

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



December 2020

The Greenville Woodworkers Guild

Ready for Christmas

Thanks to our Toy Program volunteers



Merry Christmas

GWG's 2020 Toy Program

Since the Guild was formed, charitable projects have been a high priority, providing our members an opportunity to give back to our communities and neighbors, while improving their woodworking skills. The annual Toy Program is just such a project. Annually, our members make the Guild toy program a priority, and help ensure that we have enough toys for the 14+ organizations we support.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. The pandemic has put many constraints on us as individuals and the Guild as a whole. However, our Guild members put in the extra effort to make sure we have the toys so many children look forward to every Christmas. Our Toy program started about 2 months later this year than normal, but even with a late start, our members produced over 1,100 toys. More than 1,100 toys!! The variety and quality of the toys produced, as shown in the photographs on the

following pages, are a testament to the focus and commitment our members have shown. Their dedication and commitment are an inspiration to us all.

Rob Barhorst, Roy Painter and John Arnold wanted to call out the members who have committed so much of their time and energy to this program this year.

In addition to our members, we would also like to send a very big "Thank You" to folks at the Simpsonville Senior Center. Kellie Lockwood reached out to them, and they added their artistic painting talents to our puzzles, cars and trucks.

Rest assured that organizations will not be lacking for toys this year, and children will continue to enjoy the great results of our volunteers. Look for an announcement next year in the March time frame about when we will start up our 2021 Toy Program.

Members who worked on toys included:

Dave Bingham
Dilip Boal
Mike Boyco
John Broach
Louise Broach
Tony Corey
Frank Edwards
Jim Evans
Roger Friday
Jim Gilreath
Allen Gilstrap
Gary Groff
Bob Harvey
Ruth Harvey
Barry Jones
Kellie Lockwood
Dean Loomis
Gary Morris
Ed O'Keefe
Ed Penn, Jr.
Paul Pimentel
Jim Plummer
Angie Pyc
Mike Smale
Alan Socha
Steve Stuart
Goerge Wells













It may come as no surprise that the Guild's Board of Directors has decided that our Christmas dinner and celebration this year is not advisable due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We are hopeful that the pandemic restrictions will soon be relaxed and guild events will return to normal. At that time, we will have a celebration where we can all feel safe in attending.

In the meantime, Will Morin made the recommendation that we consider a food drive to benefit the Loaves and Fishes organization in Greenville and I believe it is a cause we should all support. Loaves and Fishes primarily "rescue" food for

distribution from area grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, churches, etc. We are asking members to consider a donation to this effort in lieu of the monies that we would normally pay to attend our Christmas dinner. Non-perishable (canned) foods would be the ideal contribution that we are asking all to make. We would very much like to see a large showing of food items to donate and to show in a tangible way our motto "Giving Through Fellowship". The plan is to put a collection receptacle in the lobby of the guild. The collection will continue through December 11, 2020.

Please help us make this worthy collection of food items a huge success. I thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all,

Joe Boyd

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Recently, I had the opportunity to tour the Meyer Center along with John Arnold and Aubrey Rogers. It was especially enlightening to have Aubrey in attendance as he has a rich history of the Guild's involvement with this most worthy facility through our Charitable program Initiative. He reminded John and I of the countless items that our Guild has made for the Meyer Center over the last 25 plus years. It was remarkable to see how they still use many of the guild-made products for the children of the Center. I have included a couple of photos that many of you will certainly remember. It's evident that they have held up over the years quite well!



Consequently, we have decided to "re-boot" our involvement with the Meyer Center. I am delighted to announce that John Arnold has, once again, stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be the contact person between our Guild and the Center.

Realizing the significance of our role with the Meyer Center has caused me to consider our motto of "Giving through Fellowship". We do a great job at "fellowship" but our involvement in "giving" sometimes waxes and wanes. As we approach the season of the year in which we celebrate Christmas, it is especially fitting that we consider the act of giving. We are the beneficiaries of people within the Guild who have given beyond what was asked of them and beyond what is expected. Just look around the Guild and you will see what I am referring to.

Whether it's a piece of machinery, a charitable project or something as small as a jig or table saw sled, someone took the time and made the effort to give back to our community and to our Guild.

To further my point, about a year ago I was struggling with getting a finished edge on one of my chisels. Richard McIntosh was volunteering with the youth group so I went into the bench room and asked Richard who in the guild was the best at sharpening chisels. Without hesitation, he suggested I ask Darryl Roberson for assistance, which I did. Darryl stopped what he was working on and for the next 30-45 minutes worked with me to both

teach and create a perfect edge on my chisels. Since that time, whenever I sharpen a chisel, I do exactly as Darryl instructed. I will always remember him for his kindness with each polished finish I put on my chisels.

