

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



December 2021

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

I would like to extend to you a heartfelt wish for a very Merry Christmas. We can all agree that it is this time of year when we gather with family and friends and simply enjoy being with each other in a spirit of love and good cheer.

Helen Keller is quoted as saying “The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.” So we trust that you will enjoy this magical season like none before and be filled with love, laughter, good cheer and hope.

Merry Christmas!

– Joe Boyd

**Joe Boyd**  
**President**



## T H E P R E S I D E N T S C O R N E R

One summer, many years ago, my wife and I planned a family vacation to the coast. We have always loved the beach and the natural beauty and calm that only the sandy shoreline and unending breaking waves can provide. At the time our three boys were young and I had the most exciting idea of taking the older two out on an all-day deep sea fishing adventure.

Admittedly I had never been deep sea fishing and so what I thought I knew about the outing would soon pale in comparison to what I would encounter. I was the unlucky recipient of an all-encompassing case of sea sickness. For those of you who have never experienced what feels like your entire body declaring war on itself, it is one of the worse experiences you can have.

My remedy was to go below deck, lie down and attempt to eat something. What a mistake that was! My condition only worsened and I found myself wondering what it would be like to simply jump overboard and take my chances with the mighty sea. It was at that time the boat's captain, a crusty and weathered older gentleman, stumbled across my limp body in the ship's hull. Without an ounce of pity he

ordered me upstairs to the very front of the boat...a place I had no intention of going. With another stern directive from the captain, I stumbled my way up to the front of the boat with the captain immediately following. When we arrived to the bow of the boat, his only words to me were "keep your eyes on the horizon". Feeling completely



helpless I did exactly as he instructed. Within the next thirty minutes or so I could feel life reentering my limp body and after fully recovering, I enjoyed a wonderful day of fishing with my boys.

The phrase of keeping your eye on the horizon as echoed with me since that infamous deep sea fishing outing. Learning to focus on something and drowning out the noise that surrounds is an adage that has served

me well. The interesting truth of the horizon however is that as you move, it constantly changes. I find this true in my quest of better woodworking. While the "horizon" in woodworking is creating a beautiful project, the advent of new tools and technology changes how we achieve our goal. If you built a family heirloom and only used hand

tools, would you be considered an accomplished woodworker?

Maybe. If you used joiners, routers and planers would you be any less of an accomplished woodworker? Arguably not. So as we continue to hone our skills we find ourselves facing the inevitable changing horizon of new tools and technology. I find this true with the utilization of the CNC machine in woodworking.

The CNC machine (Computer Numerical Control) is the automated control of machining tools. Just as the jointer and planer would take hours away from the hand tool work necessary to create smooth, flat and parallel stock, the CNC machine is able to do incredibly intrinsic cutting in a fraction of the time. The Guild acquired the ShopBot 1824 CNC Router system from the estate of a

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former member in the fall of 2019. Following the acquisition, Allison Yanover and David Dewease restored the machine to working order.

In early 2020, the current training course was developed and three members were trained as a proof of concept. The training has improved and since then 6 additional members have been trained and today the total of 13 members are certified to use the machine. All certified members are asked to do projects, upon request, for other members and to date, all requests have been satisfied. Several projects have also been done for the Guild shop. While we want to support the art of woodworking, there is no question that the CNC is a tool that is becoming more popular and younger members will come to expect.

The advent of the CNC machine has created an enormous need in our manufacturing community for quali-

fied operators. Greenville Tech now offers training and education in CNC machining and in fact, the Greenville County School System has begun to place CNC machines in our schools for training. This will only fuel the utilization and expansion of the CNC in woodworking.

