# Shopalk



Bill Fuller will discuss making stringed musical instruments. He has constructed approximately 30 ukuleles and 29 acoustic guitars, spending most of his effort in showing Guild members how to construct their own stringed instruments without charge.

Bill is a displaced Yankee having lived all over the US including Indiana, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois (three times) Michigan, New York (twice), Florida and finally, happily, Greenville South Carolina.

Education: Bill graduated from Purdue University with a BS degree and from Michigan State University with an MBA degree.

Work Experience: Bill worked over 30 years for American Hospital Supply Corporation, which eventually became Baxter International. He served in many sales and marketing management roles in the hospital market.

Military Service: Bill served 39 years and 5 months (who's counting) on active and reserve duty with the United States Army, retiring as a Colonel 0-6 and commander of several Combat Support Hospitals.

Volunteer Work: Bill serves as
Treasurer, Officer, Board Member,
and Supervisor of the Greenville
Woodworkers Guild. He is an
elder at John Knox Presbyterian
Church where he serves on the
Administrative Committee. For
the past 15 years he has served the

Greenville Family Court System as a Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children.

A long-time woodworker, Bill built a lot of "this and that" before building his first ukulele. After that it's been about ten years of stringed instrument construction, focusing mostly on dreadnought acoustic guitars, and tenor and baritone sized ukuleles. He has constructed approximately 30 ukuleles and 29 acoustic guitars, spending most of his effort in showing others (Guild members) how to build their own stringed instruments. His business philosophy is: "to give everything away without charge. If one charges for his work, then he doesn't want to work".



#### Joe Boyd President



#### THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Growing Pains?

As a child, I remember the feeling in my calves and thighs as I tried to go to sleep at night after a full day of play. When I would complain, my mother would tell me they were "growing pains" and would not last. Her answer satisfied me for the moment and eventually they did subside.

With our guild surpassing 900 members, we too are experiencing growing pains. We now have more classes and certification events than ever before. There are also more and more members utilizing the guild facilities as their main shop. The guild's finances and facilities are in great shape and we should all be very proud of the accomplishments of our organization.

For the first time in the history of the guild, the nomination of officers has created the situation where there are seven nominees running for the three At Large Director positions.

The At Large designation was wisely instituted into our bylaws to satisfy a particular need that the board may have when the current slate of Directors did not have the skill set required. For example, if during the early years of the guild the board was unsure how to navigate the construction of a facility, it would have solicited an individu-

al with engineering or construction expertise to be an At Large Director to aid in this very specific task.

Our bylaws require a quorum of 20% of our membership to vote on the Director positions. With our membership of approximately 915 members, we need a quorum of 183 members to vote at our next membership meeting on May 2, 2022. Based on recent membership meeting attendance and without above average attendance, there will be a good chance that we will not meet the quorum requirements at that May 2 meeting. Fortunately, this issue is also addressed in our bylaws by allowing the membership to vote via Proxy. A Proxy in essence allows you to vote without being in attendance. As a result of the requirement to have a quorum, it was therefore decided to utilize Proxies.

You have received emails regarding the Proxy vote already and we believe this to be the best way to achieve a quorum. It is important to note, that our Policy dictates that when there are multiple nominees for a position, that the vote should be "secret". Proxy voting has the possibility of challenging the secrecy of a vote as the secrecy is determined by who receives the Proxy. That is the reason that we make the

option available to send it to the guild Secretary, Chuck Graham, for effectuating your vote. Your vote should be your conscience as to who would best serve the guild. You SHOULD NOT feel coerced to vote in a particular way because someone has asked you to send your Proxy vote directly to them. You have the safeguarded option to mail or deliver your vote to the Guild, addressed to the Secretary.

I would like to encourage ALL to attend this next important monthly meeting. Let's make the need for Proxy voting a non-issue in establishing a quorum. The presenter, Bill Fuller, is reason enough to pack the house as he speaks to us on his methods of building guitars. Bill is an accomplished Luthier and I guarantee you will be inspired and amazed at his work. We are most fortunate to have such a group of talented individuals as part of the guild.

