

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



August 2020

**The Guild invites you to join us
for a Zoom meeting on your
home computer.**

Our presentation will feature a look at two
of our members personal workshops.
We will visit Aubrey Rogers and Bobby Hartness.

**The presentation will begin
Monday, August 3rd.
6:30 p.m.**

Look for an E-mail from the Guild with a Link for
you to use to log in and join the meeting.



Devoted woodworking hobbyist Bobby Hartness wasn't thinking about livestock when he renovated a charming horse barn on his Greenville, S.C., homestead. His focus was instead on creating a woodworker's dream come true. With its comprehensive maintenance system and souped-up machinery, his shop might tempt any woodworker to take up residence—and for good reason, as you'll soon see.

A driveway winds past the Hartness home and gardens, ending beside a pond at a large tidy barn. Formerly shelter for horses, this building embarked on a second life in 2001 when businessman Bobby Hartness built on a modern woodworking shop.

Bobby is a prolific designer and builder of period style furniture.



I have been making things from wood since I was eight in my father's workshop. He made furniture as a hobby. So when I moved into our first home I made most of the furniture, tables, desks, bedroom suites etc. Then as our children moved into their homes I built more furniture. Joining The Guild in 1986, and learning from the masters, the quality of my work improved significantly. I branched out into turning, building boats and models. My father was a locomotive engineer on the railway so I always had an attraction to steam engines, hence the various reproductions of real locomotives.

The shop was built to allow my cars back in the garage. Built in 1998 it is just under 900 square feet and is quite adequate for my needs.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Our program for the August monthly meeting will be virtual tours of Bobby Hartness and Aubrey Rogers personal workshops. This is a unique opportunity to see, virtually via Zoom, what other members' shops look like and how they function. My thanks to Van Matthews for doing the videotaping of these tours and David Dewease for putting the Zoom meeting together for us to enjoy.

August marks the end of the Guild's fiscal year and my term as President will end and Joe Boyd will assume the President's position in September. I know you join me in wishing Joe well in his new position.

I have spent the past 7 years on the Board as both Executive VP and President. I want to thank all of you for your kindness, understanding and cooperation though the years and the Board for their support. Your Board is strong and I know with Joe's leadership, they will continue to lead this Guild to continued success in the future.

I am assuming a new role as Program Chairman for the Monthly Meetings. In this role I will be responsible for arranging presenters and programs for our Monthly Meetings. I hope to provide good quality programs just as Don Clark has done in the past. If you have any ideas or suggestions on topics or presenters, please send me an email at pgms@greenvillewoodworkers.com

Needless to say, a lot has happened this year due to the pandemic and we have had to adjust our lives both personally and

at the Guild to adapt. With your cooperation we have been able to reopen the shop and enjoy the wonderful facility we have, so please keep up the good work. The Toy Program has begun so if you would like to build some toys, come to the shop on Tuesday morning between 9am and Noon.

Again, thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in the shop.
Be safe and stay healthy

Around The Shop

The Guild has arranged a partnership with TTI Industries in Anderson, SC. TTI makes various brands of tools including Ryobi. Beginning in August, TTI will provide us with various handheld, battery operated tools for us to use and evaluate. I don't have all the specifics at this time but there will be drills, belt sanders, orbital sanders, ¼ sheet sanders, hand power planers and other items. We get to use the tools and in exchange they ask that we give them feedback on what you liked and didn't like. Maybe providing input for changes or improvements to a product or its design. Forms will be available and it is important that you fill them out to provide your feedback. This provides us with a unique opportunity to help improve the products we use both in the shop and at home. More details will follow once we have the tools in the shop. Enjoy the shop.

Rob