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*John Leake returns with one of his great programs on building a Queen Anne Lowboy*



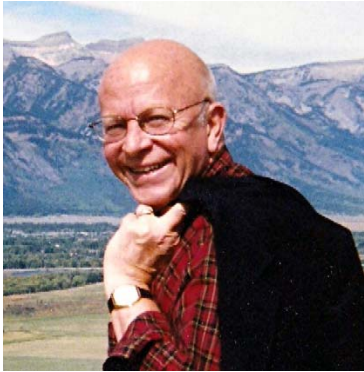
John Leake and his son Jay will travel from York, SC to make another presentation to the Guild. This is his fifth presentation and promises to be another entertaining evening.

Jay wrote, "We usually do this program in three installments, but it can be done in one this time by splitting hairs over some of the details. You guys are pretty good woodworkers and if there's a question someone has later, I'm sure you have a stable of experts to help out."

They will cover a brief history of the Lowboy and its development through the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. John will start with the process of developing and executing the cabriole leg, then moving into basic leg and rail construction including mortise and tenon joinery. Finally, drawer construction and hardware. They will have patterns and craft paper with them if anyone wants to trace their patterns while they're here.

Always a great presentation! Don't miss this one if you're interested in building period furniture.

## *The President's Corner*



### **Wayne Comstock**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about the near super-human efforts by Guild members to clean and demolish elements at the new Education Center. Jim Kilton, David Aman and Karl Kelly organized, led and pulled off the effort with surprising speed and efficiency without an accident.

First walls came down, next they go back up in a new configuration designed by the Building Committee headed by Aubrey Rogers. A lot of wrangling went into the present plan working in accordance to codes and practices and personal visions.

Now the hard part starts. Fund raising is not always popular, but a reality that must be faced to achieve the dream. Over the next few weeks you will hear how you can help us meet the goal

The Community Foundation of Greenville will be the clearing house for receiving your donations and pledges and sending receipts for tax deduction purposes. A special account has been set up to keep accurate information on our progress and a local financial firm will keep a confidential data base to record who gave what and provide reminders to those giving over a period of time.

I hope to see all your names on the donor display in the new Ed Center's lobby.

***Brian Boggs' presentation proved again that he takes the high road when it comes to woodworking.***



Brian and his associate Melanie Moeller brought a program interlaced with a presentation on their vision for a woodworking support program called The Boggs Collective and a creative means he developed for making a new tenoning system.

Their work on The Boggs Collective stems from Brian's 27 years in woodworking and the frustrations and disappointments he's encountered trying to find material to make the highest quality furniture in his shop. Their hopes are that someday soon, professional and hobbyists alike will benefit from their new website.

Brian brought and demonstrated a unique router apparatus that allows him to make repeated tenons accurately and efficiently. It was invented to assist him in completing a commission for 20 bar stools.

### **Upcoming Events!!**

**May 3, 2010 – John Leake - The making of a Southern lowboy**

**May 29, 2010 – Nick Cook - An all day turning seminar and reception the night before at Bobby Hartness'. Tickets are for sale at the May meeting.**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Sawmill Cookout at the new Education Center**



*David Aman*

Our newest supervisor is aptly named: **Ted Hammer**. Let's all welcome him to our team. Also, **Bill Bagwell** is now our "Supervisor of Supplies". If you see that we are running short on something, please add it to the supplies-needed list over the sign-in book.

Thanks to **Tom Shearer**, our "new" Rockwell/Delta table saw is almost ready to go. Tom has done a remarkable job in re-furbishing this great old machine.

As all Guild members know by now, we have been gifted with a new facility with absolutely unlimited possibilities. What does this mean in relation to our existing shop? First, as we begin the process to develop and equip this new space into the finest member-owned shop in the entire country, we fully intend to keep our present facility operational on our regular schedule. Secondly, it means that we must all renew our efforts to keep our present shop as clean and free of clutter as possible. If you have supplies or materials that you are presently not working on, get them out! And last but most importantly, **plan to get involved!** If you have been in

our present shop in the last few years, you know the need for this wonderful gift. Your help, energy and financial support will all be required to take this gift and make it a Mecca for woodworkers from this entire area. We have been blessed.

**LIVE & WORK SAFELY !!!**

*Did you know?*

When you signed up with the Guild and paid your dues you were probably thinking in terms of your own singular membership, but you're wrong.

Every membership is a family membership, meaning your spouse and children are fully vested in the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. Does this mean they can come to meetings, use the Education Center and attend seminars and classes? Yes, it does.

When our youth program begins, your children and maybe grand children will be eligible to participate.

Spouses presently attend the Sawmill cookout and Christmas dinner, but they can attend other events as well besides the monthly meetings.

And when we have a painting party or clean-up in the future, they're welcome to volunteer as well.

So now you know that our membership isn't 679, but over 1500!

**McKinney Lumber and Hardware is the newest Associate Member**



McKinney Lumber and Hardware has been a local family owned business for over 70 years. They are a True Value dealer and offer access to a very diverse product line. Benefits include the personalized service from long term employees and the extensive product knowledge that those years of experience provides.

Many Guild members have shopped at McKinney for years. As an Associate Member of the Guild, they offer a 10% discount on all items except for Waterlox finishes and sale items.

Welcome McKinney!

**Welcome New Members!**

At last count, the Guild has grown to 679 members. These are the newest to join the best woodworking Guild in the country.

James Burger – Piedmont  
Gene Faasse – Easley  
Mark Hapstack – Greenville  
Mike Malone – Lebanon, OH  
Alex Smart – Taylors  
Steve Smart – Taylors  
John Walsh – Greenville

**Welcome!!**

## *Three members honored with Honorary Membership in the Guild*



Periodically, the Guild recognizes long-term service of specific members by awarding them Honorary Membership. This not only means they will not pay dues, but allows them to participate in all Guild functions at no cost.

Honored at the April meeting were Darryl and Ruth Roberson and Karl Kelly.

Darryl and Ruth are a team when it comes to working with the Guild. Darryl has held a number of offices on the Board and for years has been the primary contact when it comes to the Meyer Center. Darryl and Ruth have partnered on many construction and installation projects for the Meyer Center and Ruth and her friends have knitted afghans for use at the center. Darryl is a supervisor at the Ed Center and they have donated items made with their laser for various Guild projects.

Karl has served as President for three terms and was responsible for naming the first Superintendent of the Education Center. He's a supervisor, member of the Building Committee in charge of demolition and building at the new Education Center. It was Karl's vision of a toy program that prompted the massive response last year.

Congratulations to you all!

## *Meyer Center cabinet project team is closing in on Phase I installation*



*Bill Bagwell test fits raised panels for one of the classroom storage cabinets*

Late last year, the Guild received a request for additional cabinetry and office furniture for their newly occupied offices and classrooms. The Guild responded as always and slotted that work after a couple of other projects were finished.



*Keith Rackley applies the final coats of urethane to a set of "cubbies" for storing student coats and bags.*

The team is headed by Bill Bagwell who led the Mental Health America project, along with Bill Brett, Jerry Thomas, Ed Kroposki, Ron Critser, Tom Vandiver, Keith Rackley. Wayne Comstock prepared the drawings and raised panel doors and Darryl Roberson has built a new gate for one of the classrooms.

Work will begin soon on three sets of office credenzas and storage units similar to the ones the Guild did two years ago.



*John Leake will make one of his popular presentations on the making of a Southern style Queen Anne lowboy*

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**

**Monday, May 3rd, 2010**

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

**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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