Growing pains can be good. We grow as an organization when we meet these challenges.

I look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Until then, enjoy your guild!

Joe Boyd

#### **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. Rangate is a Vancouver based company and manufacturer of the Rangate 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.

#### 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 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.

#### William F. Schmidt, MD "Bill"

Guild member since 2004, but relatively inactive until my retirement in 2019 when I became a Guild Supervisor

I am not, nor have I ever been a member of the Guilds Board. However, I understand how boards work. I Have served on many non-profit boards during my working career, and personally created (and co-created) 3 thriving nonprofit organizations - The Center for Developmental Services (CDS), The Institute for Child Services (ICS) and the South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative (SCCHC). I have also taught classes on the fiduciary responsibilities of nonprofit board members.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND-- Pediatric Oncologist (Children's Cancer Doctor). Served for 30 years as Founding Medical Director and Administrator of Greenville Hospital System (now Prisma Health) Children's Hospital. Retired since 2019

STRONGEST ASSET TO ENHANCE THE STRENGTH OF THE BOARD. Full understanding of board-member responsibilities and duties (and the time to fulfill them).

CLASSES TAUGHT- None, except for a short stint as a mentor that was interrupted by COVID-19.

OTHER- I love woodworking, and am proud of the Guild and its charitable activities. I believe there is no organization quite like it in the country, and will do my best to help keep steering it in such a positive direction.

#### **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 woodworking 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 woodworking. 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,

#### **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 6, 2022

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Logs will be cut in parking area

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Games and Entertainment

#### 4 p.m. - Complimentary Dinner Served

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

Logs can begin arriving at 8:00 a.m. (no earlier)

#### Log requirements:

Length guidelines: 8' to 12' Minimum 8" diameter Maximum 24" diameter

One (1) log per member at a time. (Additional log(s) must go to the back of the line and wait – NO EXCEPTIONS).

Blade replacement: Other than normal wood breakage of the blade, the cost is \$35 per replacement blade to the member. (Includes nails, miscellaneous metals, any other obstruction other than wood).

Registration will open in April.

#### **AUCTION AND TOOL SALE**

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 18.**

If there is anything you would like to include in the sale, please contact the tool team at toolsales@ greenvillewoodworkers.com

The catalog of items being offered will be published closer to the date of the sale.

All items will have a barcode and the Point-of-Sale system will be used to collect payment. To make checkout as smooth and fast as possible, the Guild prefers Credit or Debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay or Samsung Pay. Cash will be accepted, but please no checks.

Kellie Lockwood, VP Communications

#### **COMPLETED CHARITABLE PROJECTS**

The following pages show some of our completed Charitable projects. Thanks to all who participated. We have plenty more projects in progress and scheduled.

Please volunteer to help.

Thanks for volunteering.

Marion DeWitt

VP - Charitable Projects
mdewitt303@charter.net

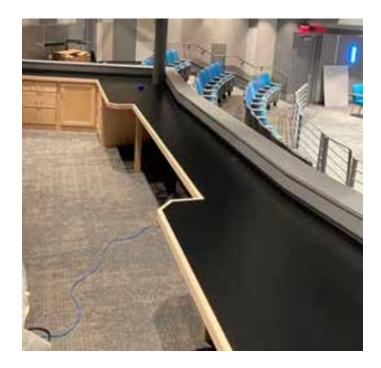
#### Children's Theater Cabinets





Child's Haven Rolling Bookcases

#### Children's Theater Sound Booth





Cancer Survivor's Park Bench

Fine Arts Center Table

Legacy Early College Display Cabinet





Jasmine House Bench



Jasmine House Cabinet

#### Military History Center Cabinets





Children's Theater Cabinets

## BIRDHOUSE CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all who participated in the Guild's 2022 birdhouse contest! It was evident that a lot of time and energy went into making these awesome creations! The guild would like to congratulate the winners of each category:

