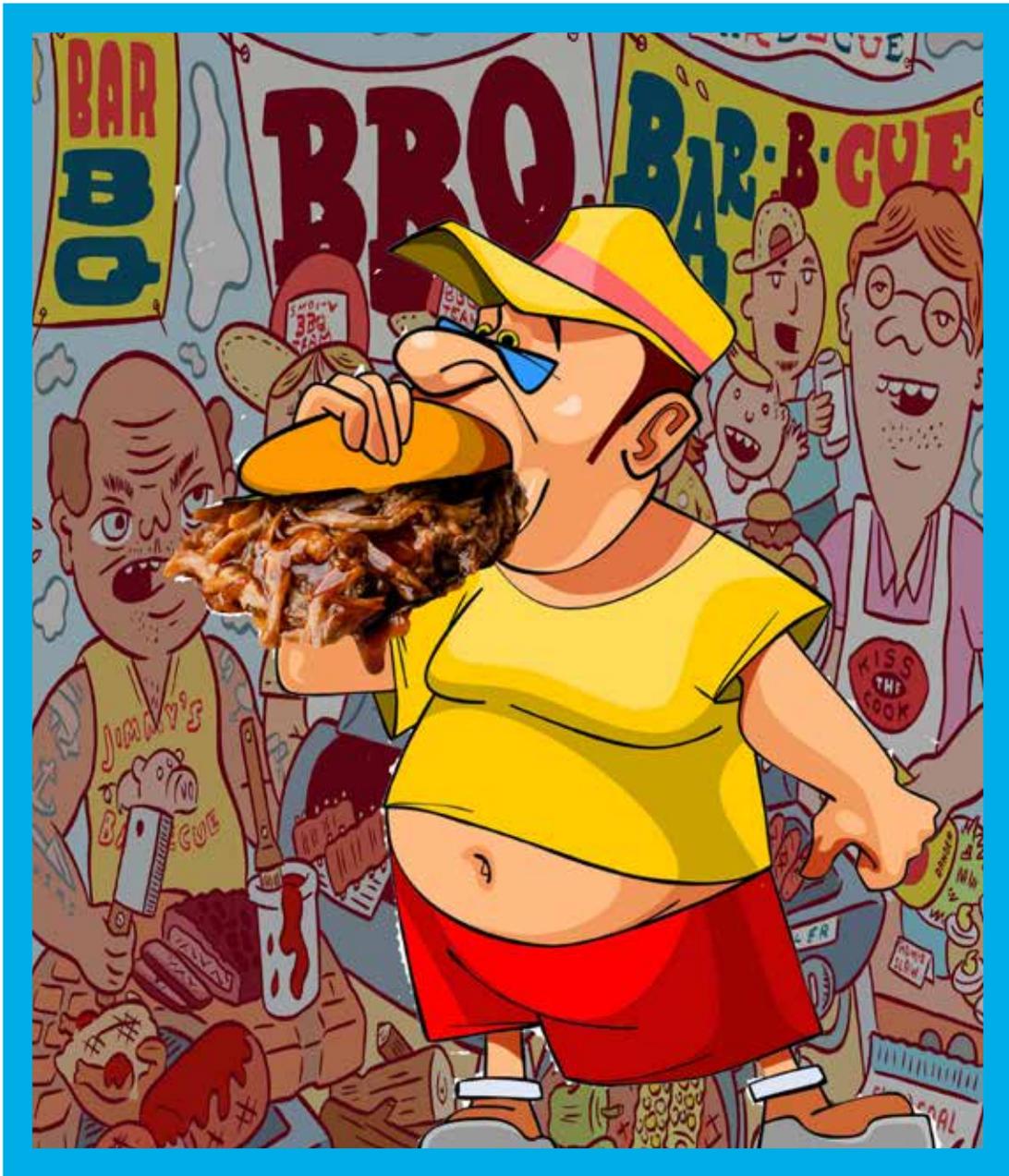


# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



June 2023



It's time for our Annual Guild Family Picnic!  
Saturday, June 3, 3:00 – 6:00

**There will be no Monthly Membership Meeting  
in June.**

**Annual Guild Family Picnic!**

**Whole Hog BBQ**

**Saturday, June 3, 3:00 – 6:00 pm**

**It's a great time to socialize, meet new members,  
and play a few games.**

**If you could not make it for this year's picnic, we  
hope to see you at next year's event.**

**Joe Boyd**  
**President**



## T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

Following Tom McLaughlin's visit to our Guild and his Tuesday workshop, I was reminded of a comment he made concerning his time working as an apprentice with Pug Moore in North Carolina. Specifically, Tom mentioned that as he would be chiseling out dovetails, Pug would be at another bench hand planing a board, creating that beautiful "swish" sound of a plane. Pug would break the silence of the moment, suggesting this must have been what it was like in the old days of furniture making. Meaning, the absence of the humming of power equipment and only the sounds of the hand labor of creating a piece of fine furniture was a solemn process that gave the makers great enjoyment and a feeling of accomplishment. That all-satisfying feeling we experience in having woodworking as an outlet for our creative energies.

