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*Don and Helen Bradley will share the secrets  
of their success building and finishing  
masterpieces of woodworking*



Don and Helen have created hundreds of museum quality pieces of furniture for themselves and clients throughout the country. You'll hear how he got into the business and what he had to learn to be a successfully independent furniture builder. As part of his presentation he will relate a bibliography of the books he has found most valuable in honing his craft.

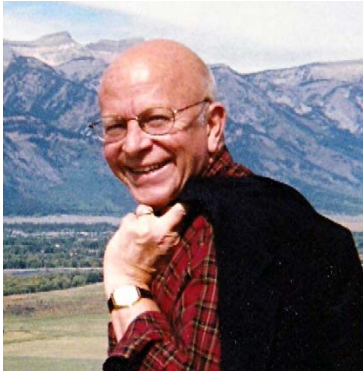
Don prepares a lot of his own wood personally with a lumber cutting chainsaw; Cuban mahogany being one of his favorite species. Don and Helen build not only American reproductions, but Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Biedermeier, Neoclassic and French provincial as well. They'll bring examples of their work and share the techniques they have found to be the surest to attain exquisite excellence.

Join us for an evening of revelation by two of the areas best craftsmen.

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## The President's Corner



### Wayne Comstock

At the sawmill cookout meeting I told the crowd about some research I had done on the internet pertaining to other Guild shops or Education Centers. I knew of a few, but just wanted to verify what I thought. The Education Center we are working to complete will be the world's largest.

What does the "world's largest" consist of? A totally autonomous building which will house a dust free machine room larger than any cabinet shop in the area. Separate multipurpose rooms designed for simultaneous use for classes and seminars. A library where you can read books, rent or view videos on any woodworking topic. A wood storage area that will contain virtually every popular locally available and exotic type of wood for whatever project you plan. A large meeting room with state of the art audio visual equipment, able to seat over 300 people comfortably.

If this doesn't qualify as world's largest and most comprehensive woodworking facility, then let me know where there's one bigger and better equipped and I'll change my story.

I urge everyone to get behind this momentous project that will allow the guild to serve its members at a world class level.

## The Sawmill Cookout Meeting was the first major event at the new Education Center.



Phillip Dean brought his *Woodmizer* for the third year and cut logs till nearly 10:00 PM. Tommy Thompson cooked over 150 pounds of chicken and everyone enjoyed the pot luck items that members brought. In fact, close to 300 people attended and there was food left over. If you went away hungry or thirsty, it was nobody's fault but your own. The evening was doubly pleasant because we were able to eat in the big meeting room at the new Ed Center with the air conditioning on.

The honored guest of the evening was the Mayor of Mauldin, Dan Godbey. He formally greeted the Guild to Mauldin and expressed his best wishes for a long and happy relationship with his fair city. The city of Mauldin Public Works has provided removal of all the demolished construction material and junk that has been cleaned from the facility.

### Upcoming Events!!

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – Don and Helen Bradley, a husband and wife team that are acclaimed builders of reproduction, contemporary and period furniture and natives of Tryon, NC.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jim Coon, our Membership Chairman, will do a program on the construction of outdoor furniture. What to use and how to design and maintain its longevity.

**September** – An auction at the new Education Center with more good used tools and antique tools as well.



*David Aman*

Whew!!! It's really been a hot summer. I hope that everyone is drinking lots of fluids, taking rest periods, and not overly exerting your body in order to prevent heat related problems. Our recent auction had to be suspended due to the excess heat at the Education Center. It will continue when we get in the air-conditioned comfort of our new home!

A recent minor injury in our shop reinforces the need to keep your shop floor clean and free of debris. Not only can small wood chips prevent wheels on carts, dollies, etc. from rolling properly, they can cause slips and turned ankles. A clean shop floor just adds to the prevention of accidents.

The Guild offers a great mentoring program on how to properly flatten and mill wood. However, my observations are that a lot of members get in a hurry and forget some of the basic things we are taught. For instance, you can practically eliminate snipe in boards if you run them end to end, or over-lap them when planing. Also, feed them so knives are cutting with the grain rather than against it. On the jointer, use shallow settings and feed boards at a slow, constant speed to prevent chatter or burns. **Please...Be Safe!**

### **Our Membership Chairman needs some assistance**

Our membership has grown to such heights that the job of Membership Chairman has become a very time consuming activity. Jim Coon needs three to four volunteers to meet and greet visitors at our meetings, help with membership renewals and host the New Member Mixer held before our monthly meetings. The job will include sending a follow-up e-mail to visitors thanking them for attending. Perhaps the most critical need at this time is keeping up with membership renewals. We have some new membership software that helps, but we still need an extra hand to make follow-up phone calls and mailing reminders.

The New Member Mixer host will arrive at 5:45 PM to greet the new members and introduce the President and Mentoring Chairman who will outline the various programs and activities of the Guild. Please call Jim Coon at 593-4993 to volunteer.

