why I like this program so much," Howard said. "That's why I like this program so much. That's the last thing we can do is say thank you for somebody who gave their life up for service."

Nationally the MIAP organization

estimates there are about 100,000 unclaimed remains of veterans, she said.

"Every time we take a little bit off that number I'm happy," she said.

Military honors for the three will be delivered by the cemetery's honor guard. Mourners at the event will include Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard Riders and other motor cycle clubs, Howard said.

"We invite the public to come on out and help us. We encourage people, we know they're busy and we know they're working but if their schedule allows it doesn't last but about 20 minutes," Howard said of the service.

Friday's service is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Howard said mourners should arrive about 1:45 p.m. but not much before as there is another funeral scheduled prior to the service.

Continuous Training

Bill Keener trains and certifies a new member, Clifford Theisen, on operating the jointer. Certification time by supervisors may be limited due to full work schedules, so new members should take advantage of classes offered through gwgmembers.com.



Green Thumbs

Rosie Kilton has been our volunteer “gardener” for several years. You often see her around the grounds planting flowers, watering, weeding, and helping our facilities look fantastic. Thanks Rosie, for lending us your green thumb. If anyone wants to help, don’t wait to be asked! Just come with your spade and a bucket! Kudos also go to Doyle Hogshead and other team members for the great general appearance of our entire facilities.





Wood Works, an Exhibit

The Guild is pleased to announce an exhibit of member's work to be held at the Metropolitan Arts Council Gallery, 16 Augusta Street, beginning July 25 through September 1. This event will showcase a variety of the beautiful pieces our members make, from very small items such as jewelry, pens, bowls and boxes, to larger items such as tables, chests, and other items. We want to include a wide variety of projects from as many members as possible. Special displays will feature Beads of Courage boxes and Veteran's Urns, which are ongoing charitable projects. A separate announcement will be sent to all members, along with a submission form, so we can begin

to organize this special event. If you have a Show & Tell piece, or want to make something especially for this event, please consider participating in this opportunity. A selection committee will review all submissions for inclusion in the show. Pieces must be made by active GWG members, with wood as the primary medium. All items will need to be brought to the Education Center between July 17 and July 19.

This event promises to provide a spotlight for our Guild, highlighting the craftsmanship of our members and emphasizing the art of woodworking. A

special reception is being planned for the show, with over 1,500 invitations being sent to the public. The location of the gallery near the Drive baseball stadium and Greenville's West End will bring in lots of foot traffic. This show will bring our Guild a great deal of positive publicity, and show that woodworking is indeed an art form.

Greenville's Metropolitan Arts Council Gallery, 16 Augusta Street.

Interior view of the Gallery.



For the Birds

Dennis DeFrancisco making birdhouses for the Greenville Zoo. Volunteers such as Dennis enable us to have an outstanding Zoo in our own back yard for our kids and grandchildren to enjoy.

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / March 28 to May 1

Hours

Beads of Courage (Boxes).....	43
Dream Center (Counter).....	100
Santa's Workshop.....	280
Total	423

MENTORING CLASSES / March 28 to May 1

Hours

Combined total hours for adult classes.....	583
Youth Classes	253
Total	836

Charity had a nice month with 121 sessions over 423 hours!

Our Youth mentors gave 253 hours of their time to oversee Charter and Teen woodworkers for 464 hours! There were nice End table and Patio Planter classes that combined, totaled 125 sessions over 392 hours!

Finally, Ed Center support totaled 720 hours over 244 sessions! This doesn't include our supervisors who kept the doors open for us for 361 hours over 75 sessions!

What more could we ask for or expect?

– Jack McKay

SHOW & TELL



Carving by Charlie LeGrand

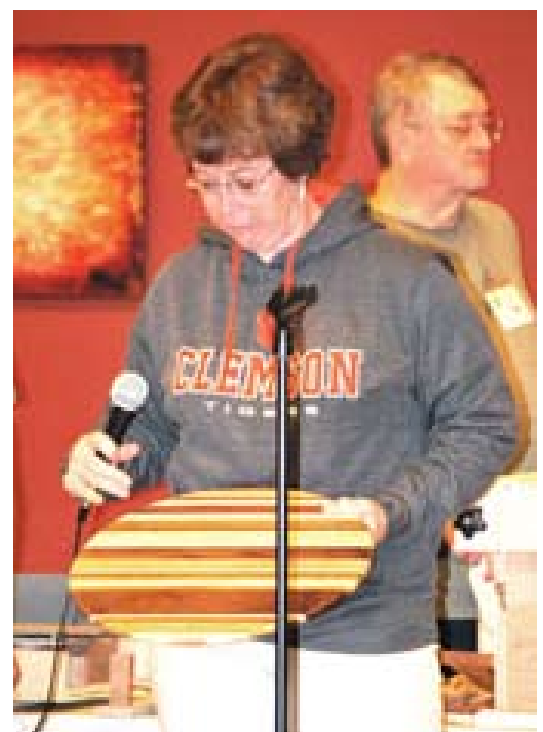


Bowls by Bill Lancaster



Ornaments by Sandy Cochran

Cutting board by
Karen Sheldon



SHOW & TELL



Lamp by George Wells



Lidded turning by Jim Kilton

Chest by Dennis Satterfield



Guitar by Craig McKee

NEXT GUILD MEETING - SAWMILL COOKOUT - MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

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