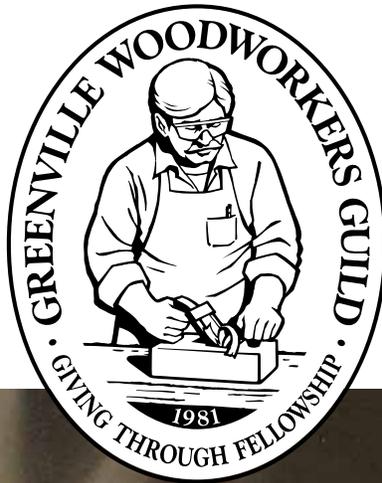
Your guild, as part of its strategic planning, is looking at how we should embrace this technology and perhaps expand our CNC program for more utilization by our members. Our wonderful facility has become the flagship organization for woodworkers and as the horizon of machinery changes, we want to be at the forefront. We will keep you informed of our progress and trust you will be as excited about this program as we are. In the meantime, I would invite you to go to the guild's website and after login, choose Members Only, then Videos of Guild Meetings, then July 2020, CNC.

There you may watch the presentation that was made to the guild membership regarding our CNC machine and its capabilities.

So as we keep our eye on the horizon, accept the changes that are evolving, and embrace the expectations of our members, please know that as we introduce new machinery, our mission does not change: to help our members become better woodworkers, to elevate the public knowledge of woodworking as an art and to help charitable causes through our woodworking skills. Until we meet next, please enjoy your guild! And by the way, scopolamine patches are an excellent preventative measure for sea sickness!

- Joe Boyd





# **HUGE** **TOOL SALE**



**SATURDAY, DEC 11**  
**8:30am - 11am**

**Greenville Woodworkers Guild**  
**209 Hollyridge Court**  
**Greenville, SC 29607**

*Power Tools & Woodworking Equipment*  
*Saws, Clamps and More!*

Our toy program volunteers have completed another year of making Christmas bright for all the children on our list.

**A big THANKS to all who were involved!**



Guild members contributed much needed to the community by donating food to Loaves and Fishes.

25 Woods Lake Rd #810, Greenville, SC 29607

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

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / October 1 to November 30 , 2021

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	4
Toy Workshop.....	238.5
Jasmine House.....	1.5
Other Charitable Projects.....	10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>254</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / October 1 to November 30 , 2021

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	379
Youth Classes .....	76
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>455</b>

## GWG NEW MEMBERS

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Craig Bridges .....Simpsonville, SC  
Tim Cotter .....Mauldin, SC  
Karl Dungey .....Travelers Rest, SC  
Mike Fisher .....Simpsonville, SC  
Eric Laliberte.....Greenville, SC  
Albert Lehmann .....Simpsonville, SC  
Steve Mattfeld .....Simpsonville, SC 04

Stan Pendergrass .....Greenville, SC  
Bryan Ramey .....Greenville, SC  
Robbins Richardson.....Anderson, SC  
Matt Sain .....Greer, SC  
Jake Shehan .....Greer, SC  
Greg Snyder .....Simpsonville, SC  
Steve Sperling.....Simpsonville, SC 12

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If you missed our November meeting Melissa Engler, a Wood- worker / Sculptor from Asheville, NC was our guest speaker

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in sculpture from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and is a graduate of the Haywood Community College Professional Crafts Program in furniture.



