



# Greenville Woodworkers Guild

Giving Through Fellowship

February 2012

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## February 6th Get More from Your Router By Gregory Paolini



Gregory Paolini designs and creates some of the finest furniture and cabinetry from the studio of Gregory Paolini Design, LLC. Originally from Buffalo, NY, in 2006 he and his wife moved to Asheville, a city becoming a center for woodworkers. His work has been featured in numerous books, magazines, and can be found in the homes of clients across the country.

Gregory began woodworking after inheriting some hand tools, and built his first piece of furniture when exposed to the world of precision woodworking through a pattern making class in high school. He explains: "I was blessed in a way – I had hand tools but couldn't afford power tools. I was forced to learn traditional, old world craftsmanship: Hand planning, joinery, dovetailing. I'm completely self taught – I salvaged wood from pallets and where ever I could, to put into practice the techniques I learned from books and honing my skills." His modern interpretations of the Arts and Crafts classics tend to be on the lighter side, less bulky than the originals.

Paolini is known as Fine Woodworking Magazine's best "Router Jockey". Tips and tricks to get the most out of the versatile router will be shared. He will teach a quick and simple method to predict how the router will cut and react in any application, which will help you route safer, with more control. Plus, Gregory will show his technique to master zeroing bits and setting depth of cut with the plunge router, regardless of the turret system. He will also share his simple method for cutting perfect fitting tenons with the router, in a process that takes less than 30 seconds!

## *The President's Corner*



### *Buzz Sprinkle*

The process for nomination of candidates for election and/or appointment to the Board of Directors' 2012-2013 term has begun. A nominating committee was approved at the January Board meeting, and they will begin the process of seeking candidates for the various Board positions. The candidates will be presented to the Board in April and the election of officers will take place in May. This process is described in Guild Policy No. 9.

I encourage all members to become more acquainted with the by-laws and policies which govern the operation of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. The by-laws and policies can be viewed on the Guild website under the heading "Directors Manual". I think it is important for members to be knowledgeable about the by-laws and policies in order to make an informed decision when issues are presented for a vote by the membership.

## *Warren Carpenter Throws Shavings*



January's presentation was by Warren Carpenter from Seneca, SC. Warren is a home builder, an accomplished woodturner, and owner of The Arts Company, a gallery in Haywood Mall. He is a popular teacher of woodturning at Arrowmont School.

He led us through the steps for turning a green wood bowl, all the while addressing design issues. A no-blow hammer was used to place the drive spur into the lengthwise grain bowl blank. The bowl was turned between centers to establish the bottom rim and shape the outside. He then removed the tailstock from the lathe and used a Oneway Stronghold chuck to grip the bottom while he hollowed the interior. He moved the tool rest many times, always stopping the lathe before moving it. The rule is to turn the inside down to finished thickness in plateau-like stages, beginning at the outside edge. This maintains some wood in the center for stability. He never returns to the outside edge later, since the wood dries swiftly as it is turning and begins to warp.

At home Warren turns green wood bowls down to ¾" thickness, and then gives those 3 to 6 months to dry before completing the turning.

For a good finish, he stressed the importance of sanding: always to at least 400 and on dark woods to 800.

The only finish he uses is Liberon Finishing Oil – tung oil with a drying agent. He feels it is better than Waterlox. He also recommends Liberon's steel wool. He purchases these mostly from Packard Woodworks, a woodturner's catalog, and usually receives his delivery the next day. This is the same finish he uses on furniture. He applies the oil liberally, rubs it in, and wipes it off. Immediately, he applies a thin coat of Renaissance brand paste wax to hold the oil into the grain. This eliminates the pin-hole defect from oozing of the oil. The wax is dried overnight, and then buffed off with the steel wool, then a flannel rag.



**Steve Padula, Superintendent**

In last month's newsletter you read about my appointment and the new staff and organization as follows:

- Tom Gruenholz,  
Shop Manager
- Tom Shearer,  
Facility Building Manager
- Steve Kern,  
Facility Grounds Manager
- David Aman,  
Wood Resources Manager
- Ruud Veltman,  
IT Manager

You can read all about the responsibilities of any of our positions by going to the Guild web site and clicking on 'Directors Manual' and then on 'Position Descriptions'. What you won't see about us is the fact that we are all volunteers.

Volunteers are what keep our Guild and shop operating. Not only do we have 40 very qualified supervisors volunteering to keep the shop open up to 17 four hour shifts a week, we have many folks that are less visible; folks that keep the inventory up to date, order the supplies we need on a daily basis, stock the refrigerator and on and on.

Under the great leadership of David Aman, in just over a year, the new Education Center was opened and started to operate. It was a year of learning how we would operate,

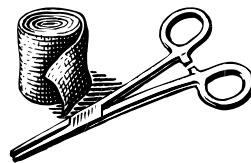
acquiring the tools we needed to operate, and establishing procedures and policies as needed to fit our new operation.

Moving forward, we have pretty much completed our 'building' phase and are now moving into our 'operations' phase. We will be building on what has been accomplished so far and fine tuning our operations to become more efficient and to have an even safer shop environment.

