



# Greenville Woodworkers Guild

Giving Through Fellowship

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***Dr. Jan Davidson and over 1500 toys will highlight  
the annual Holiday dinner meeting!***



On December 7<sup>th</sup> at our annual Holiday dinner meeting, Dr. Jan Davidson, Director of the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC will join us for dinner and entertain us with colorful stories and his always energetic musical ditties. The not for profit school has been in existence over 80 years offering classes in folk arts from cooking, to quilting to blacksmithing. Students come from all over the world to learn the skills which evolved in the Appalachian mountains.

All of the toys that have been made through the Guilds program and individual submissions will be on display in the gymnasium. At this writing, eight charities have been chosen to receive toys and a representative from the Greer Police Department's "Cops for Tots" will attend to accept our donation to their program.

Bring your appetite and some spousal gifts for door prizes and be prepared to have an enjoyable and enlightening evening. Enter through the back door at the J. Harley Bonds Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. See you there!

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## *The President's Corner*



**Wayne Comstock**

“Tis the season.” December marks the end of a dynamic year for the Guild. And what better way to bring it to a conclusion than to highlight the efforts of all the members who took the time to participate in toy making.

Whether you worked with Al Masson and Jim Childress at the Education Center or took home kits to your own shop for completion, you should be proud of your contribution to a program initiated in part by former president, Karl Kelly. And we’re going to share this program with the media.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM we’re going to hold a formal press conference at the Artists Guild Gallery of Greenville, downtown, where we will display a portion of the toys, have some of the charitable recipients say a few words and spread the word about this great project.

Communications Chairman Dave Guthrie has invited local and national media and we hope to see a few of our members there as well.

## *Jackson Thacker’s presentation on interior solutions highlighted his mastery of design*



Jack’s career success has been built on his ability to determine and define exactly what his client desires in terms of function and spatial design. After closely listening to his customers, he then has the ability to translate their personal desires into innovative and functional designs that meet the criteria. Jack has worked with talented local furniture and cabinet makers who can articulate his overall designs into special one-of-a-kind installations.

Jack’s presentation of his career highlights was a prime example of woodworking as an art form.

### **Upcoming Events!!**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Christmas Dinner with Dr. Jan Davidson, special guests and the culmination of our charitable toy building project.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Greenville Woodworkers press conference at the Artists Guild Gallery, 200 North Main St., Greenville. It starts at 11:00 AM.

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

**April 2010** – Lyle Jamieson – Master level turning seminar (Exact date and details to be announced later)

**April 2010** – Woodworking as an Art Form. A one month exhibition of woodworking talent at the Artist Guild Gallery of Greenville.

## *Year 2009 Presenters*

The year in review of the other people who made presentations or conducted seminars for the Guild.



*January*

John McAllister, winner of the prestigious Cartouche Award of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers



*February*

Lin Dearing of the Pendleton, SC Woodworkers Guild demonstrating box making



*March*

Brian Boggs, well known chair maker and author from Asheville, NC



*April*

Maureen Decker of Sherwin-Williams demonstrating faux finishing



*April "Masters Series"*

Scott Phillips from *American Woodshop* at Centre Stage



*May*

Mathew Teague, noted contemporary furniture designer and author



*June*

Annual saw-mill cookout and presentation of award by Minwax



*July*

O'brian Trawick & Gary Morris demonstrating scroll saw techniques



*August*

Steve Kern demonstrating hand held router techniques



*September*

Bruce Johnson from Minwax demonstrating finishing ideas



*October*

Jon Welsh on making Windsor Stools  
And Steve Kern doing a Saturday finishing seminar

## *In the Spirit of Giving*



By Van Matthews  
Fund Raising Chairman

One of the first things that I noticed when I joined the Greenville Woodworkers Guild was the wonderful Spirit of Giving that everyone seemed to have. Think about it. People at the guild constantly give their time and their talent. Recently a member remarked, "I almost feel guilty when I go over to the shop and get all the help from people there." In addition to helping countless charities, now we even have a charitable-project mentoring program where people can learn and serve at the same time. How good is that?! I wonder, however, if our members recognize that the GWG is also a very worthy charity. When I consider the vision that Wayne, Bobby, and others have for a state-of-the-art education center, I think that what we do could just explode into greater skills and greater giving and even more fun in the craft. So, how can we achieve these visions for the GWG? As fund raising chair, I first have to think that giving begins right here at home. The joy and spirit of giving to make this dream a reality could actually be a lot easier than we think. Here are a few ideas on smart giving on which I will go deeper in future newsletters.

