

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



February 2021



**John Arnold
will demonstrate
how to build
the NICU
Remembrance
Box.**

**The
presentation
will begin
February 1,
6:30 p.m.**

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



This month's program, John Arnold will demonstrate how to build a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) box and announce how you can contribute to this charitable project yourself. You may recall the article in the December 2020 Newsletter where the NICU Remembrance Box was discussed? It was indicated that there was increasing demand for this type of box at the hospital. We want to enhance our ability to make more of these boxes available to them. Please join John as he takes us step by step through the building process and announces an expansion to our continued support for this worthwhile charitable project.



(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.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Now that Christmas has come and passed, the decorations have all been put away, and you've cleaned up the glitter sprinkled about from the gifts, what will be your next project? "What next" is an interesting question on the back of every woodworkers' mind. Where do you get your inspiration? I recently read an article by Brian Forbes regarding this very subject. In the article he lists 11 different resources for inspiration:

- Instagram
- Pinterest
- Google Image Search
- Woodworking Websites
- Woodworking Forums
- Visit a Woodworking or Hardwood Store
- Visit an Online Woodworking Store
- Visit a Site (related to your current project) For a Different Woodworking Project
- Look into Making a New Project
- Visit a Friend's Shop for Ideas
- Think About How to Improve a Project You Already Make

Another source of inspiration for me has been the presenters from our monthly guild meetings. A huge thank you to Rob Barhorst for continuing to line up programs and speakers for our guild. Covid-19 has certainly not made this endeavor easy for Rob. After Roland Johnson's presentation on wood and woodgrain, I found myself inspired to consider my wood choices more carefully. I also realized how I had become unintentionally careless in my choices of wood with previous projects.

It is true that our interests in woodworking waxes and wanes but if you're like me, I'm always considering my "next project". Of the resources on Forbes list, I find the woodworking forums of greatest inspiration for trying something new or different. Months ago, I stumbled upon a forum within Facebook called Workbench Builders. For me, building a workbench has been a project that is just hard to get excited about. But a good workbench is a shop item that I very much appreciate and enjoy using. After receiving daily notices of new posts within the Workbench Builders forum, I have been amazed to see the workbenches that people from all over the world have created. They are indeed works of art with incredible function. The craftsmanship that is required to build a good workbench can be challenging but like a fine piece of furniture, it will last for generations and can become an heirloom.

If you're not quite ready for your next project, consider making some of the items that the guild is involved with through our charitable giving programs. There is ongoing need, sadly, for additional NICU boxes and Beads of Courage bowls and boxes. These are wonderful projects that can be done at home or at the guild and will keep you involved in our mission: Giving through Fellowship.

Whatever your next or current project may be, plan to work safe!

Enjoy your guild,
Joe

FROM YOUR LUMBER TEAM

by Jon Rauschenbach

The lumber team has processed a considerable amount of lumber from the lower building and moved it up to the lumber room. You will find this lumber at the following locations:

1. Discount bins in the corner between the plywood rack and 8/4 lumber rack
(The bulk of this lumber currently is Red Oak, Ash, Cherry, and Cypress)
2. On the dollies in the middle of the lumber room, priced \$1.00 per board
3. 8/4 racks, (mostly on the lower rack), no tags, just priced per piece (Lots of 8/4 Red Oak, real nice quality)
4. A small amount is mixed in with regular bins, no tags, priced per board.
5. Some Red Oak live edge slabs (4/4 or 5/4) priced at \$20 each (on rear wall)

All the above lumber is not tagged and the price marked on the board is for the entire board (not per board foot, etc...)

There is still a lot of lumber to be moved up to the lumber room and as we continue to sell thru this stock, we will continually be moving more up to the lumber room. This lumber will be a mix of air dried and kiln dried but priced accordingly with lots of great bargains. We will post on the guilds Facebook page when we move new lumber up, don't wait, the best lumber goes fast.

We recognize that not everyone wants or needs a large board for a project, especially expensive exotics, so we have added a "shorts" rack with smaller boards from 3-5' long. All of our exotic, and expensive, lumber will have some shorts available to save you money on your small projects. Also on this rack is a large quantity of

Cherry shorts we were able to obtain. We will also extend our "shorts" policy to the 8/4 lumber, just ask one of our team members if you need a board cut. Watch for future info from your lumber team.

Each month in the future will feature some educational info, with next month's topic being "Explaining how lumber is graded, and what do all the letter notations (FAS, etc) mean, followed by plywood grading (B2, C3, etc), the following month.

BEST OF ALL

Watch for our monthly lumber specials

QUESTIONS?

