



# Greenville Woodworkers Guild

Giving Through Fellowship

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*Dan Hamilton is the real thing when it comes to making genuine reproduction furniture.*



Dan L. Hamilton is one of this country's premier builders and restorer of period furniture. From his shop near Hilton Head, he produces 18<sup>th</sup> Century style furniture in the same manner which it was originally produced. And likewise finishes it as it was done early on.

As an active participant of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) as well as The Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM) Dan has restored pieces for historical societies and built furniture featured in national publications.

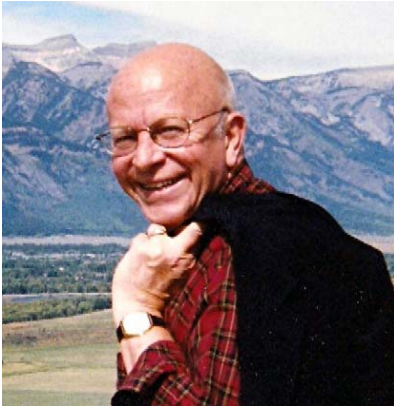
Dan is coming to our January meeting and will not only impart his wisdom of the art and show some of his work, but he promises to "make some chips" as part of his presentation.

See [www.hiltonheadisland.com/dhamilton/index.htm](http://www.hiltonheadisland.com/dhamilton/index.htm).

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## *The President's Corner*



*Wayne Comstock*

I was pleased the Greenville News did the article on me and the Guild in their City People insert last week, but I want to clear up a few things. I'm from Illinois and did not make wooden kiddie rides.

Be that as it may, the article did a good job of describing the impact the Greenville Woodworkers Guild makes on the community. Thanks to Don Lineback for urging Abe Hardesty to do the article.

Work is proceeding at the Ed Center on the first pieces for Mental Health America's phone bank modules and will get in full swing after the Holidays. More volunteers are needed to help Bill Bagwell and team.

The Soup Kitchen project is nearing completion as Tony Ryan and crew close in on final installation.

Lots coming up this spring with our exhibition at the Artists Guild Gallery and our "Masters Series" to be announced soon.

See you Monday night!

*Jan Davidson's presentation at the Holiday Dinner was great, but the real star that night was the toy display.*



Dr. Jan Davidson traveled from Brasstown, NC to do his entertaining and educational program for our dinner and as always, charmed the assembly with his wit and talent.

The highlight of the meeting for many was the display of toys made by Guild members over a seven month period. One whole side of the gymnasium bleachers was packed with toys and that wasn't enough room to show all of them. Thirteen charitable groups got toys that night and the next day. Al Masson and Jim Childress have been ramrodding this effort for two years now and hope that someone else will step up to run it this year. Making more than 1500+ toys is a tough record to beat, but with a little help from more volunteers, we can hit 2010 in 2010.

### **Upcoming Events!!**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Dan Hamilton – Charleston Period Furniture Maker showing traditional methods for making reproduction pieces

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – Michael McDunn demonstrating traditional methods for gluing up boards

**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 GWG woodworking talent at the Artist Guild Gallery of Greenville.

## *Superintendent's Report*



*David Aman*

David is on vacation

## **Guild wins Fuji Film Community Award**

Guild member Jim Noller is the Quality Assurance Manager at the Fuji facility in Greenwood. Jim submitted the GWG for their "101 Reasons to Give" committee and they have rewarded us with a brand new Fuji digital camera.

The camera is a 12.2 MegaPixels unit with a 3x optical zoom and a 2.7" LCD viewer.

With the camera came a card which says, "Fujifilm's Employee Giving Fund is dedicated to putting Fujifilm digital cameras into the hands of people and organizations that make a difference in our lives and, at the same time, to recognizing the interests and efforts of our employees within their own communities.

We are proud to support your organization's efforts and we thank you for all that you do for our communities."

Thanks, Jim. We'll put it to good use!

## **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.

### *January 1985 - 25 years ago*

Bob Ripley – President

- January meeting will be held at Dave Reid's shop and the topic will be hardwood and plywood grading presented by Pat from Huntersville Hardwoods, Inc.

### *January 1990 - 20 years ago*

Carlyle McKaughan – President

- The design, types, uses and care of planes will be presented by Bill Sutton.

