

# ShopTalk

Greenville Woodworkers Guild



April 2022



Matt Morgan owns and runs M<sup>2</sup> Lumber Company, a lumber and woodworking business, which he founded. He specializes in slabs and creating specialty CNC woodworking projects. The company mills locally salvaged hardwood trees that would otherwise go to waste! He properly kiln dries all of the lumber and guarantees the upmost quality!

## B I O

Matt Morgan was born and raised in Upstate, SC and like many of you has a passion for woodworking. Somehow while cutting my path in life, the blade “wandered” and I ended up here? From an Engineering student trying to pass a class, to one lucky guy with a beautiful wife and two gorgeous girls and running my own woodworking business.

Matt likes to consider himself a wood aficionado. he loves building things and working with all materials, but primarily wood is his passion. He has come a long way in 20 years since he started woodworking. It really started when he was a child watching his father. Matt is an amazing craftsman and can build anything he desires with the highest level of complexity and quality!

Matt makes a high quality products from solid hardwood that people can still afford. He is able to achieve this by milling locally salvaged hardwood logs on his band-saw mill and using practical and economical drying methods that still produce high quality, while not breaking the bank. In 2019 he completed the construction of a solar kiln which allows him to achieve lower moisture content levels than before (as low as 6%), which means his customers have more assurance of quality

and stability and can start on their projects right away!

Matt’s company, M2 Lumber, offers custom sawing, hardwood lumber sales, kiln drying services, and design/build custom furniture















**Joe Boyd**  
*President*



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

The late Andy Rooney, television host and writer, was quoted as saying “everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.” As was announced at last month’s Membership Meeting, the guild, for the first time in its history, has surpassed 800 primary members and 900 total members. This is wonderful to report and is confirmation that the Greenville Woodworkers Guild is meeting a need within our community.

I believe that Andy Rooney’s quote speaks to the catalyst that has made this growth a reality. The fellowship, friendship and camaraderie that has evolved through people with a common interest, coming together to share with each other and our community. Over the last 40 years countless members have volunteered their time, resources and talents to make our guild one of the best in the nation. We should all feel proud of the accomplishments that have been made and we

now enjoy. To quote the famous and successful entrepreneur, JC Penney, “Growth is never by mere chance. It is the result of forces working together.” And so we continue to encourage our members to get involved in the activities of the guild. If you don’t know how to get plugged in, simply peruse our website and pick an area in which you would like to contribute and then make the connection by email. You will be amazed at the satisfaction you will receive in becoming involved in the activities of the guild.

Our next major event will be the annual Sawmill Picnic that is scheduled for June 6, 2022. There will be more information in the coming weeks about this event but please mark your calendars now to save the date. There will certainly be a need for volunteers for this event, so if you are looking for a “short stint” of voluntarism, this will be a great venue to consider.

Finally, as you utilize the facilities of the guild, please do your part to

keep things clean and in good working condition. If you see something that needs attention, please alert the supervisor on duty. And speaking of the supervisors, we have a great team of individuals, under the leadership of Mac Bowman, who consistently keep our shop open. As you enter or leave the shop, take a moment to thank the supervisor on duty for their service to the guild.

Our next monthly meeting will be April 4th at 6:30pm. I look forward to welcoming you to the meeting and trust you will make every effort to join us. Until then, enjoy your Guild!

Joe Boyd



## GWG NEW MEMBERS

John Alford ..... Greer, SC  
Cecil Alston..... Seneca, SC  
Chris Bruce ..... Greenville, SC  
Richard Carter ..... Simpsonville, SC  
Gary Caruso ..... Clemson, SC  
Dan Christie..... Greenville, SC  
Patrick Dickerson..... Easley, SC  
Tim Forrestall..... Greenville, SC  
Jared Greene ..... Greenville, SC  
Connor Harbin ..... Simpsonville, SC  
Ansley Heard ..... Greenville, SC  
Bill Jackman..... Taylors, SC  
Betty Ann LaFond..... Simpsonville, SC  
Dirt Lundstrom ..... Laurens, SC  
Bill McLendon ..... Greenville, SC  
Chip McMillan ..... Greenville, SC  
Erica Miles ..... Duncan, SC  
Julie Mobley ..... Greenville, SC  
Peter Obier..... Travelers Rest, SC  
Tony Rossitto ..... Greenville, SC  
Bill Seely ..... Greenville, SC  
Tameka Simmons..... Fountain Inn, SC  
Don Stevenson..... Greenville, SC  
Jay Whitney ..... Greenville, SC  
Bill Wolfe..... Greenville, SC  
Casey Woody ..... Easley, SC

