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Steve Kern with his other hobby.

For the August program the Guild once again goes to its depth of membership knowledge for a presentation by retired air traffic controller Steve Kern. A Guild member for 20 years, Steve has served in many capacities: four times president, previous program presenter, and lately as kudzu tamer and lawn mower expert, among others.

This month Steve will give the presentation on finishing. He has been finishing for over 40 years and considers it an extension of building, the first part being planning what to build, then constructing what to build and finally the up to five stage finishing process. He will go through the thought process, options, choices, what you can do, and the best thing to do. Steve hopes to add clarity and eliminate the confusion that is part of the finishing process.

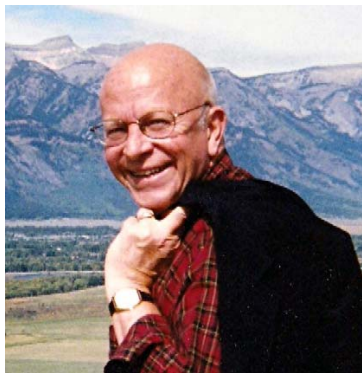
If not at his own shop or at the Guild you can find Steve flying (he got his pilot license after retiring) or working part time at the Woodcraft store in Greenville where he teaches some classes including finishing.

Steve has learned a lot over the years from others and the Guild is lucky in that he likes to share what he has learned with other people – a kind of paying it forward. He likes questions so come to the meeting and get the answers you've been looking for.

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The President's Corner



Wayne Comstock

If you read the article in the *Greenville Journal* about the Guild, you probably noticed a number of errors and some omissions that we requested be included. Be that as it may, readers were treated to a very positive story about the Guild and some good photos of folks at work on charitable projects.

We're investigating displaying our Guild at the September West Greenville Arts Festival which is the offshoot of the old Art in the Park. We'll keep you posted.

One event that will happen will be the first annual Tour of Shops. We'll be selecting eight or more member shops in the area that are examples of garage shops, remote shops, basement shops and purpose build shops. It's a fund raiser for the Guild as you might suspect. On Saturday November 5th from 9AM till 5PM and Sunday the 6th from 1PM till 5PM you'll be able to tour these shops and talk with the owners about their specific designs and the tools they selected. Good way to glean some good ideas and start a Christmas present wish list.



Louis Inabinett

Louis was a senior in high school when he started woodworking for hire. Within a few years of graduation from high school, he began his professional career as a woodworker, and has been in business for 33 years. Louis presented a fine program discussing his career and the woodworking business in general. Louis' work centers around cabinet making at the production level. He is very well versed in materials, tools, and equipment to deliver the most suitable cabinet for each client, regardless of budget and size of work.

Since his career began, he has noticed a growth in the application of cabinet work. At first, cabinets were pretty much limited to the kitchen, with both wall and base cabinets. As time passed, cabinet work appeared in the bathroom, then in studies, and now even in the garage. One group of main drivers for kitchen design has evolved to the appliances. Beginning with simply a stove and refrigerator, kitchens must now accommodate dishwashers, microwave ovens, toaster ovens, televisions, and so forth. The kitchen design revolves around the placement and accommodation for all these items.

The choice of products for cabinets is vast. Examples are paint-grade wood or artificial wood products, stained wood, flush doors, overlay doors, face frame construction, and box construction, to mention a few. Louis uses his experience to guide him and his client in a selection that will deliver the best product at the best price with the best schedule.

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David Aman. Superintendent

Even through the recent extreme heat, we have continued to operate the Education Center and make improvements that are needed. The Guild does not pay any member to do anything, so the person that cleans the restrooms, mows the grass, mentors classes, or serves as a supervisor are all un-paid, and in many cases use their own personal tools and equipment. These people are known as “volunteers”.

If we expect the education center to thrive and mature into all that it can be, then more volunteers will be needed. At the present time, only about fifteen (15) percent of our membership is actively supporting the present operation and maintenance of our facilities. That’s about 80 people, which leaves another 450 members that choose to do very little. It is understandable that many of our members still work, may have serious health issues, or for other reasons cannot be an active volunteer. That still leaves several hundred members that could and should serve some role, even a small one, to make the center a success.

We desperately need people that will volunteer and commit to help with clean-ups, ongoing maintenance, weed eating, and other on-going assignments. If you are willing to help, please let me know, and I will get you assigned to a specific task or a team leader. Contact me at gwgooffice@att.net.

Let’s also take time to offer our sincere **Thanks** to all of our present volunteers that continue to make our dream facilities a reality. As always, **be safe** in all that you do.

Ruth Roberson adds her engraving skills for Mauldin K-9

When there is a charitable need for engraving on wood, one of our life-time members, steps forward. **Ruth Roberson** has a laser engraving machine at her home shop, and has done many projects for the Guild.

