

ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



May 2021



**The meeting
will begin
May 3, 6:30 p.m.**

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

Annual Member Business Meeting and Election of Directors and ByLaws

Attend our Zoom meeting
or if you prefer you may join us

IN PERSON

in the guild auditorium.

We will enforce COVID related protocols requiring you to wash
your hands before entering, wearing a mask, having your
temperature taken, and social distancing.

Annual Member Business Meeting and Election of Directors

There will be no presentation this month following the member meeting....at least not in the usual way. I have asked Jon Rauschenbach, John Arnold, Mac Bowman and Scott Stofan to speak for 7-10 minutes to the membership an update of their respective activities within the guild.

Message from Guild President, Joe Boyd

Given the success of the in-house Zoom meeting, I want to make the membership aware that we will once again hold a Zoom meeting for our May meeting which will be our Annual Member Business Meeting scheduled May 3, 2021, 6:30 PM. Additionally, I want to make you aware that if you so wish, you may join us IN PERSON in the guild auditorium. We will enforce all of the guild's current COVID related protocols requiring you to wash your hands before entering, wearing a mask, having your temperature taken, and social distancing. The auditorium is sufficiently large enough that we can spread out and maintain distancing. Again, we will also be utilizing ZOOM for any individual who wishes to join us remotely. If you plan to attend in person, please plan to arrive before 6:30 PM so that you have time to adhere to the COVID protocols prior to the start of the meeting. Following the Annual Member Meeting and election of directors, we will have a few brief presentations reporting on the guild's initiatives in a few key areas.

Notification of election of officers

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Paul Pimentel and Bob Armbruster who were appointed by the Board of Directors, has completed their recommendation for nominees to the Board. This shall fulfill the requirement of the Secretary of the Guild to provide Notification of Election of Officers to the membership.

The nominating committee members are:

Paul Pimentel – Chair

Bob Armbruster

You are encouraged to contact either of these members to nominate yourself, or any other Guild member.

GWG Board Nominees for election to 2021/2022 Board

President	Joe Boyd
Executive VP	John Arnold
VP Communications	David Dewease
VP Educational Activities	Doyle Hogsed
VP Charitable Projects	Marion DeWitt
VP Fund Raising	Van Matthews
Secretary	Chuck Graham
Treasurer.....	Bill Fuller
Members-At-Large.....	Al Socha
Members-At-Large.....	Robert Tepper
Members-At-Large.....	Jon Rauschenbach

Members will also Vote for change to our ByLaws

Question: Should the Board of Directors be increased from 13 Directors to 14 Directors and to include the Shop Manager as a Board Director who would be appointed by the President?

On April 12, 2021 the Board of Directors voted unanimously to support this change in our Bylaws and will be presented to the membership at our annual meeting scheduled for May 3, 2021. The change would affect Article IV-Board of Directors; 4.2. Number of Directors; Composition of Board, with the addition of:

4.2.(1) one director shall be the person then serving, and appointed by the President (with the approval of the Board), as Shop Manager.

Rationale: This change has been approved by the Board for presentation to the membership for vote. All changes in the Bylaws are to be approved by the Board and a majority of the members present and entitled to vote (voting will occur at our annual member meeting, May 3, 2021). The Shop Manager, Mac Bowman, is an integral part of our guild and manages and directs the largest of our assets, i.e., the guild facilities and equipment. It behooves the Board to have the Shop Manager as a Director in order to have his/her voice in all deliberation of matters that the Board undertakes. According to the guild policy defining the Election of Directors and Officers and the Bylaws, the guild President currently appoints the Education Center Superintendent and the Guild Accountant with the Board approving the appointments. Likewise, the appointment of the Shop Manager by the President would be approved by the Board of Directors.

