

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



January 2021



zoom

**Roland
Johnson
Presents
WORKING
WITH THE
GRAIN**

**The
presentation
will begin
January 4,
6:30 p.m.**

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



TAUNTON'S **Fine
Woodworking**

This year marks Roland Johnson's twentieth anniversary writing for Fine Woodworking Magazine. He started with a finishing article that appeared in issue 123 (March/April 1997).



Roland Johnson

Woodworking has been one of the great adventures of my life. I started my first woodworking business in 1976 in a garage behind a rented house in Waite Park, Minnesota. This year marks my twentieth anniversary writing for Fine Woodworking. I started with a finishing article that appeared in issue 123 (March/April 1997). He currently resides outside St Cloud, MN. His website is: rolandjohnson.com.

Roland's Zoom Presentation will be "Working with the Grain"

Wood is comprised of cellular structures that create the wood's appearance as well as the mechanics of wood movement. Too often we ignore or don't understand wood movement and the results can cause catastrophic mechanical failure for joints and laminations. In this presentation we will learn how wood moves and how to anticipate that movement. We will consider where each type of grain - flat sawn, rift sawn and quarter sawn, is found in a log and how each type of wood grain moves.

Along with the mechanics of wood we will delve into the aesthetics of wood, how to make grain a design part of any project. Too often projects are put together using the first board grabbed with little consideration for grain patterns and how they affect the end product. Grain direction, type of

grain, density of grain patterns (cathedrals) all work to enhance any woodworking and we will look at examples of good and bad grain usage. We will also learn a few things about buying wood and how to make sure you are getting what you want without tearing apart lumber piles. This is a fundamentally important part of our woodworking knowledge.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Looking forward.....

I recently read our past president Rob Barhorst's January 2020 letter to the guild and decided it was worthy of placing before you a comment from the newsletter for reflection. "January this year not only marks the beginning of a new year but also a new decade begins – 2020. I hope that you have a great holiday season and are looking forward to this New Year." If we had only known what the year 2020 would bring, we might've run for the hills! Who would have imagined a pandemic to navigate and the life-changing, daily protocols that ensued? Nevertheless, here we are again...looking forward to a new year and perhaps with a heightened sense of anticipation to bid farewell to 2020.

In spite of the challenges of 2020, the resiliency of humanity has been evident by the way we have coped and changed our lives. While it is easy to list the negative aspects of the year, it is refreshing to look at 2020 through the lens of human ingenuity and adapting. The pandemic catapulted medical science into warp speed in its efforts to quickly develop the vaccines that are now being deployed in our country. The work on the vaccines, specifically those utilizing mRNA technology, has led to a new class of drugs that will deliver countless new therapies to combat disease. There may be a point in time where we look back to 2020 and realize the pandemic was the genesis that improved the health and lives of our children and grandchildren.

The year also caused us to change our daily habits in so many ways. We walked the streets of our neighborhoods, spent more time with our loved ones, perhaps we read more and studied more. For some, we spent more time honing our woodworking skills, playing board games and putting together puzzles. We certainly cooked more and spent more money in our grocery stores. Seeing the good of 2020 is a healthy exercise that puts the year in a brighter light.

The guild managed to have a remarkable year. A tremendous effort was made in all of the charitable programs, a highly successful tool auction, and with much gratitude our financials did not suffer. We simply chugged along and continued to practice our hobby of woodworking while wearing masks, washing hands and keeping our distances from one another. While we have had a few cases of Covid-19 among our membership, we have by and large been successful in keeping the virus out of our guild. (I knocked on wood as I typed that last sentence!).

The board has worked diligently in making the guild a better place for all our members. We realize that there is work to be done in mentoring and developing more access to classes and certification on equipment. I want to thank all of the members who give their time to instruct and teach. We know that it is frustrating to new members who want to utilize our great facility as soon as possible after joining but are delayed due to the requirement of certification on equipment. As it was necessary to reduce the number of individuals in our classes, the need for instructors has increased. We ask for understanding and patience from our newer members as we balance the scheduling of classes with the health and safety of our members.

While I cannot predict what 2021 will present, I can confidently say that we will find a way to continue our efforts to be of service to each other and our community. I am grateful to all who have given back to the guild whether through hours of service or with a financial gift. It is truly appreciated and I trust you find joy in knowing that your generosity benefits many of the members of the guild and our community.

Happy New Year!