## GUILD HISTORY

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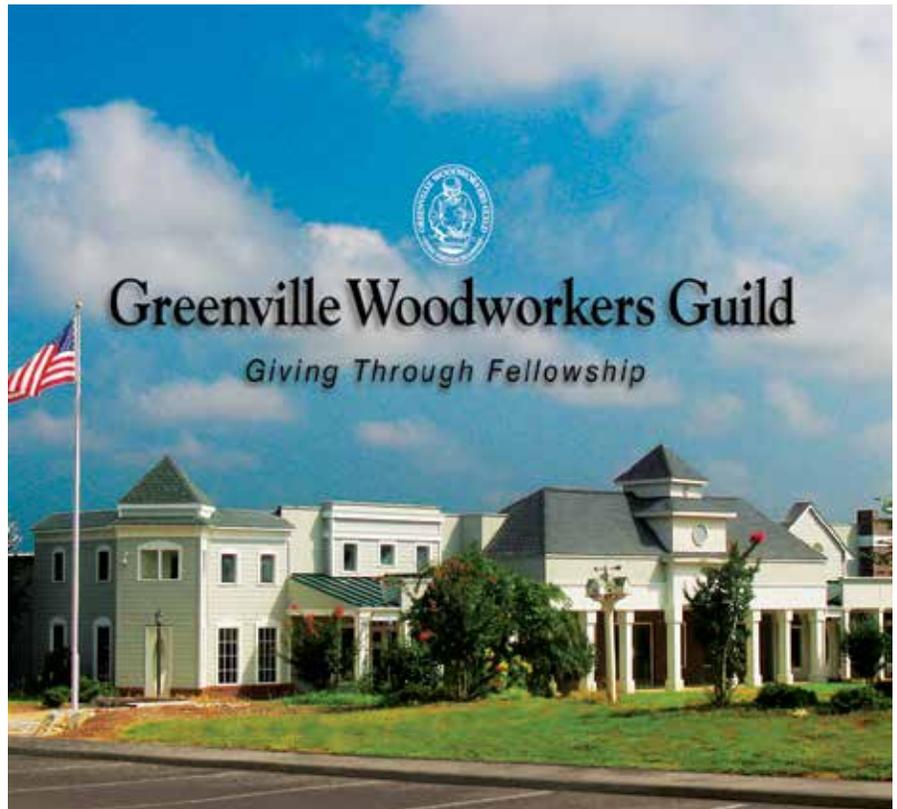
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The December program will feature Tom Strange who collects and restores antique harpsichords and pianos. Tom will bring a 1570 harpsichord and a 1787 Broadwood square piano and explain the role that wood played in the development of instruments through the centuries.

The Guild was represented at the Living History Farm's Fall Festival of Roper Mountain Science Center. The purpose of the farm is to allow students from the area an opportunity to see and experience life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Volunteers included Jim and Rosie Kilton, Al Kaufmann, Karl Kelly, Mac Bowman, Al Masson, Sandy Cochran, Doty Wells, Bill Keener, and David DeWease. A big hit with the children was turning tops from 8:30 to 3:30 nonstop. Richard MacKintosh, who has taught at the farm for more than seven years and some of his



students demonstrated woodworking skills of that period long ago. Big thanks to our Guild workday volunteers who ate, swept, vacuumed, ate, drank, moped, washed, cut grass, organized, ate, and painted!

## MEMBER'S PROJECTS



End grain counter top  
by Teri Gaudet



Painted turning  
by Steve Estabrooks



Cutting board, jewelry and cabinet  
by Karen Sheldon



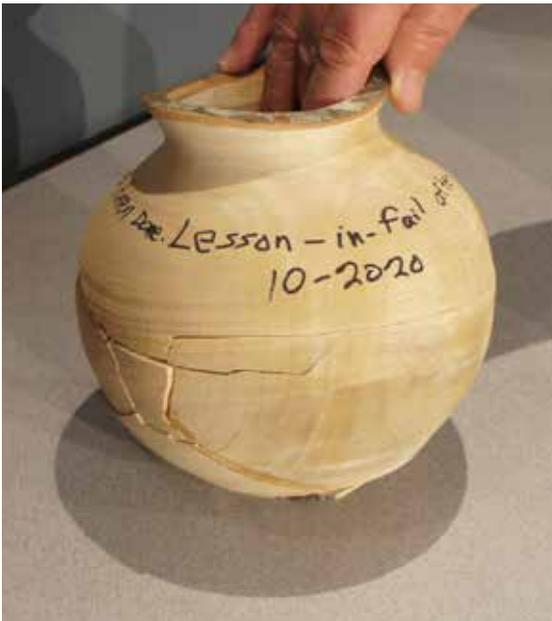
Inlaid cabinet  
by Don Clark





Ammonite bowls  
by Chuck Pressly

Broken turning  
by Van Matthews



## 2020- 2021 Officers

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Van Matthews - VP of Fund Raising

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Marion DeWitt - Vice President Charitable Projects

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Mac Bowman - Shop Manager

Robert Tepper - At Large

Jon Rauschenbach - At Large

Al Socha - At Large

Bill Gay - Accountant Emeritus



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