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

**Buy 50/50 raffle tickets and win a wet/dry vacuum in addition to half of the ticket sales.**



### JUNE

**Save the Date for our Annual Sawmill Picnic  
Monday, June 6th, 2022**

**8am to 4pm - Logs will be cut in parking area**

**1pm to 4pm - Games and Entertainment**

**4pm - Complimentary Dinner Served**

Dinner Limited to: Member, spouse and children living within the household.

**Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks...**

**Registration will open in April**



## ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022 - 2023

There are 3 (At Large Board Seats) that will be filled at the Guilds upcoming May meeting. Because there are more nominees than openings, the Guild will conduct a secret ballot. The following Candidates Bio's are for Guild members to review and vote on at our May meeting.

### **Robert Tepper, "Robert"**

I have been a member of the Guild for many years going back to when we met at the school auditorium and other facilities prior to our current facility. My most recent membership dates from 2009 to present. I am currently serving on the Guilds Board as an "At Large" member and have been an At Large member for three years. Prior to that I served as the Boards Vice President. Previously, I have been a Mentor for High School students mentoring on a one on one basis for High School students before we had the current Home School program for students. I have taught numerous classes at the Guild including: Band Saw Box, Plainer / Joiner Class, Orientation, Mentoring new members on specific projects, Dove Tail joinery, Sanding, Table class, etc. I currently serve as a Supervisor and have been a Supervisor for many years.

As a Board Member, I have worked tirelessly for many years working on the many and various Guild functions from the 40th Anniversary, Saw Mill picnics, Christmas parties and numerous other events. I believe my biggest asset for the Guild's Board has been my numerous suggestions to improve the efficiency and growth of the guild. As an example, It was my suggestion to introduce credit card payments for members in place of cash/ checks.

I have been a wood worker for many years. Having learned the trade from my Father as a teen I have built and mentored many furniture projects at the Guild.

I am a Michelin retiree as of five years ago and am dedicated to the growth and improved services that the Guild provides to the community .

### **William C Morin III "Will"**

I first joined the Greenville Woodworkers Guild in 2017 and became a supervisor in late 2018. I helped launch the Guild's growing social media footprint through our members only group on Facebook and with the launch of our influential Instagram account. I began teaching the Woodworking 101 class in 2020 and introduced the Epoxy for Woodworking class in the summer of 2021.

In the last 12 months, working through our social media platforms, I have connected the organization with several manufacturers including three Canadian companies: EcoPoxy (Manitoba) who donated \$1,500+ of product to help us with our membership's growing interest in combining epoxy resin with their woodworking projects. EmpireMolds.com (Toronto) donated \$1,000 of product towards our epoxy program. Rangaté is a Vancouver based company and manufacturer of the Rangaté Knot Filler - they are donating a couple kits to the guild for member use.

This past January (2022), I worked to secure a donation of nearly 100 wet/dry vacs valued at \$7,350. We replaced the older wet/dry vacs within the shop with new Craftsman units and added new wall mounted units - we sold the remaining vacs to members generating approximately \$3,000 in revenue towards new shop equipment - we also gave away several during the monthly membership meetings. Then in early February, working with a local agency, the North American arm of Bessey Tools visited the Guild and did a day long photo and video shoot featuring your fellow members as official Bessey models. Bessey promoted their new line of clamps and we secured a donation of \$1,600 worth of product for member use.

Lastly, I am a dual master's degree educated professional with 15+ years of government, non-profit, human resources, recruiting, and leadership roles. In 2019, I graduated Clemson with a Master of Public Administration with a focus on nonprofit and personnel management. The MPA is a mission-driven degree which has given me the ability to be responsive to both employees and the community and creating a better understanding of the policies affecting the organization's greatest assets – its people. I will bring an open, empathetic mind to the board with a singular goal of assuring our organization's continued long term success.