Consider making a gift of IRA dollars. If you are over 70.5 you can have your IRA custodian send a required distribution directly to the guild. It's very easy to do.

Think about giving the guild shares of stock, a piece of property, or anything that can be sold easily to help this cause. If done correctly you do get a deduction for this.

Consider leaving the guild as a partial beneficiary of your IRA or your estate. It is likely that your beneficiaries will not miss just 1 to 5% of this asset and what a way to begin a legacy other than the items that we craft! If you have questions about these techniques or other ideas that would be of help to the guild, please contact me at [TVMatthews@gmail.com](mailto:TVMatthews@gmail.com). Thanks so much for all that you do now, and I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season.

See you at the next meeting.

## *Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> was a very busy day for the Guild*

Guild members were busy in four arenas on this date. At the Education Center, seventy-five members attended the auction of over 350 lots. From tree trunks to antique tools, the bidding was spirited. Karl Kelly did his usual great job as auctioneer, cheered on by David Aman and John Roberts.



Over at The Children's Museum, Jean Arden conducted the first two classes in the "Tool Time" exhibit giving youngsters professional instruction in constructing the basic bird house. Jean will be working with the Guild to set up a similar program at the Education Center in 2010.

On the Eastside at the Roper Mountain Science Center History Farm, Richard Mackintosh was teaching woodworking as it was done in the 1850's. Student participants prepared logs, cut perfect tenons and turned little baseball bats to the delight of the hundreds of people who attended on a beautiful day.



And further South at the Woodcraft Store, Steve Kern was conducting the annual "Turning for the Troops" event, making wooden pens to be sent to servicemen and women posted overseas. This year they turned over 650 pens to distribute.

A very busy day for the Guild!

## *Superintendent's Report*



*David Aman*

In order to keep our Education Center open and available for all types of charitable projects, mentoring classes and our members personal use, we have to add supervisors from time to time. Please join me in welcoming our newest ones, **Jean Arden** and **Steve Weaver**. They will begin to supervise shifts during the next few weeks. Our shop is open for use up to sixty-six hours each week, thanks to all of the great volunteer supervisors that we are very fortunate to have.

Another addition to our shop is a new 16 inch Mini-max band saw. We are in the process of getting the dust collection connected to this machine now. Hopefully it will be in service and available for your use very soon. It has many different features that everyone will need to learn how to use.

Don't forget our shop wide clean-up scheduled for Saturday, December 5. It will begin at 8:30 am, and should be over before noon. As always, if you have material or projects stored at the shop, get it cleaned up with an up to date storage permit before that date.

**LIVE & WORK SAFELY !!!**

## **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.

### *December 1984 - 25 years ago*

Bob Ripley – President

- No newsletter published, but in the November issue it was reported that the Sam Maloof Seminar on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> was a success beyond what people expected.

### *December 1989 - 20 years ago*

Carlyle McKaughan – President

- Mike McDunn will be doing a program on alternate materials available to woodworkers.

### *December 1994 - 15 years ago*

Andy Walker - President

- The December topic will be sharpening, presented by Vice President Bruce Reed at the J.L.Mann High School.

### *December 1999 - 10 years ago*

Jim Kilton - President

- The December meeting will be held at Allied Casework Supply on Kings Road. The topic will include the best use of various hardware.

### *December 2004 – 5 years ago*

Myndert Papenhuyzen - President

- The Annual Christmas dinner will be held at the J. Harley Bonds Center on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will be provided in the form of Show and Tell by Guild members. Bring your toys for the Meyer Center. We need at least 100 to support the group.

