



# Greenville Woodworkers Guild

Giving Through Fellowship

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*Jon Welch will do a session on making a Windsor chair type Stool at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting*



Jon Welch is a self-taught woodworker in Laurens, SC. He was raised in the Midwest and moved to South Carolina five years ago. He is employed as a forester by the Plum Creek Timber Company and manages logging operations across the Piedmont. Given the demands of his fulltime work, he focuses on projects that are both simple and practical. He builds chairs, stools, and tables and chooses designs that don't require a tremendous investment in materials or time. He prefers working with domestic species and enjoys sawing his lumber from local logs.

Come along and see what Jon has to offer. This promises to be an entertaining and educational evening.

See you there!

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## *The President's Corner*



**Wayne Comstock**

At the last GWG Board of Director's meeting, we had a full agenda concerning the future.

The Board approved to study the feasibility of a youth program, initially for children and grandchildren of the membership. Jean Arden, a member and educator, an expert at teaching small children in this arena, will put together an outline of how and what we might accomplish.

Jim Coon, our Membership Chairman, is working on a new member name tag that will be retained by the member and bar coded to be used in the future for tracking attendance at meetings.

Bill Brett, our Web Manager is starting a project that will result in dissemination of our newsletter to around 30 guilds in the Southeast. It's meant to share and inform other guilds of our upcoming activities should they be interested in attending or emulating for their own use.

The newsletter is going to be expanded. Our Newsletter Editor, Myndert Papenhuyzen, will be a little busier, but we hope members and officers will share with him much more about what's happening at the Greenville Woodworkers Guild so we can share with all woodworkers throughout the Southeast.

Although I think we are already, we want to ensure that we continue as the pre-eminent Guild in the USA.

## *Bruce Johnson provided an entertaining and educating presentation on finishes*



Bruce was very entertaining and gave an educational presentation on various finishes, their application and uses. Bruce works for Minwax where he is involved in product testing and customer support, as he said, "informing them about why things go wrong".

Bruce discussed the differences between water based and oil based stains and finishes, and the pro's and con's of each type of finish. There are about 22 oil based colors and 74 water based colors. To be able to achieve a good end result, it is essential that a good quality brush be used in the application of the finish. Use a new brush for finishes, a clean one for stains, synthetic haired brush for water based products and a natural bristled one for oil based products. It is recommended to use a pre-stain conditioner on especially resinous and oily type woods.

Do not shake the can; always stir the product to ensure that pigments on the bottom of the can get properly stirred up and mixed in! Apply finishes in temperatures ranging from 65°F – 85°F (18°C – 30°C) to a clean, dry scuffed surface to ensure a good end result. Do **NOT** stain on Tung Oil!

### **Upcoming Events!!**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jon Welch – Making a Windsor Chair style Stool.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Finishing Seminar with Steve Kern at the Education Center. Seating limited and the cost is \$40.00 per person.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Jack Thacker

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Christmas Dinner with a special guest (to be announced) and the culmination of our charitable toy building project.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Dan Hamilton – Charleston Period Furniture

## Superintendent's Report



David Aman

This column doesn't apply to the vast majority of our members, but if it is read and comprehended by just a few, it will be worthwhile. One of the most disappointing parts of my job is to see the continued careless abuse of our wood working machines that we have worked so hard to provide for your use. Recently, a **careless ignorant** member ran some material through the planer that contained nails or some metal object that caused permanent damage to the bed and destroyed several cutters. This machine is just over a year old and cost your Guild \$7,000. The cutters alone cost about \$1,000 to replace. Now the machine is damaged forever because of one careless, senseless act. A metal detector is hanging on the planer, but was ignored and not used when this person ran some old, used wood through the planer. The jointer is also a new, expensive machine that people continue to drop heavy material on the in-feed table, rather than take the time to "place" the material on the table. If this continues, this jointer will be like our old one, constantly out of alignment. I encourage you to please call me immediately if you witness any abuse of this kind to our machines! The abuser may lose their shop privileges and will be asked to pay for any careless damage.

Thanks to those of you who cleaned up your bins, stored wood

and materials from the shop. There is still a lot of wood and other things not stored properly, or without a current storage permit. **This is your last notice to remove these items or get a current permit.** A general clean-up is planned soon, and material not stored properly, or not identified will be disposed of.

Please use the education center when you can, and most of all, **WORK SAFELY.**

### Guild members spent some "quality time" at the auction.



Karl Kelly does it again, auctioning of items from two deceased members' personal shops and various other items during our recently hosted auction held on September 21, 2009. The Guild's coffers swelled by about \$1,500.00.