2020-2021 Officers

Joe Boyd
President

John Arnold
Executive VP

Bill Fuller
Treasurer

Chuck Graham
Secretary

David Dewease
Vice President, Communications

Van Matthews
VP of Fund Raising

Doyle Hogsed
Vice President, Educational Activities

Jay Leonard
Vice President Charitable Projects

Aubrey Rogers
Guild Accountant

Dick Best
Education Center Superintendent

Robert Tepper
At Large

Mac Bowman
At Large

Al Socha
At Large

Bill Gay
Accountant Emeritus

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Joe Boyd
President



THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Last month's President's Letter touched on the subject of the harmful effects of dust in the workshop. After it was sent out to the membership I received numerous comments about the article. Overwhelmingly, people told me how their practice of wearing masks while in the shop was going to increase, regardless of COVID, as a way of limiting their exposure to dust and its debilitating respiratory effects. Prior to the publishing of my last letter, I had already decided that this month I would highlight the practice of wearing hearing protection in the workshop. While I don't intend to continue in the vein of writing about safety practices in general, I find it helpful to be reminded of best practices in the workshop that will add to our overall health and safety.

Of the three safety practices we typically employ (eye protection, dust mask and hearing protection), safety glasses have become the preeminent protective gear that we all employ. Dust masks and hearing protection lag far behind in our armamentarium. Perhaps hearing protection is the last safety device we put on before utilizing machinery.

Hearing loss is a complicated subject as there are different types of hearing loss and each type has a vast list of causative agents. These causes include advanced aging, medication use, disease, and of course, exposure to loud noises. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) considers noise levels below 85 decibels (dB) to be safe. It is important to mention that noise levels above the 85 dB range for ANY amount of time can damage our hearing. So, does our workshop produce noise levels above 85 dB? You bet it does!

The process of identifying what equipment produces potentially harmful noise is more difficult than you might imagine. It depends on the type of equipment, the sharpness of the cutting device,

the manufacturer, the environment where the equipment is located, the load that the device is under, the thickness of material being removed or cut, etc. Regardless of these variables, we would most likely name the thickness planer, router table and radial arm saw as the loudest. And we would be correct. Each would create noise levels in excess of 100 db. But when noise levels are measured in shops, almost EVERY piece of equipment generates noise levels above the 85 dB level! There would be few exceptions....perhaps the drill press and bandsaw. The good news is that we can do something to mitigate our exposure.

So, convinced that we should wear some type of hearing protection, what type should we employ? Each type of hearing protection should have a Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) that serves as your guide to its degree of protection. Most devices will have a NRR from 20-35 dB which would bring everything in our shops down to an acceptable and safe noise level. Whether the hearing device goes in the ear or over the ear is a matter of preference and comfort. I suggest the one that is most comfortable to you as you would be more likely to wear it.

If you are like me, when I am in the shop my primary objective is to remain in the "Ten-Digit Club"....I want all my fingers! I am now more inclined to wear the mask and wear my hearing protection as well. In fact, in our home shops, why not have several hearing protective devices around our equipment so that we are not apt to just make that one quick cut and ignore the practice of protecting our hearing?

Stay safe as you practice this wonderful hobby of woodworking and by all means, enjoy your guild!

From Your Lumber Team

If you have needed to purchase a 2 x 4 from the home improvement store you may have been shocked at the price of that 2 x 4 and all lumber in general. We have seen unprecedented increases in lumber prices over the past year with no relief in sight. While construction lumber has doubled or even tripled in price, up to now the hardwood industry has seen only moderate increases of around 20%, however we are now seeing some drastic price increases in our plywood. Our last shipment of Baltic Birch plywood saw our cost nearly double overnight and unfortunately the cost to our members will also increase. While we will continue to keep our mark-ups as low as we can, these price increases you will see are out of our control and

unfortunately a sign of the times. I expect the lumber prices to remain fairly steady with only moderate increases and we will continue to purchase larger bundles of lumber to take advantage of better prices at these large quantities. We have also opted to not have our lumber straight line ripped and you may see more lumber in the rough rather than planed in a further effort to get our lumber at the lowest possible prices. Fortunately we have the equipment in the shop to plane and straighten the lumber so it makes little sense to pay the mill to do it for us.

REMEMBER

We have available “shorts” of all our exotic lumber and cherry, with walnut shorts coming soon. These

provide options for our members who neither need nor want a long board. If you need a smaller board cut from a larger board, just ask a member of the lumber team, we will accommodate you if we can.

ALSO

All our 8/4 stock can be cut to meet your needs, just ask a member of the lumber team

Questions ????