### ***Toy kits are ready for pickup at the July meeting.***

Because of the transition activity going on between the two Education Centers, the toy program is going to have to rely on members making toys in their own shops. Each month Al Masson and his volunteers will produce 100 kits of 5 toys each. If 100 kits are picked up and returned each month for the next five months, we'll have 2500 toys to distribute at Christmas time.

Some building will take place at mentoring sessions as well, but by in large we need to depend on member using their own shops to meet our goal. Volunteer!

### **A New Associate Member!**



If you're in the Asheville area or are looking for a special type of wood, give these folks a call. They have live edge slabs, burls, exotics and veneers. They take consignments of wood and machinery. The Guild discount is 10% on all items except sale items, Festool, Fein, and General International products. Give them a call at (828) 252-8088 and ask for Tom Gholson, the owner. He'll direct you to the store on Buxton Avenue.

We're happy to welcome them as a new Associate Member!

**New Members!**

**Please welcome them  
when you meet them at  
the July meeting.**

**Sandra Alverson – Pelzer**  
**Dee Dee Bishop – Simpsonville**  
**Dee Blackwood – Greenville**  
**Charles Branney – Simpsonville**  
**Jim Gregg – Mauldin**  
**Alek Ipaneco – Belton**  
**Ashok Kalwad – Greenville**  
**Gene Nichols- Simpsonville**  
**Bruce & Karen Rankin –  
Simpsonville**  
**Bernie Rauh – Greenville**  
**Pete Smith – Clemson**  
**Zac Terry – Fountain Inn**  
**Solee Thompson- Easley**

**The people who have made a pledge or gift to the New Education Center Building Fund**

*David Aman  
John Anderson  
Jean Arden  
Bill Bagwell  
Dustan Barber  
Donald Beckie  
Bill Brett  
Donnie Brown  
John & Bob Brown  
Wayne Comstock  
Jim Coon  
Ron Critser  
Dennis DeFrancesco  
Curt Downing  
Bill Gay  
Mike George  
Chuck Graham  
Dave Guthrie  
Rusty Hill  
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Keith Rackley  
Linda Rakey  
John Riordan  
John Roberts  
Aubrey Rogers  
Tony Ryan  
Ed Sauvain  
Hal Smith  
Alan Socha  
Buzz Sprinkle  
Don Waldrop*

**Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions. We still need more commitments to make our goal.**

**What's happening at the new Education Center?**

The first thing you'll notice as you drive in is that the new sign and logo is in place. It's not wood, but a new material that will never rot or peel. It's been machined with a CNC router and someday may be lighted during evenings with solar energy.



And as you drive in, you'll see that the kudzu invasion has been thwarted by Steve Kern and his magical safe chemical. The ruts are next on the list.

Van Pinckney, a new Guild member, and his crew have been restoring the front façade of the building, removing the rot and pests giving us a unique, fresh look to the facility.



And inside, work is proceeding to erect the walls and doors that will configure the master plan. So far, Karl Kelly and crew have laid out the basic floor plan of the lobby, lathe education area, display center, class room, multi-purpose room and storage and changing areas. Soon the sprinkler system contractor will start piping and drops which will give us the protection we need for this precious facility.



A refurbished forklift has been purchased and Darryl Roberson is taking a course to allow him to certify those who will operate the lift in the future.

The dust collection system has been specified, the money donated and the order will go out soon.

The HVAC is contracted to be modified to heat and cool the machine area and a new system to do the same to the Hand Tool room and toy building area. Electrical installations for lighting and machine power will follow soon.

Come out and help when asked! It's not real hard work, and fun!

***Please Support Our Fine  
Guild Associate Members***

**Associate Member  
Wurth Wood Group  
Jim Meyer, Gen. Mgr.  
877-7328**

**Associate Member  
Crawford Saw & Tool  
120 Biblebrook Rd. Greer  
Bill Crawford 877-5828**

**Associate Member  
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1140 White Horse Road  
299-6165**

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**Associate Member  
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1-800-228-0000  
www.woodworkingshop.com**

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Asheville, NC  
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Greenville, SC 627-8760**

**Associate Member  
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1125 Jay Lane  
Graham, NC 27253  
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**Associate Member  
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Rockler Woodworking &  
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Greenville, SC 29607  
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**Associate Member  
McKinney Lumber &  
Hardware  
2046 Laurens Rd, G'ville  
(864)-288-6570**

***Warm weather is here. Guild short  
sleeve denims are for sale now.***



**Also available are 100% cotton and blended polo shirts with logos at \$27 and \$25 respectively.**

**The denim long and short sleeve shirts are available as well. Long and Short sleeve denims are \$26. Add \$2 for 2X and \$4 for 3X sizes.**


*Don and Helen Bradley will share the secrets of their successful  
furniture building enterprise in Tryon, NC*

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**

**Monday, July 12th, 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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