



ETWG Newsletter

March-April 2021

***Reminder, our May Membership Meeting is Monday night,
May-10-2021, 6:30 p.m.***

***The meeting is scheduled on Zoom. Link is below and can be found on the website events
page***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89463814029?pwd=cUpLZUNUkg1dEFFT1F2aGloeWJMOT09>

Meeting ID: 894 6381 4029

Passcode: 661519

There have been many Zoom updates, so if you have not updated your implementation of Zoom in the last couple of days, please update before the meeting.

Please upload any show and tell pictures on the website for the meeting.

Message from Our President Stephen Shankles

May 2021

Hello all,

I hope everyone is doing well. As you all heard, we lost our oldest member shortly after our last meeting. Al Hudson had been a member of the guild since the 80s and remained an active member right to the end. He was always participating in meetings and attending functions. The board meetings happened at Al's house for as long as I've been around. Despite being over 100 years old and having built furniture for most of that, Al was always willing to learn new things. He was quick to adopt new methods like the domino and vacuum bag veneering. A quote that hangs on his tool cabinet from John Ruskin reads, "The life so short, the craft so long to learn." I hope we can all remain humble and continue to learn different facets of this craft. A fitting legacy for Al would be the inspiration that you are never too old to learn new things. The guild will be helping his daughters by holding a sale of his fine woodworking tools on June 5th. The proceeds from this sale will go to the guild for educational purposes in Al's memory.

Our next meeting will be on May 10th via Zoom. We are having Peter Korn, founder and executive director of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Maine, give a talk. Thanks to Stephen Moles for reaching out to him. Korn is an influential member of the studio furniture movement, and I highly recommend his book "Why We Make Things and Why It Matters." Please join us and hopefully we'll be able to get back to in person meetings at Maryville High School over the summer.

Stay Well,

Stephen Shankles

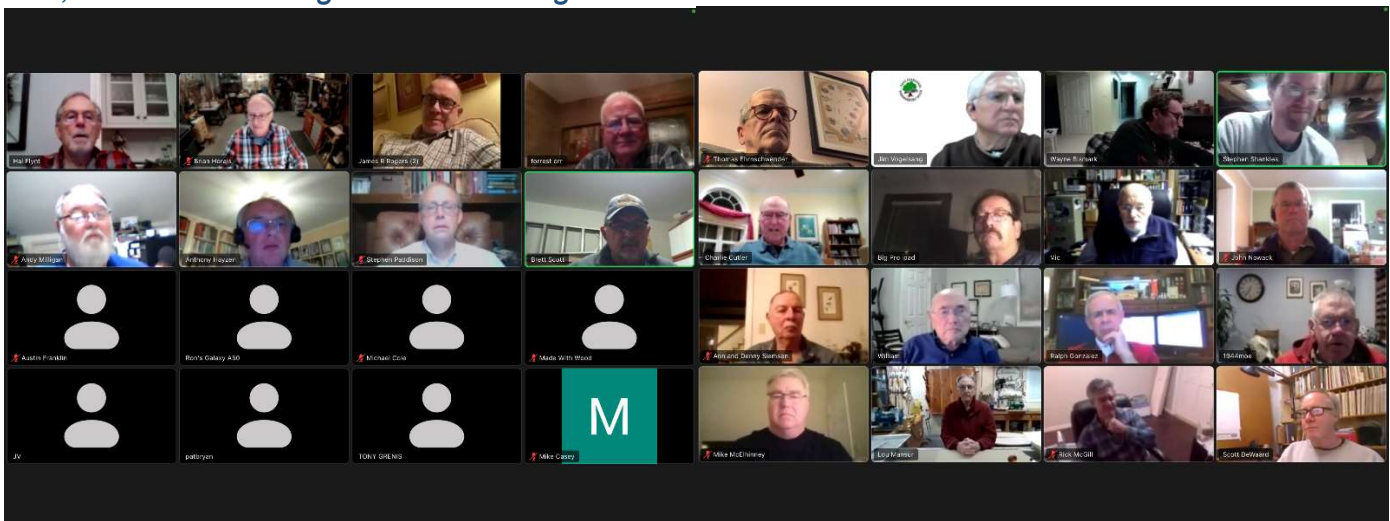
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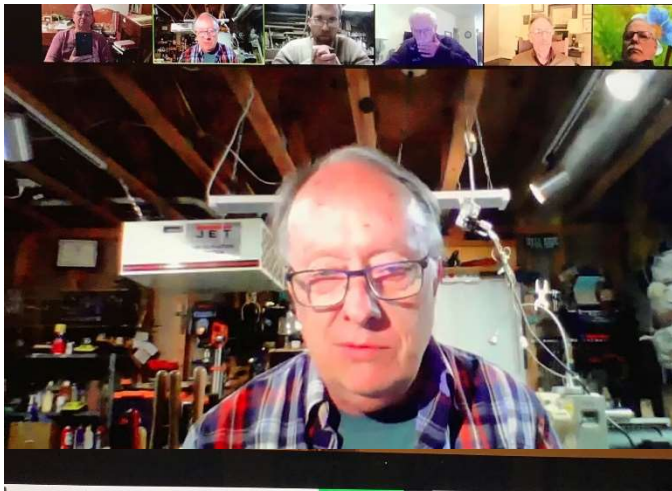
March Meeting