See someone from our lumber team:

Jon Rauschenbach

Marion DeWitt

Will Morin

John Miles

Peter Rumsey

NEW ARRIVALS

We have purchased a number of new exotic species, all available in shorter lengths for your smaller projects and accents. Check out all of these new stunning exotic woods.

Canarywood, Leopardwood, Cebil (Patagonian Rosewood)

Redheart, Purpleheart, Padauk, Granadillo

Jatoba (Brazilian Cherry), Chatke Viga, Bloodwood, Teak

We have also purchased a large bundle of Peruvian Walnut which is the same species as our American Black Walnut, but has little to no sapwood or inconsistencies in grain or color. This walnut is available in 3-foot shorts at only \$6.50/BF and longer 6-7 foot lengths far below what we are used to paying.

Don't hesitate; get the best boards while they last !!!

GUILD HISTORY

Aubrey Rogers

Part 9 of our history features items from the newsletter dated January 2016.

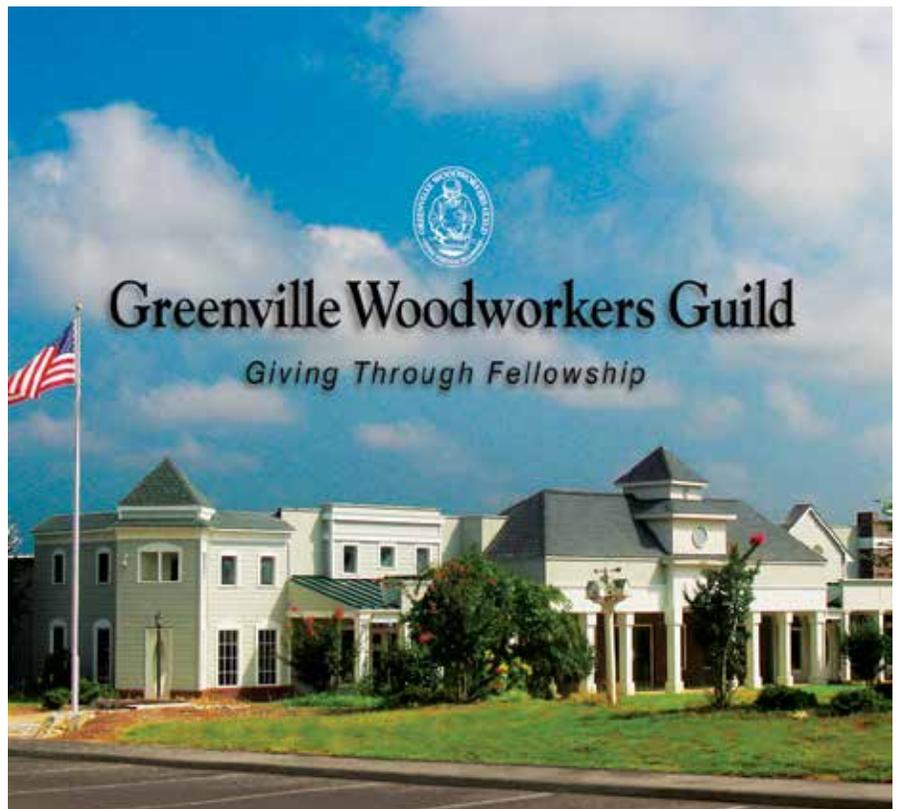
Chuck Bender and Glen Huey, founders of 360 Woodworking, will discuss chest construction, line and berry string inlay, joinery, hidden compartments, and other techniques. They are the former editors of Poplar Woodworking and are now partners in a new concept of woodworking media, books, and videos. They will also hold a master series on January 4, with a cookout the prior evening at Bobby Hartness shop.

The spray booth is fully operational. Be on the lookout for the email announcement of two certification sessions during the next month.

The February meeting will feature Veritas Tools. In addition to the meeting, they will hold two days of member sessions featuring many of their tools and will provide members an opportunity to acquire these quality tools.

Beginning in January we will be offering a 50/50 cash draw. Winning ticket will receive half of the pot. We are in compliance with the new SC state laws governing non-profit fund raising.

