



ETWG Newsletter

May-June 2021

Reminder, our July Membership Meeting is Monday night, July-12-2021, 6:30 p.m.

This will be our first in-person meeting since the Covid outbreak. The meeting will be at Maryville High School. Additionally we will try to broadcast via Zoom. The link is below and can be found on the website events page, and look for an email notification.

If you can't attend in person join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86742514092?pwd=d1VOS2FEbnNCWG1xWFBka0N5UGNiQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 4251 4092

Passcode: 756587

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.

Message from Our President Stephen Shankles

July 2021

Hello,

It's been nearly a year and a half since our last in-person meeting. This Monday we will get back to meeting at the high school woodshop. I've missed seeing everyone and catching up on what people are up to. The Zoom meetings have been good, but there's little substitute for meeting in person.

This summer has been a whirlwind for me so far. In the last month I've moved both my in-laws and my parents. I'm currently in the process of moving my house and woodshop. I'm trying to focus on the opportunity this is to rethink how I do things. I've been in my current shop for around 8 years, and I've settled into a rhythm of doing things a certain way. It's not necessarily an efficient or quick way of building things, but it's just "how I do it." It's so hard to stop what I'm doing to dismantle a part of the shop and reconfigure things. I've done it a few times, and I'm always pleased with the result.

I'd like to encourage everyone to take the time to improve your woodshop. Build better storage, get rid of tools you no longer need, burn the scraps of wood that are just taking up space, bring extra wood and tools to a guild meeting for someone else to use. I know I'll be shedding a lot of extra things that have been cluttering up my shop. Everyone stay cool, and I'll see you on Monday night.

Stephen Shankles
ETWG President

Stay Well,
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May Meeting

The May meeting was still via Zoom.

Presentation

Our May meeting featured guest speaker Peter Korn, founder and executive director of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine. Thanks again to Stephen Moles for reaching out to him. Korn is an influential member of the studio furniture movement, and author of *Why We Make Things and Why It Matters*. He also wrote *Woodworking Basics*, *Working with Wood* and *The Woodworkers Guide to Hand Tools*. Peter talked about his woodworking experience, his furniture and how he has successfully established a unique sustainable woodworking school. He has been a furniture maker since 1974. His award winning furniture has been exhibited nationally in galleries and museums. He founded the center for Furniture Craftsmanship in 1992. I hope you didn't miss this presentation.

Show and Tell

It is always great to see the work of our fellow members. Thanks to Brian Horais, Jim Vogelsang, Keith Clark, Mike Casey, Stephen Paddison 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 is out 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 tasks are overwhelming and often lead 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 – Need Your Response***:**

All Guild members were recently asked to respond the question of what topics they would be interested in for next years weekend at Arrowmont and if they are interested in attending.

Responses so far have been limited. Please review the topics list you were sent and send a response to pathryan2@att.net along with your interest in attending (Yes or No).

If you have a question contact Bill Key, keyws1@gmail.com

Summer Classes:

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 keyws1@gmail.com to enroll.

Introduction to Finishing with Stan Fronczek (September 2021)

Stan will hold an introductory class on finishing in his workshop in September (Saturday date to be determined) from 12:30 to 4:30. The class will be limited to 4 participants. The class will cover surface preparation and hand application of a penetrating finish using a cotton ball technique. Those of you who have seen Stan's work are familiar with the professional quality of his finishes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own small project to work on.

Email William (Bill) Key keyws1@gmail.com to enroll or if you have a question.

Bill Key

Membership

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

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.

Membership Meeting Presentations

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

Volunteers are needed to fill the following open positions:

Vice President
Membership Committee Chair
Assistant (back-up) AV equipment technician
Education Committee Chair

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