Yes, We are still doing ZOOM meetings.



Presentation

Brian Horais gave a very informative presentation on therming, a woodturning technique dating back to the 1700's allows the turner to produce multiple-sided spindles with each side turned. This is a very interesting way of turning something "not round," and Brian is notorious for finding ways of turning not round objects.



Therming a Chair:

Creating Unique Legs/Spindles on a Lathe



Brian Horais
March 2021

What is Therming?



- Therming is a lathe technique that dates back to the 1700s.
- It is described by many as barrel turning or drum turning.
- In basic terms it is spindle turning, using a fixture that holds multiple spindle blanks off-center allowing curves to be cut into the spindles simultaneously.
- Therming has allowed furniture makers to produce spindles in quantity for use as furniture legs and balusters with shapes that were difficult to create by other means

Making the Therming Fixture



- The simpler therming fixture can be made from readily available items.
- The only costly item is the faceplate, less than 4 inches in diameter, for attaching to the lathe's drive center.
- Two plywood end plates are cut to 8-inch diameter circles.
 - Be sure to maintain a mark/divot for your center.
 - To keep the end plates aligned on center, stack them together with the metal faceplate centered on top.
 - Then use 1 1/2 inch screws to fix the faceplate on top
- Mount the joined plates on the lathe and smooth the edges (sanding) then mark the hole circle
- Now remove the joined plates and drill the 3/8 inch holes in the patterns shown – a drill press is best to get vertical holes
 - The smaller holes are for screws to hold the spindle
 - Patterns are shown for three and four spindles

A few screenshots from the presentation. You can also find a similar presentation Brian did on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOW8BkJNt7g&authuser=0> , go to youtube and search Brian Horais or "Therming a Stool." Thanks Brian for demonstrating something totally new to me, and probably many others.

Show and Tell

It is always great to see the work of our fellow members. Thanks to Brian Horais, Lou Mansur and Tony Grenis for sharing your work. Member's work that was submitted for Show and Tell for this meeting as well as previous meetings can be viewed on the website. Please visit and admire the work that our members are doing.

Once again thanks to Jim Vogelsang for his technical support with the meetings and the website.

Volunteers Needed

Master Woodworkers Show Update

The 2021, 21st Master Woodworkers Show is scheduled for November 5-7. So, get it on your calendar. We are in the early stages of putting this year's show together and more information will be coming in the next newsletter. If you have some time and would like to be an active member of the show team, please give me a call. The call to entry will go out in early May with the entry deadline in early August. This past year has impacted many of our lives and I am curious to see what our creative community of woodworkers have spent their time making.

The Woodworkers' Guild is the major sponsor of the Master Woodworkers' Show both from a financial and volunteer perspective. A successful show relies on Guild participation. We are a multi-talented group of individuals with varying backgrounds and must pool our skills to accomplish the tasks ahead.

None of the individual task are overwhelming and often led to making new friends in our woodworking community.

Volunteers are needed to identify and contact local, regional and national organizations in the following areas:

1. Advertising

1. To publicize and promote the upcoming show in publications
2. To promote the show through woodworking organizations (clubs, guilds)

2. Online Media

Find and contribute content to online bulletin boards, groups, etc. to promote the show.

3. Show Sponsorship

Contact potential businesses that would be willing to provide financial support for the show. Support does not have to be dollars; it can be gift cards, etc. In return we will provide an area to display their catalogs etc.

4. Coordinate and setup the sponsor area at the show.

Please contribute some of your time and expertise to any of these tasks by contacting a MWS committee member. No one person needs to shoulder all the responsibility; a group of people can share the work so everyone is not overly impacted.

MWS Committee:

Scott DeWaard – Director (865)681-4798, Email – scottdewaard@gmail.com

Charlie Cutler – Treasurer (865)380-0653, Email – charyvon1@charter.net

Education

2022 Woodworking Weekend at Arrowmont:

Planning for next year's (2022) Woodworking Weekend to be held at Arrowmont is underway. A team of Guild members is being assembled to complete our preparations for

this event.