In order to move forward to this next phase, the shop staff will be soliciting help from many of you to participate in activities where you have identified a willingness to help. Please give us your support where you can so that we can continue to grow and accomplish our mission.

Remember, it is not the Staff's Education center, it is our Education Center and it will take all our effort to continue to make it better.

**Be Safe & Volunteer!**



One addition to our monthly meeting will be a five minute presentation on the subject of safety. At the January meeting, Steve Kern reported on tablesaw accidents.

38,000 accidents on the tablesaw are *reported* each year.

10% of those involve the loss of at least one finger.

Average age of patient is 52.

90% of accidents caused by operator error or improperly prepared stock.

**Nominating Committee**

Each year a nominating committee is established to seek nominees for the various Guild offices for the following year. Elections take place in May for the Officers and Board members of the Guild. Elected members become Board members immediately upon election and work in tandem with the outgoing Board until August 31<sup>st</sup>, after which they assume full responsibility.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board in any capacity please advise any member of the nominating committee:

- Jean Arden
- Mac Bowman
- Bill Bagwell
- Paul Freedman
- Aubrey Rogers

**Upcoming Events**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Gregory Paolini will demonstrate the fastest mortise and tenon ever: less than one minute.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Woodworkers Fellowship in the Board room at noon. Bring lunch.

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Lyle Wheeler, handcrafted chair maker.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jerry Stover from Columbia.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Scott Deward from Knoxville on glue-ups.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Sawmill Picnic.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** – Marc Adams all-day seminar.

***Enrollment for the  
Youth Program Classes  
Winter Schedule Now Open***  
*Ages 7 through 13*  
***Wednesdays – 4:15 to 5:30 pm***  
***Ed. Center Youth Room***

**Projects:**

**January 18** – Pet bed

**February 1 and 15** – Flip It  
Game

**March 21** – Small table

**April 18** – Small table (as above)

**May 2 and 16** – Serving tray

**June 6 and 20** – Stepping stool

Note: No classes on the first  
Wednesdays in March & April  
due to Spring Breaks.

**Requirements:**

Each child must be accompanied  
by a parent, grandparent, or  
adult guardian.

No experience is necessary for  
child or chaperone.

Parents must sign a Liability  
Release Form and Parent  
Consent Form.

Participants must read and  
adhere to all Rules and  
Regulations of the Guild and the  
Youth Program.

**Available spaces for each  
class:**

6 children and their parent,  
grandparent, or guardian. After  
the 6 spaces are filled, a waiting  
list will be established for future  
classes.

**Costs:** None

**To register, contact:**

Jean Arden, Program  
Coordinator & Instructor at  
youth@greenvillewoodworkers.com

***The Board Report***

A special meeting of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild Board was held on January 4, 2012. The following actions were taken:

1. Board approved appointment of Steve Padula as Education Center Superintendent upon resignation of David Aman from that position.
2. Board approved the appointment of Chris Peters as Web Manager upon resignation of Bill Brett from that position.
3. Board approved the nomination of David Aman for Life Membership in appreciation for his service to the Guild.

The regular meeting of the Guild Board was held on January 16, 2012. The following actions were taken:

1. Board approved a nominating committee to seek candidates for board positions for the 2012 -2013 term.
2. Board approved the budget for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year.
3. Board approved the transfer of \$4,500 to the reserve fund for a new total of \$14,500.

The next board meeting will be held on February 13, 2012 at 3 PM. The minutes of any board meeting are available upon request.



The Show and Tell  
segment of the  
monthly meeting  
displays our members'  
talents.

Above are bandsaw boxes  
by Faye Choban.

At right: blanket chest by  
Jean Arden. Solid cherry  
with hand cut dovetails.



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

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

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

**Richelieu Supply  
Allied Casework G'ville  
1140 White Horse Road  
299-6165**

**Tidewater Lumber &  
Moulding  
596 Anderson Ridge Rd.**

**The Tool Shed  
901 Poinsett Hwy  
233-6185**

**Klingspor's  
The Woodworking Shop  
1-800-228-0000**

**Cormark International  
Asheville, NC  
Fabs Corte 828-658-8455**

**Duncan 's Hardware  
1506 Augusta Road  
Joe Freeman 233-6851**

**Carolina Refinishing  
Supplies  
Chuck Ellisor 967-7582**

**Woodcraft  
1327 Miller Road  
Greenville, SC 627-8760**

**Woodworker's Supply  
Graham, NC 27253  
1-800-645-9292**

**Asheville Hardware  
Tom Gholson  
(828) 252-8088**

**Woodline USA  
1-800-472-6950  
www.woodline.com**

**Rockler Woodworking &  
Hardware  
1-800-279-4441**

**Duron Paints  
1258 Woodruff Road  
(864) 234-7321**

**McKinney Lumber  
& Hardware  
(864)-288-6570**



December  
Show & Tell  
item:

Table by  
Bobby  
Hartness

*Get More from Your Router  
On February 6th*

**NEXT GUILD MEETING:**

**Monday, February 6th, 2012**

**New Member Orientation at 6:00 PM in Board Room**

**Meeting starts at 6:45 PM**

**New Education Center**

**209 Holly Ridge Drive, Greenville, SC 29607**

**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](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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