## **Kenneth Fissel**

My interest in the Woodworkers Guild began in the summer of 2010. I attended a meeting at the J. Harley Bonds center in Greer and decided to join the group immediately. At the suggestion of another member, at the “old shop” on Poinsett Highway, I began preparations to take up the position of “supervisor” which became effective when the shop opened in Mauldin. At the time we were in the process of outfitting the new shop so, along with others, I assisted in building tool cabinets, assembly tables, outfeed table for the 10” Grizzly saw, the tool stand at the Oliver planer, several carts, tables for the youth room, and dividers for the lathes. During the year 2017 I was elected President, and held that position during the “shop expansion and modernization” campaign in which we added some equipment, new floor covering throughout, and the current audio visual equipment. Also, during that year, the charitable projects teams completed the most number of projects for a given year that the guild has ever accomplished. Currently I do supervisor duty, am on the roles as a Youth Lathe Mentor, and teach a class on the router tables we use in the shop. I’ve also helped oversee teams of newer members build some utility carts, in order to introduce them to the guild team approach to completing tasks. I’m retired from the engineering industry, where I was a principal structural designer of steel and concrete for heavy industry. My contracts were in power plants, in the USA and overseas, industrial mills, oilfield facilities, including the Alaska Pipeline, and the Valdez Marine Terminal in Alaska. My interest in serving as a director, on the board of the guild, lies in helping to address the continuing success of the organization, within the parameters of our mission statement, and I feel that my problem solving skills, and my attention to detail, will add to the team.

## **Charles D. LeGrand “Charlie”**

I am honored to be nominated by the Nominating Committee to be an at-large member of the Board of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild. If elected, this will be my first time on the board.

Prior to joining the Guild in 2016, I had never been around any equipment such as we have in our shop. My wood-working was limited to simple repairs around the house; for me joinery was a hammer and nails. I would bring to the board the perspective of someone who was eager to learn but had no experience with large equipment or with wood-working. I believe that the educational programs at the Guild are vital to fulfill our goal of helping our members become better woodworkers, and we must constantly improve our educational programs to teach novices.

I retired in 2020 after practicing law for 34 years in Greenville; my primary focus was in the areas of real estate, both commercial and residential, and as counsel for several banks. I have a BA from Winthrop University and a JD from Mercer University. I am a lifelong resident of Greenville.

At the Guild I am a shop supervisor, conduct new member orientation, teach the jointer/planer class, have assisted with the table building class, and have mentored new members.

I have served on a number of nonprofit boards including the South Carolina Bar Real Estate Practices Council, United Ministries, SC Bach, the Board of Governors of the Poinsett Club, and as an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church,

## **Jon Rauschenbach**

I am a retired pharmacist, who has owned and managed our family pharmacy as well as management in an infusion pharmacy. In addition I have owned my own cabinet shop since 1990 and although mostly retired from large projects, I still take on smaller projects.

I have been a member of the guild since 2017 when my wife, Jone, and I moved here from southwest Ohio. While I have my own shop, I enjoy being a part of the guild, and particularly teaching and leading various charity projects. To date I have been involved with the Dream Center building a kitchen, building a custom keyboard cabinet for Miracle Hill, office cabinets and desks for the Mental Health organization, and most recently, I led the team for all the work the guild did the the Children's Theater, which included all their cabinets, (78 cabinets in total, including all the installation), bookshelves, vendor carts, and a custom soundbooth, all encompassing more than two years of work.

I am currently a shop supervisor and the lumber resource manager. Our lumber team has advanced our purchasing power through larger shipments. expanded our lumber selections, and helped with the start-up of our POS system. I am currently a board member finishing up my first year on the board. I think my background in business, both retail pharmacy and running a cabinet shop, provides me with a strong background to help advance the guild in the years to come.