Most recently, the Mauldin Police asked us to engrave the name and vital dates on a small box for their deceased K-9 dog, Rex. As usual, Ruth came to the rescue and did a beautiful job.

If you need anything engraved or inlayed on one of your projects, contact Ruth at 292-2393. Her prices for Guild members are very reasonable, and it will be a unique addition to your heirloom!

Upcoming Events!!

August 1st – Guild member Steve Kern on finishing

September 12th – To be determined

November 5th & 6th –First Annual Tour of Shops

November 19th & 20th – Carving seminars by Mary May

What a bargain!

It was a real shocker to walk into a big home improvement center this week and see the prices for red oak boards, poplar lumber, and birch plywood. Yes, the lumber was surfaced all four sides, but that is what our jointer and planer are for! The Guild’s prices on lumber are less than half (\$2/per foot for Poplar vs. \$4+/board foot), and about 15% less for plywood. We also have a wider selection to choose from. So, the next time you need a piece of wood, it may pay you to drive to the Education Center. In fact, if you buy much wood, the savings at the Guild can easily pay your annual membership. The Guild offers lumber and plywood as a benefit and convenience to members and for charitable projects, and all of the margin over our costs directly supports the operation of the shop.

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Check the back of your membership badge. A large number of members have dues due in August. Failure to renew your dues in a timely manner will result in your door entry card being deactivated. Once that happens, in order to gain entry you will be required to pay the fee again.

Please remember to bring your membership badge to the monthly meetings to be scanned for accurate attendance.

November Seminars

February's program presenter, Charleston carver Mary May, is returning to the Guild to give two intermediate carving seminars.

Saturday, November 19th will be a convex shell for a low-boy. Sunday, November 20th will be a convex shell on the knee of a cabriole leg. Each class is \$50, \$100 for both. The classes are currently full, with a waiting list; but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, contact Bill Brett at bill.brett@charter.net.

Youth Program Summer Classes

GWG Education Center
Youth Room

Wednesdays – 4:15-5:30

August 3rd – Desk
Organizer

August 17th – Pencil Box

**Saturdays – 9:30-10:45
or 11:15-12:30**

August 27th – Pencil Box

**For children 7 through 13
years of age.**

There is no fee.

A parent or grandparent, who is a Guild member, must accompany each child.

To enroll, contact Jean Arden
jsarden@bellsouth.net
or call [864-895-5554](tel:864-895-5554).

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Cabinet hardware comes in a wide variety of styles as well, however, Louis must prioritize his selections based on quality, durability, and ease of installation. An example of this is his preference for the 32mm, or European, hinges. After installation, the hinges can be adjusted to precisely set the door in the frame.

The furniture makers in the audience cringed when Louis mentioned MDF as a material of construction. However, Louis was careful to point out that MDF has limited application, even in cabinet work. He uses the product almost exclusively for non-structural panels.

One of the most important lessons Louis has learned is to prevent joint failure. His experience has taught him to always assemble joints with dowels. The inclusion of dowels add strength to the joint with their grain direction and added glue surface.

At the conclusion, Mr. Innabinett received numerous questions from the audience. His presentation was informative and interesting for a group made up largely of furniture makers.

By Chuck Graham

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A big THANKS to Paul Patterson at **Woodcraft** for securing the donation of a new Kreg router table and lift. This will initially be used in the training room to teach proper router skills and techniques. With this second table, we no longer have to limit shop access while holding router classes.

LUMBER PRICES EFFECTIVE 6/1/11

Baltic Birch Plywood – 60” x 60” BB/BB
1/8” \$10
1/4” \$16
1/2” \$25
5/8” \$32
3/4” \$38

Other Lumber
1/4” Birch Plywood \$18
1/2” Birch Plywood \$30
3/4” Birch Plywood (imp.) \$40
3/4” Birch Domestic (B-2) \$60
1/4” Prefinished (1 side) \$24
3/4” Prefinished (2 sides) \$48
3/4” Red Oak (shop) \$55
3/4” White Maple \$70
3/4” African Mahogany \$82
3/4” Walnut \$95
3/4” Premium Plus MDF \$30
1/4” Melamine (Mark & Wipe) \$10
Table Saw Splitter \$10.50
Miscellaneous Items: Price as marked.

Many varieties of board lumber also available from \$2.00 to \$5.15 per board foot.

***Finishing Program by
Guild Member Steve Kern
On August 1st***

NEXT GUILD MEETING:

Monday August 1, 2011

New Member Orientation at 6:00 PM

Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

New Education Center

209 Holly Ridge Drive, Mauldin, SC 29662

Guild Information

Guild Telephone No.: (864) 299-9663

This phone is located at our Educational Center workshop located at 209 Holly Ridge Drive. 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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