We are not longer in danger



when sitting down, or subject to splinters, sharp edges, etc., from rental tables and chairs. We can now enjoy the company of those around us in comfort and style with the acquisition of our own. In addition to the comfort, they will pay for themselves in short order as we spend \$1100.00 annually for rental fees. Thanks Santa!

Thanks to the shop team for constructing additional storage units for member projects along the opposite wall in our storage area. One of our greatest challenges has always been storing and protecting member's ongoing projects.

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

CHARITABLE PROJECTS / March 1 to March 31 , 2021

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	24
Toy Workshop.....	14.5
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Mold Boxes)	17
Children's Theatre (Phase 1).....	8
Brake Cart for Habitat for Humanity	0.5
Toys	4
Meyer Center	17
Mauldin City Beach Chairs	7.5
Other Charitable Projects.....	34.5
Total.....	127

MENTORING CLASSES / March 1 to March 31 , 2021

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	511.5
Youth Classes	62.5
Total.....	574

GWG NEW MEMBERS

Steve Bruce	Inman SC	Alan Marionneaux	Simpsonville SC
Greg Chase	Liberty SC	Wes Mitchell.....	Greer SC
Paul Diemer.....	Greer SC	Jim Mooney.....	Greenville SC
Marina Gill	Greenville SC	Hans Stedtler	Simpsonville SC
Patrick Golden	Greenville SC	Ken Tackett.....	Greenville SC
Ronnie Harris.....	Pelzer SC	SK Walker	Greenville SC

Share photos of your woodworking projects with the Guild.

Will Morin: Social Media coordinator wmorin@gmail.com

We want you to share good quality photos taken with your SmartPhone of your Woodworking Projects! Share with us what you have been doing at home during the pandemic or even at the shop. The easiest way to share is to post them on the Guild's Member Facebook or Instagram Pages. Or if you prefer, you can email them to Will Morin at wmorin@gmail.com or Text them to him.

Will Morin will collect them, post them on the social media pages if you haven't, and send them to the Newsletter editor for publication in the monthly newsletter. David Dewease will grab some for posting on the Shop

Information System. We know you are proud of your projects, let the rest of us see them too.

SOME PRO TIPS:

Include your name, what the item is and the materials used. (i.e., John Doe, coffee table, walnut and maple) And any other comments that you think apply.

Be creative with your photos, make sure they are in focus, well lit, and that your project takes up at least 2/3's of the frame.

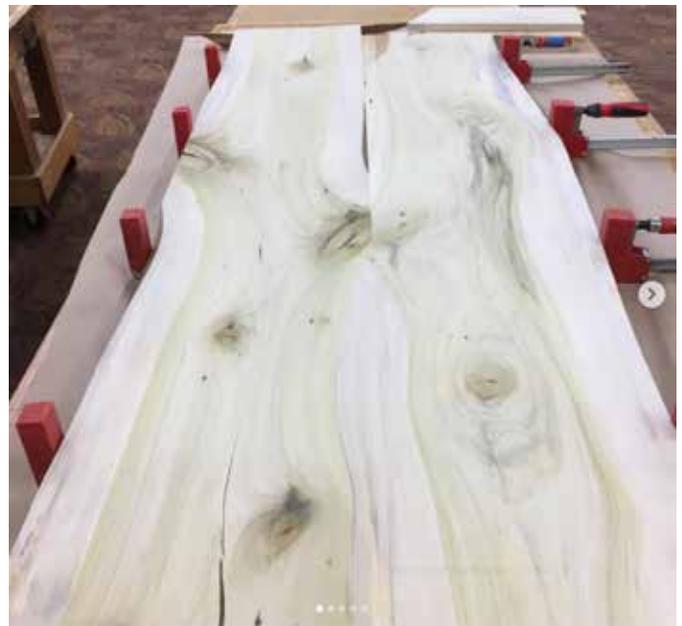
If you are photographing a smaller project that can be easily picked up

and moved around, place it on a neutral background with good lighting - you'll be surprised by the results!

Explore the settings on your smartphone's camera - for example, newer iPhones have a setting called "Portrait" that will blur the background surrounding the subject of your image.



Slab table -
live edge poplar
top and pre made
flat bar steel legs
by Ben Wofford



Cedar portable folding chair.
Made from cedar tree harvested
out of my yard by Micheal Franklin