## **Al Socha**

I have been a Guild member for 12 years. I am presently a Board member. In the past I have served on the Board as Member at Large. I am a retired Computer Engineering Project Manager with an MBA. This gives me both technical and business experience to support the Board and Guild projects. I have volunteered in the construction of the Guild building and shop facilities. I also have participated in several tool auctions. I have worked on Charitable projects such as a wheelchair training ramp for the Meyers Center, equipment closets for the Greenville Garden Club, Cabinets for Ten Thousand Villages and push carts for the Guild. I have also been a member of the toy group for 10 years.



## NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW CHARITABLE PROJECTS

The guild is working on several charitable projects for the Meyer Center. We are looking for about 10 volunteers (new and existing members) to assist Bob Armbruster and Jim Stradling with these projects.

### The projects to be completed are:

1. Quantity of 24 wooden door stops. Length 7" Width 3" (I think this can be variable), height is 1 1/2".
2. Three additional Myers Center chairs, larger than the 5 we just completed. Jim Stradling has begun work on the drawings. I would also like to recruit someone to do some artwork on the new chairs. Meyers Center has approved the use of colors and possible designs for the chairs to brighten up the atmosphere there.
3. Door Gate for 42" wide door.
4. Modification of (a number of chairs to be determined) where the back support is too tall. We will make new backs at the guild and then go to Myers Center to install on existing chairs.
5. Their existing chairs "scoot" when the kids rock back and forth. We used PlastiCoat on the feet of the 5 new chairs. It appears that the results are favorable. If that proves to be successful after the chairs are put into service, Myers Center would want us to apply PlastiCoat to all existing chairs. We would potentially do this when we install the new back on existing chairs.
6. Ramp: This is a pending project: Jim Stradling is "consulting" with the Myers Center now to evaluate the options.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects contact Marion DeWitt.

Also let Marion know if you prefer a specific project and if you are willing to work on future projects

Several of these are great projects for new members to get better oriented on guild equipment and project skills. There will be more projects coming in the next several months so if you are not needed on any of the above projects, We will definitely need you for these future projects.

Thanks for your help and for volunteering.

Marion DeWitt  
VP - Charitable Projects

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Attached is the April Calendar of Classes.  
 This is your opportunity to check your calendar  
 to see if a class time works for you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				01	02	03
					9:00 AM Accu-slicer J. Martins	
					9:00AM Lathe -Turn a Square Bowl Lathe Certif req'd B. Lancaster / J Stiehler	
					10:00AM Epoxy for Woodworking Charcuterie W Morin	
				6:00PM Epoxy for Woodworking Charcuterie W Morin	1:00 PM Jointer/Planer B Reeves	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
9:00 AM Router Table K. Fissel	9:00 AM Festool D. DeFrancisco	9:00 AM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong	9:00 AM Table Saw S. Bingham		9:00 AM Router Table K. Fissel	
	9:30AM Lathe -Segmented Bowl Lathe Certif. req'd V. Matthews / J Stiehler	9:30 AM New Member Orientation Best or LeGrand				
	6:00 PM Sanding Machines B. Armbruster/J. Arnold					
6:30 PM Build Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Yang	6:00 PM Jointer/Planer J Arnold	6:00 PM Table Saw S. Bingham			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM Accu-slicer J Boyd					10:00 AM Beginners Woodworking 101 L. Martins	
6:00 PM Router Table G. Leonard			6:00 PM Lathe- Pen Turning J. Broach			
6:00 PM Box Building Session 1 of 3 J Arnold, Yaggie, Sheldon		6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong	6:00 PM Jointer/Planer M Stucker			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		9:00 AM Basic Bandsaw Scott/Hollingshad	9:00 AM Table Saw S. Bingham		9:15 AM Sanding Machines B. Armbruster/J. Arnold	
		9:30 AM New Member Orientation Best or LeGrand				
6:00 PM Box Building Session 2 of 3 J Arnold, Yaggie, Sheldon			9:00 AM Accu-slicer J Arnold		1:00 PM Jointer/Planer C LeGrand	
	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Yang		6:00 PM Table Saw S. Bingham			
25	26	27	28			
		9:00 AM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. DeJong				
6:00 PM Box Building Session 3 of 3 J Arnold, Yaggie, Sheldon						
1:30 PM Supervisor Meeting			6:00 PM Basic Bandsaw B. Fuller			

# BUILD A BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

Judging will be at the April guild meeting  
Open to adults and youth (youth= under 18)  
Free to enter contest

Prizes will be given in 3 categories:  
functional, decorative/whimsical and “green”  
You may enter only one birdhouse in each category  
Birdhouse must be 75% made of wood  
No kits allowed



## CATEGORIES

**The sky is the limit! Be creative!**

Your birdhouse can be traditional or an original design.  
No birdhouses made from kits will be allowed.