Even as I contemplate what a cabinet shop might've been like in an 18th century environment, it is difficult to imagine not having a table saw. So, when did the table saw become the mainstay of every woodworking shop? To answer that question (which I will not attempt) requires significant research revealing only differing stories and myths of its inventor. The idea of a circular saw, which was the predecessor of the table saw, has at least two geneses with one emanating from the UK with the 1777 patent by Samuel Miller of a circular saw blade. On this side of the pond, the invention of the circular saw is attributed to a Shaker woman named Tabitha Babbitt in 1810. Legend says that she thought of the idea of a circular saw blade while watching two Shaker men struggling with a pit saw. She observed that the cut only occurred on the forward motion of the saw, which meant that the backward motion was an inefficient use of energy. This led to her idea of a circular blade. As Shakers were against drawing attention to themselves, Babbitt did not patent her idea but rather shared the concept with others.

I suppose that either of those inventors could've given us the circular saw blade, but what would

power such a creation? Early machine saws were powered in a variety of ways including water, wind, or a pedaling mechanism... think Roy Underhill... and eventually electricity. So, now we must consider who invented electricity. We will all remember Benjamin Franklin's famous kite experiment and the common belief that he invented electricity. However, history shows that electricity was an evolving discovery that predates Benjamin Franklin by hundreds of years. Additionally, it was not until September 1882 when a house in Appleton, Wisconsin became the first American home to be powered by hydroelectricity. And by 1925, only half of American homes reportedly had electricity. With this in mind, one might surmise that the common day table saw took some time to fully develop and quite a number of individuals aided in its creation.

The overarching question now becomes why I took you with me down this rabbit hole. The answer is to make the point that, like the table saw, our success has been the result of cumulative efforts of many members before us. The sharing of knowledge, as done by Tabitha Babbitt, the building upon ideas, like the building of electrical grids and powerplants, begins with a single idea and then allowing others to improve upon its concept. For 42 years, our Guild has been building upon our collective members. We stand on the shoulders of many who came before us and gave of themselves for the betterment of the Guild.

I want to encourage you to look for ways to give back to this organization. Whether it's volunteering on a charitable project, offering to teach a class, supervising a shift, or any myriad of housekeeping tasks, look for opportunities to ensure our continued success. I, along with the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your dedication to the Guild and your willingness to serve.

In place of our June Monthly Meeting, I look forward to welcoming you to our Annual Picnic on June 3rd. Until then, enjoy your Guild.

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## **Election of Directors and Officers of the Guild**

During the Annual Meeting held on May 1, the membership elected the following Officers and Directors for the next fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023:

President	Charlie LeGrand
Executive Vice President	Kevin Curry
Treasurer	Bob Armbruster
Secretary	Chuck Graham
Vice President, Fund Raising	Van Matthews
Vice President, Educational Activities	Doyle Hogsed
Vice President, Charitable Projects	Marion DeWitt
Member At Large	Jon Rauschenbach
Member At Large	Bill Schmidt
Member At Large	Joe Boyd

Thanks to all of these individuals for their continued support of the Guild and their willingness to serve in their elected capacity.

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## From Your Lumber Team

Stop in and see some beautiful exotics! Check out the new shipment of Peruvian Walnut, as well as some beautiful Canarywood, Zebrawood, and Lacewood (Leopardwood). Stock up on some exotics while the selection is best. Also, the 4/4 Tigerwood and Black Limba are selling fast.

Be sure and let the lumber team know if you need something special ordered. But remember that we are not able to order wood in a specific width or length. When you buy wholesale, you buy strictly random width; our suppliers will not dig through a bundle of lumber to cherry pick wide boards for us. We welcome helping you with your special requests, just keep in mind the above restrictions from our suppliers. You can email your request to:

[GWG.lumber@gmail.com](mailto:GWG.lumber@gmail.com)



## May 6 Tool Sale

This past tool sale was the largest the Guild has ever had. There were over 250 shoppers, which resulted in over \$40,000 in sales! Facebook posts, bringing your neighbor, and signs that popped up on street corners all played a part in this great turnout. Thanks to Van Matthews for his enthusiasm and effort given to the sign campaign. From the initial pick-up of tools in January until the afternoon of the sale, more than 45 volunteers and many more “on-duty supervisors” made this sale a great success. Thank you all!