#### **Traditional Category:**

1st place: Rob Barhorst with his hummingbird houses "Hummers Haven"

2nd place: We had a tie between Mike Smale with his cedar "Rustic Retweet" and Doyle Hogsed with his "Lincoln Log Home"

#### **Green Category:**

1st place: Dave Aman with his birdhouse made from an old metal funnel and cardboard carpet roll

#### **Decorative/Whimsical Category:**

1st place: Van Matthews with his "Bluebird's Ritz Carlton"

2nd place: Bob Gampert with "Soul in your Birdhouse", a Stax Records shop

#### The Bird Lover's Choice Award

Rob Barhorst with his "Hummer's Haven"

Start working on your birdhouse for next year's contest to be held in April 2023!

Thanks again to all participants who entered a birdhouse and those who voted.

- Rosie Gaddy, Contest Moderator

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TURN TOY TOPS FOR CHILDREN AT THE GWG SAWMILL PICNIC

Join our Top Turning Workshop so you will have experience making the tops before the picnic.

#### **REGISTRATION OPEN NOW--GWG Website**

#### When:

Saturdays May 7 and 14, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Cost: None

Your Greenville Woodworkers Guild is planning for the annual Saw Mill Picnic on Monday, June 6, 2022. Part of the entertainment fun is for Lathe Turners to make tops for the children who come.

The tops are simple to make and a perfect opportunity for new turners to practice their newly learned skills. Turners will get practice with the bowl and spindle gouge and skew and learn some texturizing techniques and coloring... and it will be fun.

The expectation is to get the parts cut and assembled at this first workshop and to start to turn some tops for the picnic, then continue the turning of the tops during the second workshop on May 14. We plan to finish 50 tops before the picnic and have another 50 blanks ready to complete on the day of the picnic. On the day of the picnic we can turn the unfinished tops like we are experts, in front other members. You will also know how to make tops for your friends and family.

#### **Requirements:**

Participants must have completed the GWG Lathe Training to qualify them to use the lathes in the workshop. Certification on the Table Saw, Band Saw and Drill-press would be helpful.

Please help make the Saw Mill Picnic successful.

Leaders / Instructor: John Stiehler and Randel Jones

#### **EDUCATION CENTER CLEANUP DAY**

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21

Shop & Facility users! Here is your chance to give a little time and sweat equity that will help keep YOUR GUILD in tip-top shape.

Two sessions are being planned for this event. Simply sign up on the website for whichever session/sessions you plan to attend. (It's just like registering for a class).

Assignments will be made as you arrive. Can only make it for a couple of hours? - No problem, we'll take what time you can give.

#### Session #1 Friday, May 20, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

#### **Activity planned:**

- Move tables from Assembly area
- Clean and organize cabinets
- Clean ducting/pipes/walls
- Vacuum carpeted areas
- Clean Dust Collector Room
- Wash the front porch roof
- Clean out various shop areas
- Clean sanding room area

#### **GWG NEW MEMBERS**

Joe R. BlackGreenville, SC
Scott ClausenSpartanburg,SC
Mary Coleman Seneca, SC
Christian Jaffe Greenville, SC
Jared KiltonEasley, SC
Matt MorganLaurens, SC
Robbie PlankenhornPelzer, SC
Matthew QuattlebaumGreenville, SC

Session #2 Saturday, May 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### **Activity planned:**

- Clean all machines/polish machine tables
- Cleanup of various rooms
- Finish vacuuming
- Mop concrete floors
- Pack all items and return them to storage for future use
- Loads of misc work

## Outdoor cleanup activities needed during our Cleanup Days (May 20-21).

- Bush cutting
- Feeding the chipper with brush and limbs
- Blowing off the parking lot
- Running a magnet over the parking lot
- General cleanup of the grounds

Interested in helping out Please sign up Online.