Rosie Gaddy showing examples of creative birdhouses

**Functional Birdhouse:** A birdhouse entered into the functional category can best be described as a working birdhouse. It will be judged on the following criteria, in order listed: craftsmanship, functionality (for birds), able to be mounted, easy access for cleaning, type of material used and aesthetics.

**Decorative/Whimsical:** A birdhouse entered into this category can be used indoors or out and not necessarily functional. It will be judged on the following criteria, in order listed: aesthetics, imaginative theme, texture, color, composition, craftsmanship.

**“Green”:** think re-purposed, environmentally friendly, recycled.  
Green birdhouses can be functional and/or decorative.

## NOTES:

- Each house can only qualify for one category, but you can enter more than one category.
- Birdhouses must be made by the person entering the contest and made within the last year
  - All entries must be in good taste.
  - Winners will be announced at the end of the April GWG meeting
- Entries must be at the GWG no later than 6:30pm the night of the meeting.  
An entry form will be available then.

### **Bird lovers choice award, using your spare change:**

All those attending the April GWG meeting are invited to judge the birdhouses before the meeting using your spare change to vote for your favorite. No limit. Vote for as many as you wish. Each 1 cent is worth one vote. Your spare change votes will be donated to the GWG for shop supplies, such as sandpaper, etc.



# GWG ACTIVITY REPORT

## CHARITABLE PROJECTS / February 1 to February 28 , 2022

	Hours
Beads of Courage.....	4
Meyer Center.....	21.5
Other Charitable Projects.....	12.5
Toys .....	3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>41</b>

## MENTORING CLASSES / February 1 to February 28 , 2022

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes.....	797
Youth Classes .....	134
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>931</b>

## GUILD HISTORY

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September 1997

Steve Kern became president and provided continuous leadership in the Guild's new initiative to grow the guild. During his several terms, the momentum increased, and our financial struggles were overcome. In his 31 years as a Guild member he was one of the major contributors of the Guild: fund raiser, monthly presenter, mentor, and he purchased supplies, cleaned the retention pond, cut the grass, his willingness to contribute was the norm.

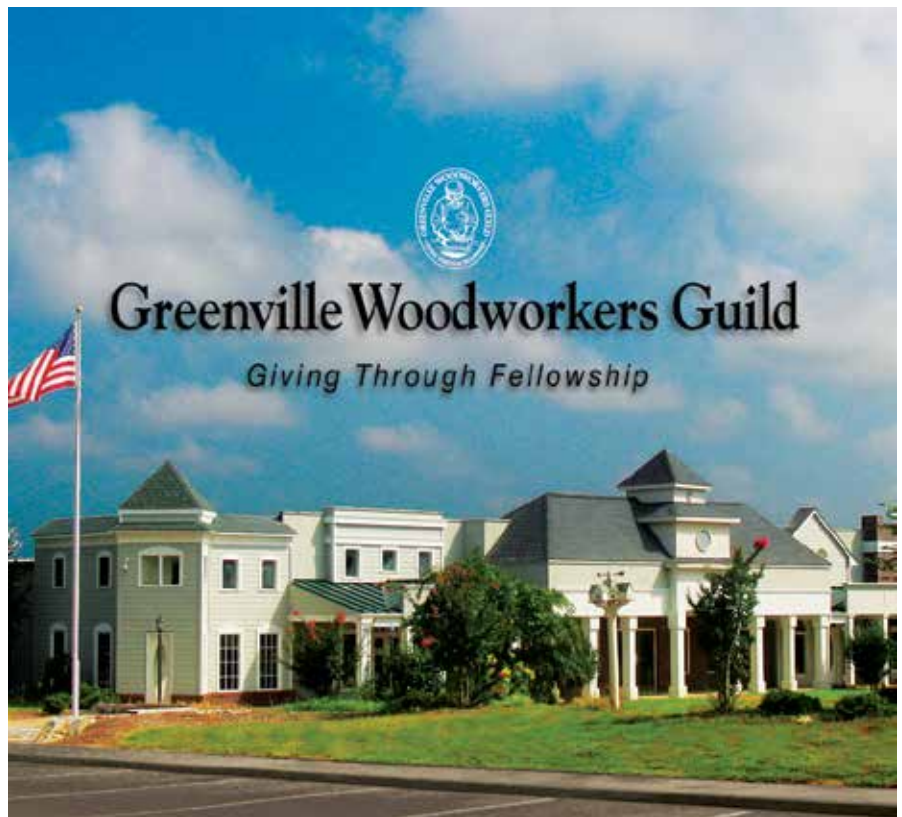
The September issue of the newsletter was his first meeting as the new president. His presidential notes set the stage for the future. A focus on Art in the Park to provide exposure by manning the booth, requesting lots of items for the display, and encouraging members to display their work at show and tell. There is a renewed emphasis on programs, a committee of David Harrell, Ken Christy, and Joe Yoder was established.