## *Turn in any remaining toys at the December Holiday Dinner*

As you can see from the “History” column, that five years ago we were hoping to have 100 toys for the Meyer Center. We expect to have 1500+ this year, due largely to the efforts of Al Masson and James Childress. At this writing, the following charities have been selected to receive toys:

*Meyer Center  
Greer Police Department  
Hands on Greenville  
Miracle Hill  
Project Host, The Soup Kitchen  
Shriners Children's Hospital  
A Childs Haven  
Children's Hospital  
Salvation Army  
Pendleton Place  
Big Brother/Big Sister*

If you know of any other charities donating toys for Christmas, please contact waynecomstock@charter.net.

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

**Bob Brown, Greenville  
John Brown, Cleveland  
Joe Butler, Greer  
Pete DeBrucque, Greer  
Phil Harris, Pickens  
Matt Hebert, Greenville  
Walt Szwarc, Landrum  
Dave Taylor, Moore  
Robert White, Simpsonville**

## *Need more space for “Stuff?”*

After buying a new table saw, Ron Critser noticed how much more floor space he used up in his garage workshop and decided to turn a minus into a plus. “All that floor space was taken up by the table extension, so I decided to use it to the best advantage” said Ron.



By using the support legs and the saw body, he was able to mount vertical panels on which to attach runners which support slide out shelves to store “stuff.” That stuff includes saw jigs, a feather board and any number of items including the router that he mounts at the end of the extension.



An inexpensive way to create open storage for the “stuff” that we as woodworkers inevitably accumulate as we continue to advance our skills.

## *Your Mother doesn't work here!* Commentary by Jack McKay, Education Center Supervisor

This message is in the form of a fireside chat and concerns how well, we members of the Guild, and users of the Ed Center do our part in keeping it clean. When I came in for my last shift I was surprised at how unkempt it was! I want to impress on members that if you leave your area cleaner than you found it, the shop will always be very clean. If, however, our standard is that we leave it about the way we found it, then the cleanliness of the shop will sink to the lowest level and will always be found the way I found it!

As I thought about this it occurred to me that we supervisors aren't doing enough to remind members to clean up after themselves and that we are equally to blame! After more thought, I decided that the cleanliness of the shop is the total responsibility of those that turn on the machines to work on their projects. The job of the supervisor is to look out for your safety, train you, and help you with woodworking questions. GWG has no housekeeping staff!

When I work and things are quiet, I plug in a vacuum cleaner and in less than an hour can vacuum the entire shop! This includes moving carts and other things so that I can get under and behind them! I say this, not to toot my own horn but to suggest that we do away with push brooms and the like and use only vacuum cleaners. Brooms just spread the dust around and causes it to get airborne so that it clogs up the air handler. It only takes a little longer to find the machine and plug it in.

Once it's turned on the effort is the same as using a broom, but the result is far better! Using the vacuums more will require that they be emptied more frequently and the filter cleaned up. This is the user's responsibility too.

Our shop is a show-case envied by, and copied by woodworkers all over the country! Let's all try to keep it looking spiffy and ready for that really important visitor that may drop by, such as your mother or father, or your children, or the news media, or a new charity needing our help or a prospective new member. Let's make sure that it's always presentable and reflects the high standard we all strive for in our woodworking!

Thanks!

## *Letters from our readers*

How about setting up cheap wireless internet security cameras in the shop area and the entrance area? Also a button in the shop area to open the entrance door. You can monitor the entrance door with the PC in the shop area. You can also setup the camera in the shop area so you can view the shop area over the internet. This way people could see who is in the shop from home and determine if there are too many people before they come in.

Robert Choban  
Sr. Network Engineer  
Phone number: 612-418-2462  
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We would like to work with you and the Greenville Woodworkers guild. We have 6-7 Residents (senior men and women) who are interested in working with wood.