Loaves and Fishes

by Joe Boyd

A huge THANK YOU to our members for your support of the food drive benefiting Loaves and Fishes! Will Morin and I met with the representatives of Loaves and Fishes on Saturday, December 12, to help them load up the donated food and to present them with a check representing the monies donated by our members. It was enlightening to learn from Tessa May, Executive Director for Loaves and Fishes, that their organization does not warehouse food but within a few hours, the food is pushed out to other food banks for immediate use. The estimated weight of food donated was 1,000 pounds and according to Tessa, that represents 1,000 meals! Additionally, the \$1,875 that you donated represents \$2,300 of food at retail value! What a great return on your investment! Thank you once again for showing your support to our community and highlighting the generosity of our guild.



(Top) Joe Boyd, President GWG presents a check for \$1,875 that was donated by Guild members to Tessa May, Executive Director for Loaves and Fishes

(Below) Food donated by Guild members donated to Loaves and Fishes



GUILD HISTORY

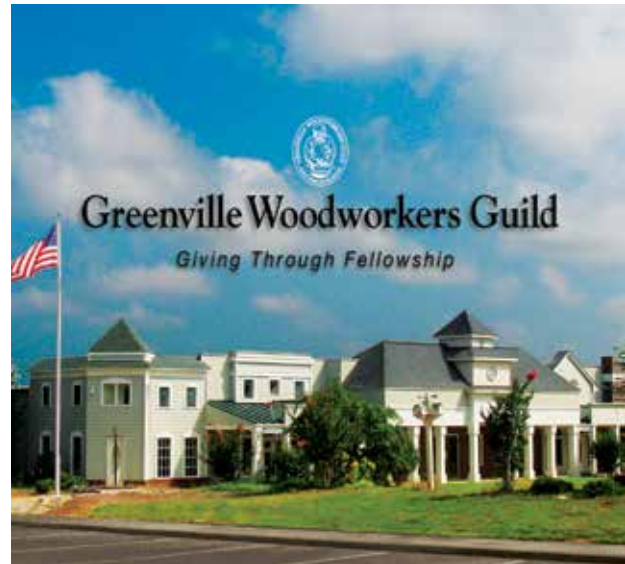
Aubrey Rogers

Part 5 of our history features items from the newsletter dated September 1987.

The topic for September's meeting will be Safety and Medical tips in Case of Injuries and will be given by our member Dr. David Goetz. David will be advising us as to the best ways to deal with shop injuries to insure prompt care and a complete recovery.

At the August meeting, members got to see an impressive display of two fine tools. Tom Couch from C&H Enterprises and Bill Kohl from Paslode Pneumatic Fasteners gave a demonstration of Paslode's line of nail and staple guns. We also had a display of Porter-Cable tools by Craig Smith, including their new plate joiner that has just gone on the market.

The November meeting will be on Saturday November 7th, starting at nine. The date is being changed so that we might have a program by Carlyle Lynch. He will have slides and



commentary on the design and reproduction of antique Furniture. For several years he has visited museums and private collectors and has prepared measured drawings of outstanding pieces of furniture and offers these drawings for sale.

Bill Sutton, a new member, has volunteered to be chairman of our technical programs. These will be short presentations, before our featured speaker, by our members, on a technical subject related to woodworking.

GWG new members

Scott Booma..... Herndon,VA
Eric Chamness..... Mauldin, SC
Jimmy Davis Greenville, SC
Larry Dereng..... Woodruff, SC
Ian Edwards..... Greenville, SC
Joey Farinella..... Greer, SC
Fotis Gazis Greenville, SC
Barrett Griffiths Greenville, SC
Bill Haley Greer, SC
Jon Hudgins Travelers Rest, SC
Amol Kumthekar Greenville, SC
Gregg Smith Simpsonville, SC
Kevin Velasquez..... Greenville, SC

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

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / November 1 to November 30 , 2020

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	39
Toy Workshop.....	111
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Mold Boxes)	7
Children's Theatre.....	3
Children's Museum (Displays).....	8
Habitat for Humanity (Shop Carts)	5.5
Habitat for Humanity (Brake Cart)	4.5
Childs Haven (Rolling Bookshelves).....	7
Other Charitable Projects.....	77.5
Total.....	262.5

MENTORING CLASSES / November 1 to November 30 , 2020

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	232
Youth Classes	10
Total.....	242