The September meeting featured Mark Taylor, who builds wooden strip canoes. Since we were not meeting during the summer, the previous meeting was in May with a discussion by Bill Luppold of the USDA Forestry Service and Forestry Science Laboratory, Princeton, WA., concerning trees

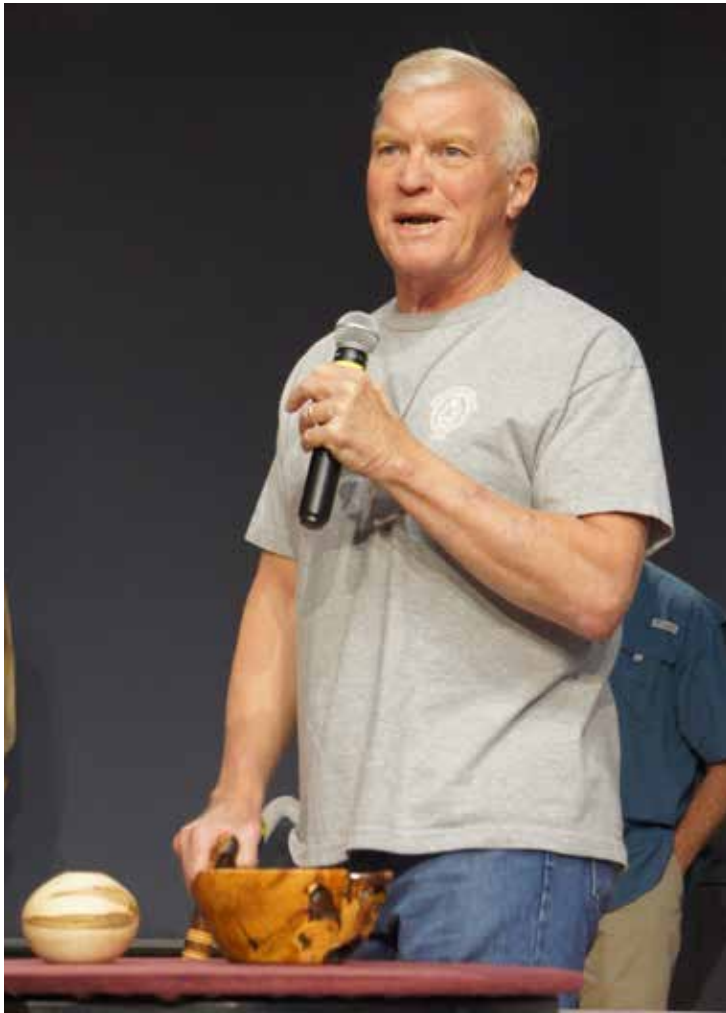
of the Appalachian Mountains. The availability of and the problems with many species of trees were explained and a lot of questions were answered in an extended question and answer period.