In addition to the on-site sale, we held our first internet-based auction, which resulted in additional sales. This sales platform opened an exciting alternative to marketing high value items that remain after the sales. Way to go, Will Morin.

But there is still some unfinished business. There are a handful of valuable items to be sold. The tool team is looking for a volunteer who will use Facebook, Craigslist, and eBay to sell these remaining items. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stofan at:

[shstofangwg@gmail.com](mailto:shstofangwg@gmail.com)



## What's New at the Shop? #1

### 12" Grizzly Sander, Model GO459

The new 12" Grizzly sander has arrived and is ready for use in the sanding room. Key features are a 4" drum, which is ideal for sanding boards up to 12" wide. It has a gear-driven handwheel to adjust for board thickness, adjustable sanding speed, and adjustable pressure rollers that prevent vibration and allow for even, uniform sanding.

One unique feature is the minimum board width of 2". Users can sand two 1" boards or four ½" boards and still meet that requirement. This sander always has 120 grit paper and does a good job of sanding efficiently and providing a uniform smooth surface. It differs slightly from the drum sanders because of the hook & loop belt attachment method, which provides a "softer" base for the sanding substrate. Because of the

short platen, the maximum length of the workpiece is limited to 3'.

As with all equipment, please clean the sanding drum with an eraser after each use and clean up with the shop vac. Users must also clean the dust collector pleats before shutting off the dust collection system. If You Use It - Clean It!

Users must be certified prior to using the 12" Grizzly sander. Sign up today for the Sanders Class to get certified on the 12" Grizz!



## What's New at the Shop? #2

### Grizzly Oscillating 6" Belt Sander, Model G0564

The new Grizzly oscillating belt sander has been installed in the main shop and is ready for use. The sanding belt on this machine sands from left to right and oscillates up and down at the same time to provide a cooler work surface and more uniform results.

The only adjustments that members may make on this sander is to move the platen up or down with the knob at the center below the platen. No other adjustments are permitted. The placard on top of the guard rail will indicate the grit (120, 150, or 180) that is on the machine. Only Supervisors are authorized to install or replace the sanding belts. There is a "Red" Emergency Stop button

on top of the machine. If you press the emergency stop, it must be released (turned slightly and it will pop back up) in order to operate the sander again. Be aware that the emergency stop button does not stop the belt any faster than the normal stop button.

The manual dust collection gate is the same as the prior sander. Always clean the sanding belt with an eraser after each use and clean up with the shop vac. If You Use It - Clean It!

If not already certified, members must ask the Supervisor to review the operation of the sander before they can be approved for its use.



## Charitable Projects – January 2023

	Members	Hours
Toy Program.....	50	319
Washington Center School Stools.....	7	63
SC Army National Guard Aviation Heritage Cabinets.....	2	5

This is what volunteerism looks like!  
Thanks to Supervisor Jim Gilreath for  
doing the tough stuff!



## Welcome New Members

Anton Attanayake ..... Greenville, SC  
 Bonnie Deen..... Simpsonville, SC  
 Chris Dolan..... Duncan, SC  
 Michael Durn ..... Greer, SC  
 Matt Hand..... Greenville, SC  
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## 2023 Toy Program

The Toy Program for this year is in full swing! Fifty volunteers worked over 300 hours in April to kick off the program!

The team will meet every Tuesday from 9:00 am until noon from now through October. Everyone is invited to join. This project will give you the opportunity to learn new skills, work with some great folks, and build toys for deserving children.

John Arnold and Rob Barhorst are again leading this annual project.



## Youth Program Resumes!

The Guild's Youth Program resumed on May 6, with nine students enrolled for the summer session. This program has been an important part of the Guild's mission to educate in the art of woodworking. Many young people have passed through the Program to learn the joy of woodworking. Several of those students have joined the Guild as adult members once they reached the age of 18.

This program was suspended last Fall, after our insurance for the Youth Program was canceled. Since then, it has taken a lot of effort and hard work from several members to get the program back up and running. I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have worked so hard to meet those requirements.

One of the requirements of the insurance company was the need for a Youth Program Administrator to coordinate and oversee the program. Nathan Detandt has stepped up in a big way to fill that vital role. He has done an amazing job, working tirelessly to get the Youth Mentors trained, background checks completed, procedures in place, and the program up and running again.