**Mac Bowman** 

GWG member David Sontag had his recently finished Krenov inspired cabinet highlighted in the April 2022 issue of Fine Woodworking magazine.



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		9:30 AM New Member Orientation Best or LeGrand			9:00 AM Lathe - Top Turning for the Sawmill Picnic J Stiehler/ R Jones	
	6 -8 PM no J/P TS Table Building 1/4 LeGrand, Reeves, Sprinkle	6:00 PM Hand Tool Dove Tail B. Schmidt	6:00 PM Jointer/Planer J Arnold			
0 PM Guild Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM New Member Orientation Sprinkle, Sheldon or Yang	6:00 PM Miter Saw/Drill Press P. Delong	6:00 PM Router Table G Leonard			
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#### GWG ACTIVITY REPORT

#### CHARITABLE PROJECTS / March 2 to March 31, 2022

	Hours
Beads of Courage	11
Meyer Center	88
Other Charitable Projects	3
Toys	43
Total	145

#### MENTORING CLASSES / March 2 to March 31, 2022

	Hours
Combined total hours for adult classes	1392
Youth Classes	103
Total	1495

#### **TOY PROGRAM BEGINS**

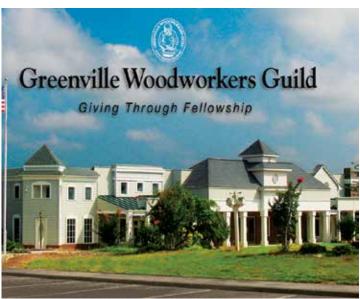
It's that time again – time to start making toys! As most of you probably know, each year Guild members make toys for over 14 organizations in our communities. The toys include puzzles, cars, trucks, trains, John Deere tractors, pull toys and mazes The variety of toys is a function of the imagination and skill of the members who work on this important charitable project. If you are new to the Guild and woodworking, the toy program is a great opportunity to improve your skills. If you are an experienced woodworker, thank you in advance for helping to mentor other team members. And regardless of your skills, the Toy Program is a great way to share fellowship at the Guild and give back to the organizations that are so important to our communities.

This year, we will kick off the program at the Guild on Tuesday, April 12. We will meet every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon through October. In addition, some members prefer to work in their own shops. Whether you decide to work at the Guild or in your own shop, the toy team welcomes your support.

The leaders for the program are Rob Barhorst, Roy Painter and John Arnold. We will meet and get acquainted the morning of April 12, go over ground rules for the program and answer any questions you may have.

#### **GUILD HISTORY**

**Aubrey Rogers** 



Part 21
April 2001
(BEFORE SHOP)

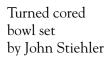
April meeting will be held at the Golden Strip Career Center. Guild member Eddy Cochrane will conduct the program on hand planes, covering truing, sharpening, and use of several types of planes available to woodworkers. Raffle items will include saw blades from Crawford Saw and Tool, a Cormack gift certificate and a package of glue and wood filler from Tom Brannock.

The March meeting was held at Camperdown Academy, Gus Schwenk from Mirka Abrasives and Tim Kinney from Trado Supply demonstrating the Abralon System for creating a smooth as glass finish.

Our spring seminar was held on March 10 with Mark Barr covering all aspects of router usage, including basic skills, safety, inlays, jigs, and much more. He provided jigs as door prizes for the fifty people in attendance. It is time to get ready for our May meeting. It is our annual show off - our work for spouses and guests, and of course the election of officers for the coming year. We request members step forward to accept leadership positions for next year. Join-Teck equipment will be on display. Alan Coker has accepted to coordinate refreshments at out meetings and is looking for volunteers to provide the goodies. Art-in-the-park is scheduled for September 22-23, so it is not too early to start working your displays, last year we had an excellent display and one of the most visited booths at the festival. Tips were provided in the Newsletter on checking the 22 ½ degree angle, and routing small pieces.



Turnings by Steve Estabrooks







Turned platter from SpectraPly turning blanks by Dan Pollock

#### 2021- 2022 Officers

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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