



ETWG Newsletter

May-June 2020

Editor: Thomas Ehrnschwender

Message from Our President Stephen Shankles

Hello everyone, these last few months have been a whirlwind of world changing events. I hope you all have been able to find some peace of mind in your woodshops. I have certainly kept busy working away, but I did miss seeing everyone at last month's meeting and look forward to when we can meet again. The board has been discussing how and when we can safely reconvene our group. We don't feel comfortable having a regular meeting in July due to the proximity required and the elevated risk factors of our group (Y'all old). I'm sure many of you have used the video conference app Zoom in the last few months. The Smoky Mountain Woodturner's group has done a successful meeting using this program, and we are going to do the same for our July meeting. Our presenter Lou Mansur has agreed to be the guinea pig for this meeting. He will be doing his presentation on designing the chairs he had in the last Master Woodworkers Show.

Jim Vogelsang will set up a series of practice sessions about a week before the meeting to make sure anyone not familiar with Zoom can get in for the meeting. The meeting link and specific times for the practice tests will be provided before the sessions. The Guild Zoom meeting will be a separate meeting ID and that will be provided before the meeting and will also be available on the web site. Additionally we will add a new capability to the web site to allow uploading of pictures for the show and tell part of the meeting. Directions will be provided in an email and will be added to the member's menu of the web site.

The July Meeting will be held at the regular time on July 13th at 6:30pm. We will send out a link to the meeting a few days in advance. If anyone has show and tell images, please upload using instructions found on the website.

During this period of social isolation, I have seen several individuals and schools offering online classes in lieu of in person instructions. I would encourage you to look into these opportunities and apply for one of the guild scholarships. Many of these classes are less than the \$250 and \$500 scholarships, so we will split up the money as necessary. Information on scholarships is on the website. All we ask in return is some form of presentation at a regular guild meeting.

Thank you for your patience, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns

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Education by Bill Key

Postponements and Cancellations

- Introduction to Marquetry class has been rescheduled for October 10 at Woodcraft. This is dependent on the status of Covid-19, and interest.
- A class on Introduction to Finishing tentatively scheduled for August may still be held but will depend on how events unfold this summer. Look for an update in early July.
- Note that Arrowmont has cancelled all classes through the remainder of 2020.

Education Alternatives

- Mark Adams School in Indiana has reopened for classes with social distancing. Checking status is recommended prior to registering.
- Fine Woodworking online has a number of video courses as well as access to past articles and projects. Not sure what the cost is to be a member and suggest you talk to FW.
- Don't forget YouTube. There are a number of good resources available (most are free). Rob Cosman and William Ng are two that I've enjoyed.

Bill

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Arrowmont Workshops

Note: Arrowmont has cancelled all classes for the remainder of 2020.

Arrowmont provides 50% discount on one workshop fee per person per year. Residents 18 years or older of Blount, Cocke, Jefferson, Knox or Sevier counties in Tennessee are eligible. For further information and schedule go to: arrowmont.org

Scholarships

Members are encouraged to apply for scholarships if they find an education opportunity they would like to pursue. The process for submitting an application for scholarship can be found on the website.

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: [ETWG Home Page](#) to make arrangements for the Committee to review your work.

Annual membership dues are \$35

Membership dues for 2020 are being collected. You can: pay at the meeting or mail your check to Charlie Cutler. Dues are payable now!

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Beads of Courage Boxes

Message from Drue Hogland
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

The next general meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting due to Covid-19.

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 (previously named the Ruby Tuesday 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 Home Page](#)

Guild Staff

Volunteers are needed to fill the following open positions:

Assistant (back-up) AV equipment technician

Board of Directors and Special Advisors

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| President | Stephen Shankles |
| Director and Vice President | Ralph Gonzalez |
| Director and Treasurer | Charlie Cutler |
| Director and Secretary | Tom Ehrnschwender |
| Director | Jim Vogelsang |
| Director | Lou Mansur |
| Director | Bill Key |
| Director | Jeff White |
| Special Advisor to the Board | Al Hudson |

Committee Chairs and Project Coordinators

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| 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 | Ralph Gonzalez |
| Web/Audio Visual | Jim Vogelsang |
| Photographer | Tom Zachman |