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*It's time for the summer sawmill cookout
meeting at the new Education Center*



On June 7th, we'll have our sawmill cookout meeting which will be held at the new Education Center in Mauldin. It will be you and your spouses' opportunity to see logs converted to usable lumber and tour the buildings to see what progress has been made since its purchase in April.

Phillip Dean will be bringing his *Woodmizer* once again to swiftly mill the trees. Logs from 10" to 20" in diameter and six to twelve feet long can be brought to the rear of the facility. Sawing will begin about 3:00 PM and end before we eat around 6:00 PM. And if you have something to sell or want to swap, we'll have an area set aside for you. And we'll have Show and Tell.

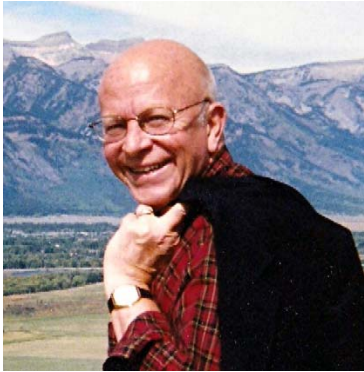
Everyone is asked to bring a dish for the food table whether it's an appetizer, salad or dessert. We will be cooking grilled chicken for the main course and drinks will be provided.

If you haven't been there yet, it's located at 209 Holly Ridge Court off West Butler Road, one street down on the right from the library if you're coming from Mauldin, or the first street past the driving range on the left if you're coming from I-85.

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The President's Corner



Wayne Comstock

Your Guild is coping with a juggling act as we try to maintain the “Old Education Center” (Ed Center I) and plan and build the “New Education Center” (Ed Center II). This situation is putting a heavier load on Shop Superintendent David Aman and many others as they bounce back and forth almost daily.

Teams are trying to wrap up two large projects at Ed Center I building beds for Generations and three offices of cabinets and credenzas for the Meyer Center.

At Ed Center II, demolition has been completed, the pool equipment has been sold or disposed of, and the outside area has been cleaned up thanks to the efforts of Steve Kern and his team. Jim Kilton is still selling fixtures from the old store, but it looks like there will be lots of pieces to be junked.

The Mayor of Mauldin along with other city officials will be our guests at the June sawmill cookout meeting. We'll be meeting inside to avoid any weather problems. So make a date to join us and see this wonderful gift bestowed on the Greenville Woodworkers Guild.

John Leake's presentation was full of his usual good advice, humor and woodworking horse sense.



“We like working in nice even numbers and standard mortise and tenons, no more than two or three sizes. None of those sixteenths and thirty-seconds for us.” And that about sums up John's theories on running a successful furniture business. Keeping it as simple as possible.

He and his son Jay came to the May meeting with another well prepared presentation interlaced with his usual brand of humor. One of the best aspects of John's way of presenting is the way he shows how each piece is individually fabricated and then assembles the components in the order in which he builds his furniture.

We're looking forward to John and Jay's visit hopefully next year with another beautiful piece.

Upcoming Events!!

June 7th – Annual Sawmill Cookout at the new Education Center. Sawing starts around 3:00 PM and a covered dish supper around 6:00 PM.

June 19th – An all day auction at the Poinsett Highway Education Center with hundreds of used tools for sale. Doors open at 8:00 AM and the auction starts at 9:00 AM.

July 12th – Donald Bradley, one of the country's best builders of reproduction furniture and native of Tryon, NC.

New Members

Jack Collier – Cross Hill
John Crow – Greenville
Feodor Kuzmin – Inman

Adam McLendon - Simpsonville
Derrick Vigil - Greer
Grover Woods - Pelzer



David Aman

Gentlemen (and Ladies): *“We believe ...that service to humanity is the best work of life!”* This line taken from the Jaycee Creed so aptly defines our Guild and our fellow members. I believe that our organization can best be described as a big community service organization, seeking ways to help others that may be less fortunate. Someday, we as individual members may need that help. Think of it this way, you can't make a withdrawal from the bank before you first make a deposit. That's what we are now doing, making a “deposit” of our time and money for charitable purposes so that we might be able to make a future “withdrawal” if, or when, it is ever necessary. So when help is needed for a project at the Education Center or any other Guild activity, please offer your help and do what YOU can to serve this organization and the people that we serve.

As you already know, all of the staff at the Education Center are dedicated volunteers. They devote many hours toward staffing our shop, mentoring, lumber sales, etc., some as much as 25-30 hours per week or more! They too need a break occasionally, and during the next few months you will see various un-staffed shifts

that require the shop to be closed. There may be a mentoring class or charitable project going on, but the shop will be closed for personal activity. For this reason, you should always check the shop schedule on our website, and if there is any doubt, call first before coming. To help cover all shifts, we have just added two new supervisors, **Tom Gruenholz** and **Bill Fuller**. Please extend a big THANK-YOU to all of our supervisors for so generously giving their time so you can do your own personal projects.