The results of a survey on the Frank Klause seminar were extremely positive and feedback on future seminars enabled a forward plan. Of the approximately thirty responses, 29 said it had a positive impact.

It was announced that the Guild is now recognized as a Non-Profit 501C3 organization by the IRS and the SC



Dept. of Revenue. Toy production for the Meyer Center continued, Thomas Brannock is coordinating a sharpening service with D&M Sharpening of Easley, where members can bring their tools to each meeting and have quick turnaround. Dues were increased to \$40.00 a year. Approximately \$300.00 was received from raffles last year.



Turnings  
by John Stiehler

Snowy egret carving  
by Chuck Flint

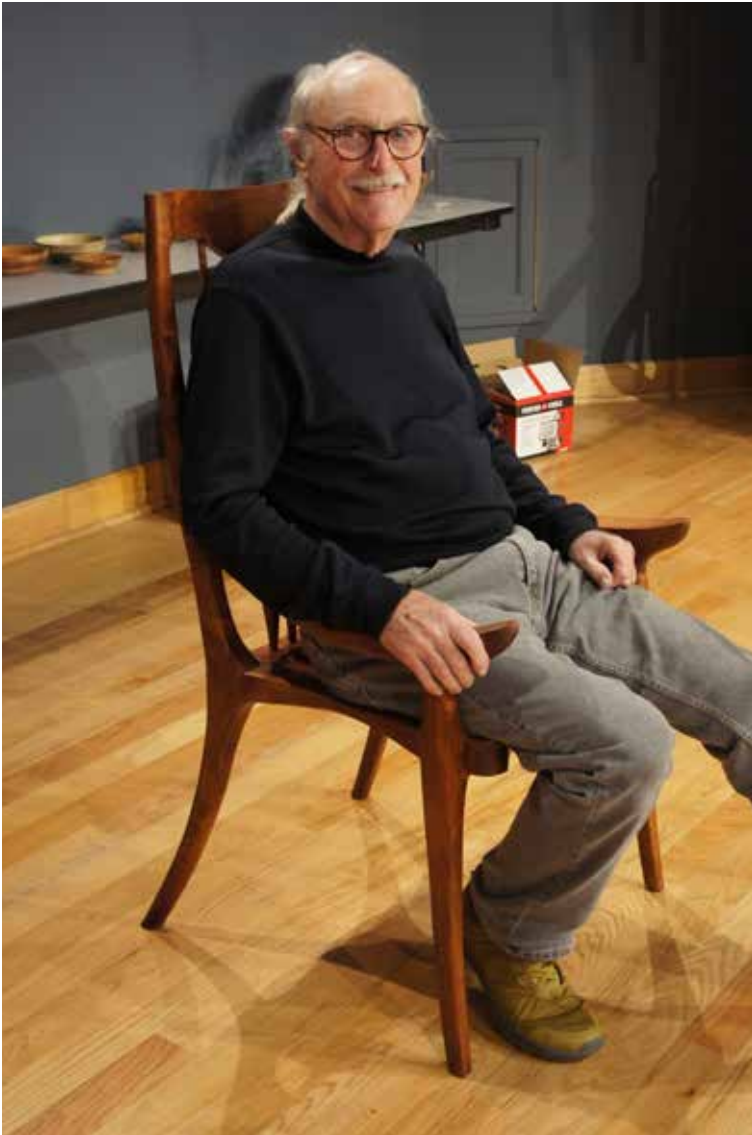




Turnings  
by Jim Kilton



Turnings  
by Chuck Presleys



Maloof style high back chair  
By Jim Sinclair

## 2021- 2022 Officers

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Joe Boyd - President

John Arnold - Executive VP

Bill Fuller - Treasurer

Chuck Graham - Secretary

Kellie Lockwood - Vice President, Communications

Van Matthews - VP of Fund Raising

Doyle Hogsed - Vice President, Educational Activities

Marion DeWitt - Vice President Charitable Projects

Aaron Galloway - Guild Accountant

Dick Best - Education Center Superintendent

Mac Bowman - Shop Manager

Robert Tepper - At Large

Jon Rauschenbach - At Large

Al Socha - At Large

Bill Gay - Accountant Emeritus



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