In addition, Sandy Rauh and Kellie Lockwood assisted in writing procedures and developing forms that the Mentors, parents and youths will use. Charlie LeGrand served as our legal advisor on the committee, ensuring that the procedures put in place met the insurance company's requirements. John Arnold assisted Charlie in reviewing our insurance coverage and working to meet all of the requirements to gain coverage again.

And now the work has begun for our team of dedicated instructors. Without them, there would be no program:

- Wells Doty – Youth Program Leader
- Chris Calvin – Deputy Leader
- Youth Mentors - Linda Doty, Nathan Jones, Mike Mills, Charline Stanton, Russ Stanton, and Ray Stubblefield.

I am happy to announce that the Youth Program has resumed!

Doyle Hogsed  
Vice-President, Educational Activities

## South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) Cabinets

Work finished on the 19 cabinets built for the SCARNG Heritage Room at McIntyre Joint National Guard Base near Columbia, SC. The cabinets were installed by members of the local Army National Guard unit.

The cabinets were built by GWG members Dick Best, Marion DeWitt, Bob Gasperik, Deborah Gibson, Joe Herbert, Lisa Kistler, John Miles, Cody Penland, Jon Rauschenbach, and Ken Reynolds. A special thanks to all of the team members for building these beautiful base cabinets.



## Tom McLaughlin Seminar

On May 2, the Guild was fortunate to have Tom McLaughlin of Epic Woodworking share his woodworking skills with us. Tom conducted an all-day seminar, presenting techniques to build a beautiful contemporary bowfront sofa end table.

The seminar was well received by over 60 people who attended the event. The day's topics included design considerations, the joinery processes, shaping and veneering the sides, making the bowfront drawer, as well as veneering, edge-banding, and inlay approaches for the top. Kris McLaughlin (aka Epic Woodworking's "Camera Lady") was also there to assist.

For more information on Tom McLaughlin and his work, you'll find a wealth of information on [epicwoodworking.com](http://epicwoodworking.com) and on YouTube.







## Member's Projects

Tensegrity Table by Charlie Logue



Cutting Board by Bill Ensor

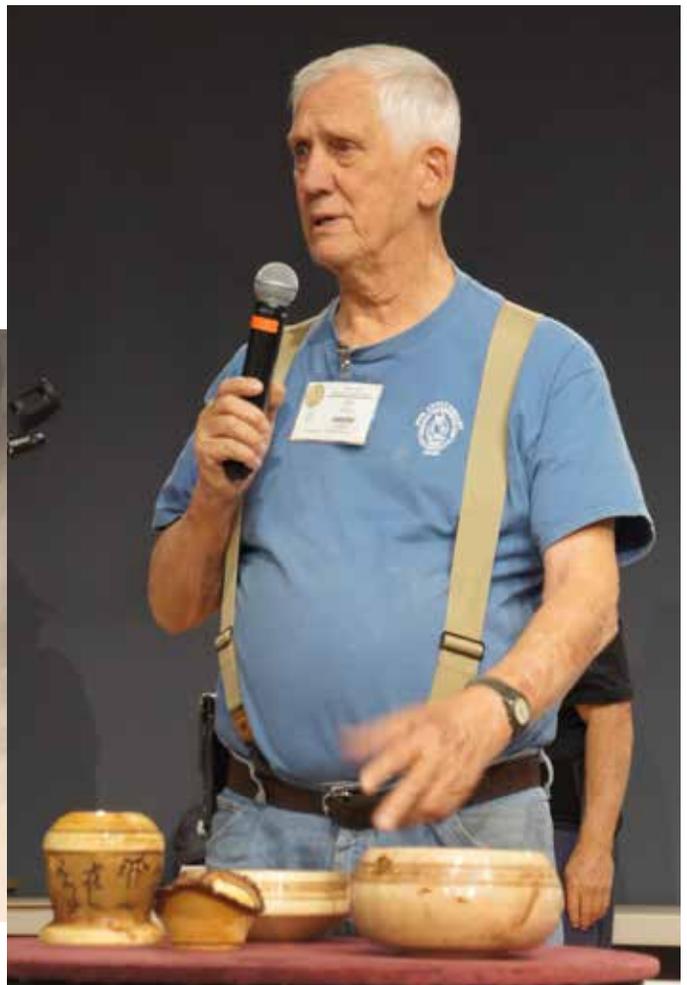




Bench by Richard Hammond



Turnings by Jim Kilton





Shaker Table  
by Bill Haley

Tool Sale Poster Designed  
by Van Matthews



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