



ETWG Newsletter

November December 2020

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**Reminder, our January Membership Meeting is Monday night,
1-11-2021, 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/83235159349?pwd=UDdWQy8xbmI0WXNlUdkN2dzZ2TXF5dz09>

Meeting ID: 832 3515 9349

Passcode: 101938

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.

The meeting demo discussion will be on sharpening. There are three handouts on the website. Navigation is on the Member's Menu, Meeting and Demo Handouts/Information, [Handout information page](#). The handouts are

- Lou Mansur Sharpening Information Guide
- Arkansas Stone Article
- Scrapers Article

Message from Our President Stephen Shankles

President's Message

Hello Everyone, I hope you all have had a great Christmas and enjoyed the rare few days of snow. I like to take some time at the end of the year for a good shop cleanup. Especially after a year like this, it feels great to take a few days to straighten up and dust out the corners. Day to day, I am often too busy to notice how messy and cluttered my shop gets. Taking a few days off around Christmas is usually when I notice how bad things have gotten. I hope you all are able to do the same.

Another chore that goes along with a shop cleanout is a good sharpening session. I can't claim to sharpen every tool in the shop at once, but I definitely give my most used and abused tools a good touch up. In our January meeting, I'll give part of the presentation on my method of sharpening using diamond stones. It's quick and dirty and gets me back to work quickly. Lou Mansur will show how he sharpens using water stones. It's a more traditional method that gives excellent results. There are other ways to sharpen tools as well, and I'd like people to bring any issues or questions they've got to the meeting. Hopefully we can have a productive discussion on this fundamental skill.

We still have no timeline on getting back to in person meetings. Hopefully this spring will bring a turn in this virus and we'll be back together soon. In the meantime, we will continue with Zoom Meetings. Please continue to participate and invite any non-guild members to log in as well.

Stephen Shankles
President, ETWG

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November Meeting

Spindle Turning

The November meeting featured Scott Dewaard who gave a great video demonstration on spindle turning. Scott showed slides of a variety of his work to demonstrate how he uses turning in his work. He did a "warm up" exercise of beads and coves to walk through the basics of turning. His demonstration was based on producing a batch of spindles for a commission and methods of duplicating matching spindles. He focused on turning with a skew, but also talked about other lathe tools. I hope everyone enjoyed this informative demonstration as much as I did. Thank you Scott for sharing your knowledge,

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

Show and Tell

It is always great to see the work of our fellow members. Thanks to Beck Bryant, Brian Horais, Jim Rogers, Jim Vogelsang, Lou Mansur and S. Paddison 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.

Volunteers Needed

Master Woodworkers' Show – scheduled for November 5-7, 2021

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

- To publicize and promote the upcoming show in publications
- 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 Alternatives

In-person Classes

Three Saturday dates have been reserved at Woodcraft next summer for half-day in-person classes. Dates are May 22, June 12, & July 31. The June 12 date will be for Denny's long delayed class on veneer inlay. A class on dovetails with the bandsaw and a third class, to be determined (input sought), will have dates determined later. Hopefully, we'll have the repeat all day class on sharpening. Because of the woodworking show scheduled for early November I do not expect to have any classes after mid-September.

Virtual Classes

We are trying to identify one or two virtual classes to hold for guild members in late winter or spring. More on this in the future, but if you are aware of a class that you think the members would be interested in please let Bill Key or another board member know.

In the meantime, here are some sources for virtual classes (zoom or on-line video) you might investigate:

- Florida School of Woodworking (4 zoom class in Jan. and Feb.)
- The Northwestern Woodworking Studio, some of these are pretty inexpensive.
- YouTube – A lot of material, some pretty good and some not.

DVDs

Popular Woodworking and Lie-Nielsen both have good catalogues of DVD instructionals. Most at a price of between \$25 and \$50.

By the time summer comes, vaccinations will abound and most woodworking schools such as Arrowmont, Penland, Mark Adams, etc. should be back in operation. Don't forget our scholarships.

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

I'd appreciate any feedback on desired classes.

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. Hope you had a chance to review the draft of the Directory that you should have received via email. Please let me know any missing or incorrect information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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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 (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

Board of Directors and Special Advisors

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

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

Volunteers are needed to fill the following open positions:

Assistant (back-up) AV equipment technician