With the reboot of our charitable work with the Meyer Center there will be new opportunities for us to give back in tangible ways. Let us all consider how we have been blessed and look for ways that we can participate. I would be remiss if I did not also encourage you to give financially as we wind down this calendar year. It has certainly been a year like no other and your financial contribution to the Guild would be much appreciated. Any such gift is tax deductible and would be incredibly beneficial to our guild endeavors. Where there is giving, fellowship will certainly follow.

Remembering the children!



(L) Rob Barhorst & (R) John Arnold shown with 38 completed NICU Presentation Boxes

The Level III Bryan Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is located at GHS (Prisma) Children's Hospital. The NICU offers the region's largest, most advanced level of specialty care for premature or critically ill infants. Unfortunately, even with these advanced resources, not all infants survive. As a remembrance of the child, the NICU will present the parents with a plaster cast of the child's hands and feet.

As a Guild, we learned that these were presented to the parents in a white cardboard box. We felt it would be nice to make, as an ongoing charitable project, what we call a NICU Remembrance Box. This box then could be used not only to present the box to the parents but to also display the cast. Recently John Arnold and Rob Barhorst with help from Roger Friday and Tom Vandiver completed 38 more boxes to be delivered to the

unit. These boxes are also made as a training exercise in our Table Saw Class. Since this project began, we have completed over 175 NICU boxes. The need for this type of box is growing as the hospital is looking to expand its use into other departments. If you would like to participate or want more information on this or other charitable projects contact Jay Leonard our VP of Charitable Projects.

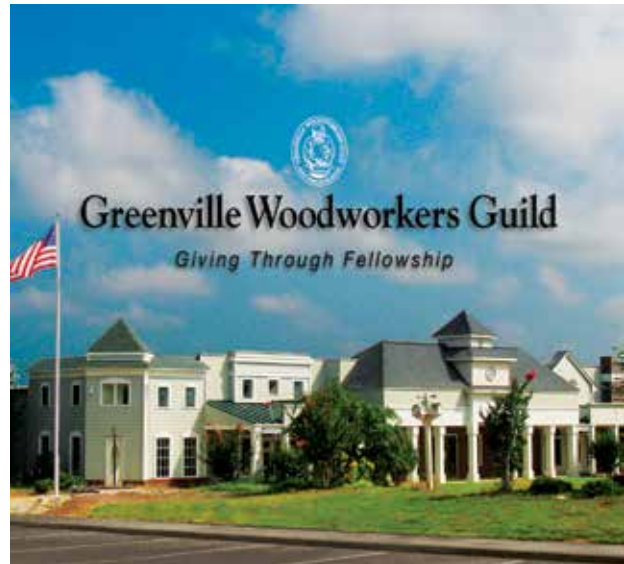
GUILD HISTORY

Aubrey Rogers

Part 4 of our history features items from the newsletter dated December 1985.

The December meeting will be held at S & B Woodworking, the shop will open at 6:30 for a time to socialize and show off our work. Remember a toy should be made and brought with you. Topic for the meeting will be the contemporary furniture of Chad Voorhees.

From the director of Hill Skills:
At no time in the fifteen years of directing the Hill Skills Art and Crafts Festival Have I been prouder of an exhibit than yours at the October show. I do know that you drew keen attention of the public and great publicity. Now the end desired result is that you get many calls in the year to come for special work. The booth was also a great addition and the quality of work was tops. Do decide to return next year and do two rooms again with your choice of furniture.



GWG needs to expand our pool of mentors

We've all been personally affected by pandemic, and the guild has not escaped its effects either. For instance, you may have noticed it's more difficult to get enrolled into a class. This is partially due to the fact that many of our mentors are a bit older, and more in the "at risk" group, and as such, are concerned that exposure to the bug may have serious consequences for ourselves or our families.

We have long been talking about the need to expand our pool of

mentors, in order to continue the succession of this valuable aspect of our programs, and to continue to fulfill our mission statement of improving the skill sets of our newer and less experienced members.

I think this is a wake-up call for guild members to step up and share whatever experience you may have, to become a mentor, and do your part to ensure the success of the guild for years to come. Most of our classes have written outlines to follow, or can

be developed if one is not available, so one can learn, and teach, in a consistent manner,

Give this some thought. There is a place for you to have a positive impact on the guild, and to help pass on some of what the guild has given you.

Regards,
Ken Fissel

GWG new members

Joe Black Simpsonville SC
Paul Clark Greer SC
Tod Hanover Greenville SC
Galen Parker Piedmont SC
Farhad Rostampour Greenville SC
Lola San Greer SC
Zach Sandifer Easley SC
Steve Spearman Greenville SC
Tyler Ulmer Greenville SC
Juan David Valderrama Montes ... Greer SC
Deborah Wolland Taylors SC
Pat Zabrocki Greer SC

G W G A C T I V I T Y R E P O R T

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / October 1 to November 30 , 2020

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	21
Toy Workshop.....	201.5
Neonatal Mold Boxes	1.5
Other Charitable Projects.....	2
Total.....	226

MENTORING CLASSES / October 1 to November 30 , 2020

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	435.5
Youth Classes	14.5
Total.....	450