**Welcome New Members!  
You have joined the Best Guild in  
the Country!!!!**

Andrew Brett - Lyman  
Nate Davis - Greenville  
Benjamin Ebel - Greenville  
Andrew Ellis - Anderson  
Richard Eubanks - Simpsonville  
Wayne Farmer - Simpsonville  
Ted Hammer - Greenville  
John David Harvill - Greenville  
Lindsey Hernandez -  
Simpsonville  
Joseph Porter - Greer  
Sam Rasheed - Milford (MI)  
Tony Solesbee - Simpsonville  
Walt Stovall - Belton  
David Weber - Greer

## Greenville Woodworkers Guild History

The Guild was founded in 1981 by five avid woodworkers. The first newsletter was published in 1983 on a quarterly basis, then monthly beginning October 1984. The following are some notes from those newsletters.

### GWG - October 1984 - 25 years ago

Bob Ripley - President

- The Guild had its October meeting at the Greenville Museum of Art where Sam Maloof gave a free lecture and slide presentation.

### GWG - October 1989 - 20 years ago

Carlyle McKaughan - President

- The meeting was held at facilities of Total Shop, on Roper Mountain Rd., a now "extinct" woodworking equipment supplier. (This site is presently occupied by Bucky's BBQ).

### GWG - October 1994 - 15 years ago

Andy Walker - President

- Meeting held at GSP Lumber, now Wurth Wood Group, on Hwy 101 in Greer. They presented a program on identifying and grading hardwoods.

### GWG - October 1999 - 10 years ago

Jim Kilton - President

- The meeting was held at the Golden Strip Career Center, our first "permanent" venue. Steve Kern told about his personal experience with "spontaneous combustion".

### GWG - October 2004 - 5 years ago

Myndert Papenhuyzen - President

- The meeting was held at the J Harley Bonds Career Center in Greer. Chris Antley from Wood Finishing Systems in Atlanta did a program on furniture finishes and spray equipment.

## *Member Profiles*

In our ongoing series about member profiles, this month we feature our own Education Center.

This month is now six years ago that the Education Center was completed and ready for use by Guild members. Through the generosity of the Hartness family, the space in the old Pepsi plant was donated to create one of the first Education Centers of its type in the country. Many hours were spent by a group of dedicated members on painting the shop, installing equipment, electrical panels and wiring for the equipment, building storage cabinets and getting the dust collection system working. That was quite a task.



*Some of the early volunteers*

Apart from getting it all up and running, the Guild also established a voluntary management team consisting of a Shop Superintendent and Shop Supervisors responsible for the operation and safety of the shop. This team developed the operation and safety procedures currently in use. Aubrey Rogers was appointed the first Shop Superintendent.

Since its inception, many fruitful hours have been spent in the Education Center by members working on personal and charitable projects and mentoring fellow woodworkers on various aspects of woodworking, ranging from safe tool usage, woodturning (our most popular mentoring program), to building period furniture.



*The Shop (Looking left from the roll-up door)*

We pride ourselves on our facility and the very low number of serious incidents and ascribe this to our strict safety policy. Members are regularly reminded that woodworking can be an inherently dangerous operation and are urged to be cautious and safe. The Supervisors are trained to provide expert training and assistance to members who are inexperienced or apprehensive about using power tools.



*The Shop (Looking right from the roll-up door)*

The Supervisors are focused on ensuring that every member has an enjoyable and productive experience at the Education Center and as importantly, that members respect their leadership position and adhere to the principals and practices necessary to keep the Education Center a clean and above all, safe environment for everyone.



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**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**

**Monday, September 14, 2009**

**New Member Orientation starts at 6:00 PM**

**General Meeting starts at 6:45 PM**

**J Harley Bonds Career Center**

**505 N. Main Street, Greer, SC 29650**

**Guild Information**

**Guild Telephone No.:** (864) 241-3849

This phone is located at our Educational Center workshop located at 701 Poinsett Highway. If no one is there you can leave a voice mail message.

**Website:** [www.greenvillewoodworkers.com](http://www.greenvillewoodworkers.com)

Contains information about the Guild, Educational Center schedule, links to other woodworking related websites and a capability to submit suggestions and e-mail to the Guild.

The Guild web manager is Bill Brett. Contact Bill with ideas and suggestions for the website at [bill.brett@charter.net](mailto:bill.brett@charter.net)

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