See someone from our lumber team:

Jon Rauschenbach

Marion DeWitt

Will Morin

John Miles



Many of our guild members have now started to receive the groundbreaking COVID-19 vaccine. Please be reminded that we must continue our efforts at limiting the spread of this virus by adhering to our shop protocols. It is feared that as we begin to be vaccinated that we will become complacent in adhering to the protocols and could unintentionally spread

the virus. According to the CDC, it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection. Additionally, it is unknown if we can spread the virus asymptotically even after being vaccinated. Therefore our protocols have not changed and we ask your continued cooperation to keep our facilities safe.

Wash your hands before entering the shop and frequently while in the shop. Hand sanitizer is also available for use while in the shop.

Have your temperature checked upon entering.

Mask must be worn that cover the nose and mouth.

Practice social distancing while in the shop.

GUILD HISTORY

Aubrey Rogers

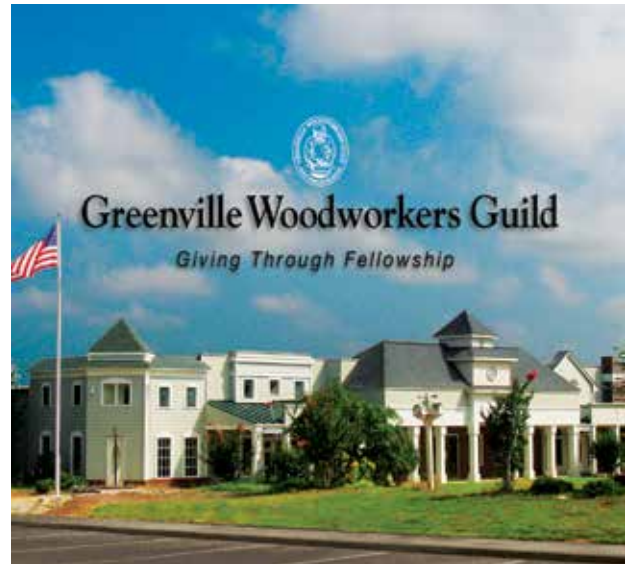
Part 6 of our history features items from the newsletter dated January 2012.

The January program will be conducted by wood turner Warren Carpenter.

Christmas dinner this year was provided by Cafe' Paulista Grille. The Brazilian meal was enjoyed by more than 200 participants. After desert, all moved into the auditorium, the first time for the Christmas crowd with new risers and seating. Everyone felt closer to the stage and more a part of the goings-on.

Program Chairman Wayne Comstock had been working with Bonafide, a charitable band, to provide entertainment, but an accident forced a cancellation. Fortunately, Wayne was able to round up a comedian on short notice to provide us with a few good laughs.

Richard Mackintosh reported that the annual toy production resulted in 877 toys being made for local charities. A greater variety of toys was produced this year, and quality control reduced the number being made.



Some toys required other products such as dolls and quilts. A request went out over the internet and quilts poured in from all over the world.

After five years of outstanding performance as shop superintendent, including the managing of the transition from the old shop to the new, David Aman stepped down. The Board has approved a restructuring organization that will improve the shop operation. Steve Padula will be the new shop superintendent, who will manage the education center with five new managers. Tom Gruenholz will be the shop manager, Tom Shearer- building manager, Steve Kern- grounds, Ruud Veltman- IT

manager and David Aman as wood resources manager. (previously, in the old shop, the shop superintendent held all these positions).

Jean Arden announced the Winter schedule for the youth program classes ages 7 -13. Projects includes: Pet Bed, flip it game, Small table, Serving tray, and a stepping stool.

GWG new members

David Barrow Simpsonville SC
Meredith B Brinkley..... Greenville SC
Jamie Ford..... Greer SC
Jim Fuerstenberg Easley SC
Matt Helmer..... Greenville SC
Mike Houston Greenville SC
Tom Hutsell Simpsonville SC
Terry Kingery..... Fountain Inn SC

Jerry McGuire GreenvilleSC
Dan Pollock..... Spartanburg SC
CareyRomoser Simpsonville SC
Peter Rumsey Greenville SC
Chet Smith Greer SC
Sabrina Smith..... Greer SC
Holly Stotts..... Piedmont SC

GWG ACTIVITY REPORT

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / December 22 to December 31 , 2020

	Hours
Habitat for Humanity (Brake Cart)	33.5
Total.....	33.5

MENTORING CLASSES / December 22 to December 31 , 2020

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes	10
Youth Classes	9.5
Total.....	19.5