Many of you are asking “when will we be in the new shop?” I can definitely answer this with “I don't know”. First we have to raise a good bit of money to install the things that are essential, like a fire sprinkler system, dust collection system, heating and cooling, etc. What you can do now is review all the benefits of the Guild, and make a “deposit” toward the future by committing to give what you can when the fundraising campaign begins.

Have you seen all the “stuff” in the back room lately? These tools have been lovingly used by their former owners, and their families wish for them to go to good homes where they will continue to be used in service to mankind. Please look all you want, but don't touch or move anything until we get it catalogued. The auction fees that we collect will go towards our new building. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 19** for this big auction!

Please...Be Safe!

The Nick Cook Seminar was the first formal event in the new Education Center

With the permission of the Fire Marshal of Mauldin, we were able to hold the Nick Cook Seminar in air conditioned comfort. Nick has taught seminars all over the world.

Nick started at 9:00 AM and wrapped up before 4:00 PM and packed the day with over a dozen demonstrations from the world's smallest top to a large live edge bowl.



He showed how one can use a blowtorch to char the edge of an ash plate. He did a thorough job of describing the use of the skew and the causes and effects of “catching” the tip. He demonstrated the effectiveness of the new *Colt* bits for boring out pepper and salt mills.

Lunch was donated by Van Matthews and the building fund profited by donations for the lunch as well as revenues from the auction of Nick's pieces at the end of the program.

We all look forward to seeing another Nick Cook Seminar.

What's next at the new Education Center?

It will be difficult to mention all of the tasks ahead of us here, so this is intended to hit the high points and summarize the present status.

The most frequently asked question is "When can we move in?" Good question, without a firm answer.

When anyone occupies a previously built building in the state, they must first bring it up to the most current building codes pertinent to what it's going to be used for. In our case we have a wood shop and meeting areas which pretty much defines the code requirements the Building Committee is trying to satisfy.

First on the list for occupation is to design it to meet all the fire code requirements. We found early on that an assembly of more than 299 persons could not happen without extensive wall and door fireproofing construction. The obvious answer to eliminate all that work was to install a sprinkler system throughout. Two other aspects supporting that decision was the cost of insurance on the building was cut in half and it would give us all some peace of mind that our gift and contents would survive the catastrophe of a fire. A sprinkler contract has been let and drawings for approval are being prepared for the Fire Marshal. Once approved, the contractor will file for a permit and construction will start. Probably within the next 3-4 weeks they will start installation.

The dust collection system is the single largest shop purchase and selecting one and planning its location and duct layouts is now near completion. The plan now is to install two 7-1/2 hp Oneida units in one corner of the main machine room. The reason for opting for two rather than one big one includes optimum power consumption, redundancy in case one goes down, noise isolation and capital cost. Hopefully soon we will be able to place an order, contingent on fund raising.

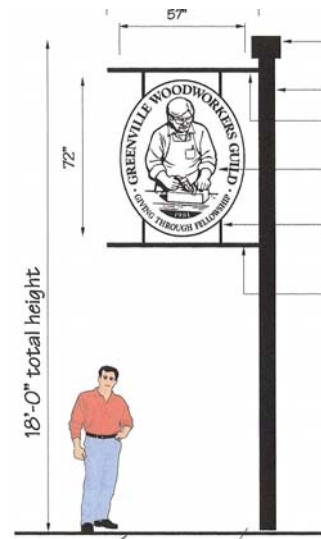
The machine area is presently not heated or air conditioned. We expected this would be very expensive to install new units. But an HVAC expert determined that we could tap one of the 20 ton units in the front and duct its output into the machine area at a fraction of the cost of putting in a new unit. A smaller unit will heat and cool the hand tool room in the southeast corner of the building. The other 20 ton unit will suffice for the large meeting area. Bids are being collected now.

The drawings for new wall construction are in their final stages. Chuck Graham, architect of record, will certify the drawings and submit them for approval to the Mauldin Building Department. Once approved, we can get a permit and start building. We have two contractors on board to guide us towards final inspection approval and permission to occupy.

Through the efforts of Paul Freedman, he got his company, PROBuild, to donate over \$500 in gypsum wallboard and sell the remainder that we needed at their cost. We saved about \$2000.



And a new sign contract has been let that hopefully will be done this week in time for the cookout.



Still no answer to the question, but it will be totally completed once we have raised the necessary \$650,000 estimated to finish the project to the level necessary to make it the nation's finest facility of any woodworking guild.

*The Annual Sawmill Cookout Meeting will be held at the New
Education Center in Mauldin*

NEXT GUILD MEETING:

Monday, June 7th, 2010

Sawing starts at 3:00 PM

Dinner starts at 6:00 PM

GWG Education Center

209 Holly Ridge Ct., Mauldin, SC 29662

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

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

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