### *January 1995 - 15 years ago*

Andy Walker - President

- Steve Kern delivered 15 wooden gifts made by members to the Meyer Center in December.
- Mark Barr will be doing a finishing seminar at our next meeting to be held at Anderson Custom Cabinets

### *January 2000 - 10 years ago*

Jim Kilton - President

- The January meeting will feature Steve Kern doing a program on biscuit joinery.

### *January 2005 – 5 years ago*

Myndert Papenhuyzen - President

- John Moore from the Piedmont Woodcarvers Club will present a program on Woodcarving for Furniture.
- Seven new supervisor volunteers are now being trained for the Education Center.

## **Mental Health America phone bank workstations project under way**



Team leader Bill Bagwell along with Ron Critser and Bill Brett have built the first stand-alone work station that will be used by handicapped volunteers at Mental Health America. Each station features a shared peninsula which has a file drawer, book shelf and pencil drawer for the volunteer.

There are seven more work stations to be built for the main phone bank room along with two roll-around tables designed for book storage and workspace in the room.

The units are made from pre-finished oak plywood with solid oak trim and drawer fronts.

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

***Bob Baugh – Greenville  
Rob Bunch – Greenville  
Don Fowler – Easley  
Chris Gwozdo – Simpsonville  
Dicky McCuen – Greenville  
Dan McGonigle – Sunset  
Coleman Shouse - Greenville***

## *Letters from our readers*

This letter was sent to Aubrey Rogers from Bob Thompson:

“Another year and another Christmas and I’m still in the Colonnades. ’09 was another good year for me. I turned 92 this month but with the help of a walker, I have no complaints.

Ten years ago when I came to the Colonnades we had about a dozen people using our woodshop. Today we have a much older group and only one resident makes use of the shop. In the dining room we have a problem finding space to park all the walkers. In spite of the poor economy, the Colonnades is close to full, thanks to a few deals to help people to move in on easier terms.

I enjoy reading the Guild’s newsletter. You really have a group of dedicated people to keep the Guild growing.

When I have people in for a drink, my furniture is always a topic of discussion. When my computer crashes, I look at my desk with a feeling of satisfaction and all is well.

Take care Aubrey – hope you and the family have a great Christmas.”

*Notes from Aubrey:*

*Bob was the main contact with the Meyer Center for years. He made exceptional pieces. His walking rails are still in good shape at the Center. Upon retirement, he donated his entire shop to the Guild and it was auctioned off by Karl Kelly at his home. We raised \$7500 which was the first major cash infusion for the Guild. He also prompted our first planning session which created our short and long term plan. The start of the Guild as we know it today.*

**Editor’s Note:**

***Do you know what a Rose Engine is? Stay tuned for the answer and an announcement in next month’s edition.***

## *Busy schedule of mentoring classes start in January*

1. We are starting the next group of Woodturning mentoring classes on Thursday January 7th. The initial class on the 7th is mandatory for all class participants. Starting the following week, we will have four different classes available: there will be two evening classes (Tuesday & Thursday) and two daytime classes (Tuesday & Wednesday). The evening classes will each take six weeks to complete (3 hrs per night) and the daytime classes will be for 3 weeks (5-6 hrs per day). We have five student openings for each class and they will be filled on a first come basis. If you would like to participate in one of these mentoring classes, please indicate which of the four classes you would like to attend.

2. We will be starting the next Hand Tool Joinery class on either Tuesday evening January 27th or Wednesday evening Jan 28th. This is an introduction to the usage of hand tools to complete various woodworking functions including dovetailing, mortising, planing, etc. This class will meet for approximately 6 consecutive weeks for 3 hrs each evening. This class will be limited to 8 students, so sign up early to hold your place in this very popular class.

3. We will be starting another Table Construction class on Friday evening January 29th. If you are interested in learning the basics of table construction, this class will cover all aspects of table building. This class will be limited to 10 students, so again, sign up early.

4. We will have a Router Table training class on Tuesday evening January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. This class is limited to 10 students. Sign up today.

5. We will have a Jointer/Planer training class on Thursday evening Jan 14 from 6 till 9 pm.

If you go to the Guild website and look for the "Register for Classes" section, you can register for any of these classes on-line. If you have any questions or need additional information, please send an email to [wgkwood@aol.com](mailto:wgkwood@aol.com).



*Dan Hamilton, noted traditional furniture builder and restorer of period furniture will share his work and experiences.*

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**  
**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**New Member Orientation at 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting starts at 6:45 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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