- Time- Twice a month at the convenience of the leader.
- Projects- Small and Simple table top projects with minimal tools
- Bird Houses, Bird Feeders, Card Holders,
- We are good sanders, painters and assemblers.
- We can use the items here or donate them.
- Location- Greenville Glen Assisted Living across from Hartness on Garlington Rd.
- History- We have done bird feeders and houses with Richard Mackintosh and the Woodworker Volunteers before and they are hanging in our courtyard.
- Contact- Tara Weiss, Activities Director
- Phone Number- 864- 627-8700

Thank you,  
Tara Weiss  
Greenville Glen Assisted Living  
(864) 627-8700  
1101 Garlington Rd  
Greenville, SC 29615

*Editor's note: If anyone is interested in helping Tara, please give her a call.*

Editor:

My husband Dennis and I brought in almost 40 completed toy cars. The Foothills Decorative Painters helped to paint these cars. I also have a class at AC Moore called the Paint Buckets that has helped in painting some of the cars as well.

Bridget Saterfield  
Gray Court, SC

*Editors note: Letters of thanks have gone out to both groups who did an outstanding job of decorating the toys.*

Greenville Woodworkers Guild:

My brother and sister and I would like to thank the Greenville Woodworkers Guild in the transporting, cataloging and auctioning of my brother's extensive woodworking tool collection. We feel these tools have gone to good homes where they will be as appreciated as my brother did.

Lapsley Hope  
Blountville, TN

*Editors note: The auction of the Hope items and others garnered over \$2000 to the Guild's fund for maintenance of the Education Center.*

*Note to our readers:  
The December 16<sup>th</sup> issue of "City People" in the Greenville News will feature an article on the Guild and its charitable work written by Abe Hardesty.*

*Note to our readers: The Meyer Center's monthly newsletter featured a very nice article on the Guild. In a photograph showing a cabinet installation crew, Bill Brett was mistakenly identified as Jim Kilton. Sorry Bill. Now you get proper credit.*

## *Member Profile*



Tim Yang

Tim was born and raised in Clemson where his father was a professor of Mechanical Engineering. Tim got his Bachelors at Clemson and his Masters at Virginia Tech in Mechanical Engineering. He's been at GE for 20 years, presently as Manager of Fleet Reliability, the service contract arm of the company.

While talking to a fellow worker a few years ago, Tim told him he was thinking about buying a table saw so he could complete a number of projects planned for his home. Ariel Jacala is a Guild member and told Tim there was a better way to invest his money-join the Woodworkers Guild.

"I looked at the web-site and decided to visit the Ed Center where I was greeted by Aubrey Rogers who answered all my questions," he says. "My wife Nicole wanted a chest of drawers that would fit into a dormer in my daughter's bedroom. So I joined, got instruction and now almost three years later it's nearly done."

For the record, all the drawers feature hand cut dovetails. An impressive feat for someone who didn't know what they were a few years ago. Tim has juggled career, family and Guild activities. "I don't have the time that some do,

but I do as much as I can and keep learning," Tim relates. "In order to grow in this hobby, one needs to increase the complexity or level of difficulty of each succeeding project." he feels.

Not too long ago, Tim was "recruited" as a Shop Supervisor. He had become fond of the supervisor staff because of their willingness to share their knowledge of woodworking and being so helpful in his growth. He decided to give back and commit to the long haul and be part of the evolutionary change that he foresees for the Guild over the next decade.

"Younger people need to get involved, even on a limited basis if you're still employed. You can't beat the price to join. If you buy wood or purchase from Associate Members with a discount, it pays for itself in one year." he states.

He's a strong supporter for the Guild to start a youth program. "Kids need to experience something they won't get in school these days and when they've finished even a small project, they've got something tangible that they created by applying a new skill. Isn't that what life teaches us?" he said.

He's also a strong advocate of recruiting more female woodworkers into the Guild, as members and shop supervisors. "Women generally exhibit excellent motor skills necessary to do high quality work. If part of a project requires heavy manhandling of lumber, there's always someone at the Ed Center to help." he said.

Tim Yang is a visible and obvious key to the future success of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. As members, we need to regularly recruit young people into the Guild so they can gain experience over time and catch the spirit of giving back to the community.



*Dr. Jan Davidson of the John C. Campbell Folk School will entertain us amidst 1500 Guild-made toys!*

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**

**Monday, December 7, 2009**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM**

**Dinner program starts at 6:30 PM**

**J Harley Bonds Career Center Gymnasium**

**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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