As with the 2020 weekend, we will be sharing this weekend with the Smoky Mountain Wood Turners who will be in charge of the instructional activities in the turning studio. The Guild team will develop the program for the furniture studio and the two teams will jointly plan activities for Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mark your calendar for April 8-10, 2022 (noon Friday to noon Sunday) for this fun and educational event. Cost for lodging and meals will be close to the same as our recent weekend events at Arrowmont. Cost for instruction and materials will be dependent on the activities planned for the event. We'll let you know the details in the coming months. Be sure to let the planning team know what you would like to see as instruction or if you have some favorite instructors (and topics) would like to see teach at the event. Email Bill Key with your ideas.

Summer Classes:

Dovetails on the Bandsaw (Saturday June 1, 2021 12:30 to 4:30 @ Woodcraft)

The class will cover the basics of dovetail construction including the types and layout of the dovetails with a demonstration of using a jig and the bandsaw to cut the tails. Transfer of the tails to the pin board will be covered as will the fundamentals of waste removal. The class is an introductory class.

Email William (Bill) Key to enroll.

Fundamentals of Marquetry ((Saturday July 31, 2021 12:30 to 4:30 @ Woodcraft)

Denny Siemsen will conduct a class on marquetry techniques in veneer used in furniture. The class is designed for the beginner and will not cover the intricacies used to construct pictures. Denny participated in an ETWG workshop lead by Craig Stevens in which a short presentation on the process was given. Denny has experimented with using the technique on furniture, one piece of which he showed at our last woodworkers show (Nov. 2019). The majority of the class time will consist of hands on effort. Veneer will be supplied and no tools will be necessary.

The class will be held July 31 from 12:30 to 4:30 at the Woodcraft classroom in Knoxville. The class will be limited to 8 students and a small charge (less than \$5) may be assessed for the cost of materials.

Email William (Bill) Key to enroll.

Bill Key

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Annual Membership Dues

Dues are \$35

Dues are payable now! Membership dues for 2021 are being collected. You can mail your check for \$35 to Charlie Cutler.

East Tennessee Woodworkers Guild (ETWG) c/o

Charlie Cutler

1631 Laramie Lane.

Seymour, TN 37865

New Membership Directory

We are in the process of creating a new (2021) Membership Directory that will be distributed to all members. Initially the distribution will be electronic. We'll distribute the Directory in printed form when our in-person Guild meetings resume.

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Juried Membership

Note: Due to Covid-19 the jurying process is suspended.

All members are encouraged to continue improving their woodworking skills for Juried status. If you are having a woodworking problem with your project, please feel free to contact any of the Juried members listed on our website. They will provide points to look for or improve upon. Please refer to "Standards Committee Guidelines" found at: [East Tennessee Woodworker's Guild](#) to make arrangements for the Committee to review your work.

Beads of Courage Boxes

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As of now, thanks to all you wonderful wood makers, I and Children's Hospital have enough boxes to last for quite a while. I will take all that you have made or in the middle of making. I'll let you all know when we need more.

You guys really can't imagine how you have inspired hope and love in so many children. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart and the hearts of many, many children.

Drue Hogland
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Membership Meeting Presentations

General Membership Meetings will be virtual Zoom meetings due to Covid-19, until further notice.

The guild generally holds meetings on the second Monday of odd-numbered months (i.e. January, March, May, etc.) at 6:30 at Maryville High School (MHS) in either the Wood Shop or in the Ed Harmon Room. Visitors and persons interested in joining the guild are welcome at all meetings. Directions to the meeting location at MHS are available via the Directions link at the top of the [ETWG](#) website.

Guild Staff

Board of Directors and Special Advisors

President	Stephen Shankles
Director and Vice President	Ralph Gonzalez (end of term)
Director and Treasurer	Charlie Cutler
Director and Secretary	Tom Ehrnschwender
Director	Jim Vogelsang
Director	Lou Mansur
Director	Bill Key (end of term)
Director	Jeff White

Committee Chairs and Project Coordinators

Education Committee Chair	Bill Key
Standards Committee Chair	Lou Mansur
Membership Committee Chair	Ralph Gonzalez
Door Prizes Coordinators	Hal Flynt & Tom Wallin
Newsletter Editor/Librarian	Tom Ehrnschwender
Nametags Coordinator	Charlie Cutler
Web/Audio Visual	Jim Vogelsang
Photographer	Tom Zachman

Volunteers are needed to fill the following open positions:

Vice President

Membership Committee Chair

Assistant (back-up) AV equipment technician

Education Committee Chair