



## ETWG Newsletter

July-August 2021

***Reminder, our September Membership Meeting is Monday night, September 13-2021, 6:30 p.m.***

***Due to the current infection rate increase for the Covid-19 Delta variant, we are deferring in person Guild meetings and will be meeting on Zoom for September.***

***The Zoom information is on the web site and copied below:***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85317754087?pwd=ZlIUTmNHQTVOSTF1Z25QUVhJYmN5UT09>

Meeting ID: 853 1775 4087

Passcode: 770526

### President's Message: August

Hello everyone, it's been a whirlwind of a summer. I've just finished moving both house and shop. The kids are settling into new schools and I'm trying to settle into a new shop. It always amazes me how much we are able to cram into a woodshop. Despite the space being nearly twice as big, I still have stuff that doesn't fit. It will definitely take me a few months to get things back to normal and get into a comfortable shop routine. In the meantime, I've been getting rid of wood and tools I know I'll never use. It's like having my own estate sale and taking a hard look at all the stuff I've been storing for years. It's also a nice opportunity to redesign work flow and improve my process.

The best lesson I've learned from the move is that if you have to move any heavy equipment, get a truck with a lift gate. I borrowed one from a friend, and I was able to move an entire shops worth of equipment in one morning of light work. Smarter, not harder.

Our September general meeting will again be held on Zoom. Due to the increasing Corona Virus numbers, the board has decided to go back to virtual meetings for now. We will reassess for future meetings, but would rather err on the side of caution for now. The program will be a show and tell of shop jigs and fixtures. Please consider sharing your favorite with the group. You'll be able to upload photos on the website before the meeting and talk about it during the slide show. I'm looking forward to it. I also have the T-shirts we took orders for at the last meeting, but we'll wait to distribute those at a later date.

Stay Safe,

Stephen Shankles, ETWG President  
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## July Meeting

The July meeting was our first hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual via Zoom.



*Thanks to Jim Vogelsang and his assistant for arranging and providing the audio, visual, Zoom coordination, and videography for our meetings,*

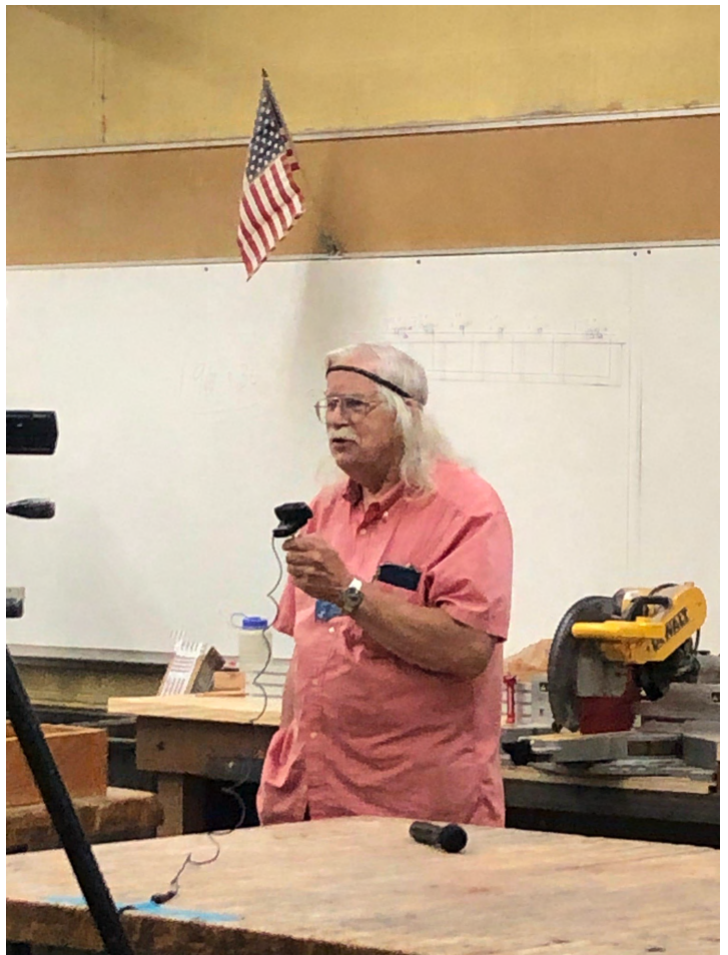


## Presentation

Our July meeting featured guest speaker and guild member Jeff White. Jeff owns a cabinet making shop, and demonstrated how he utilizes a CNC machine to make his process more efficient. Jeff stated that “the machine is always on time, never calls in sick, asks for time off or complains about working too hard.” The presentation included a very informative video taken at Jeff’s shop that walked through the whole process.



*Jerry Spady gave an update about the Al Hudson “Red Oak Fund” and his vision of creating a series of seminars led by renown woodworkers to bring woodworking to the forefront. The purpose is to inform and educate other woodworkers as well as other artisans and the general public. The program is still in early stages but the goal is to reach out beyond ETWG, perhaps including other artistic guilds, organizations and possibly the University of Tennessee.*



## Show and Tell

It is always great to see the work of our fellow members. It was especially nice to be able to see the work in person for those that were able to attend.



## Beck Bryant

Carved wooden bowl, some crosses a 900 plaque which represents doing all of the trails in the Smokies, a carved heart and a guitar stand.



Brian Horias

Thermed end table out of American Elm and Poplar wood.





Jerry Spady  
Funeral Barge multi media with various woods.





Tom Sciple

Maple Burl Jewelry Box with Ebony accents, and Ambrosia Maple Emerging Bowl.





Tony Grenis

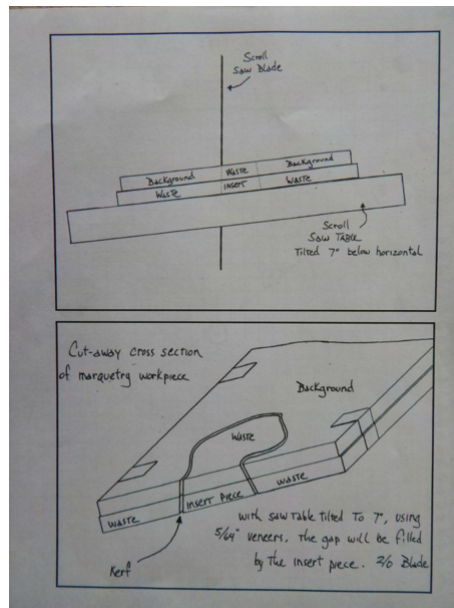
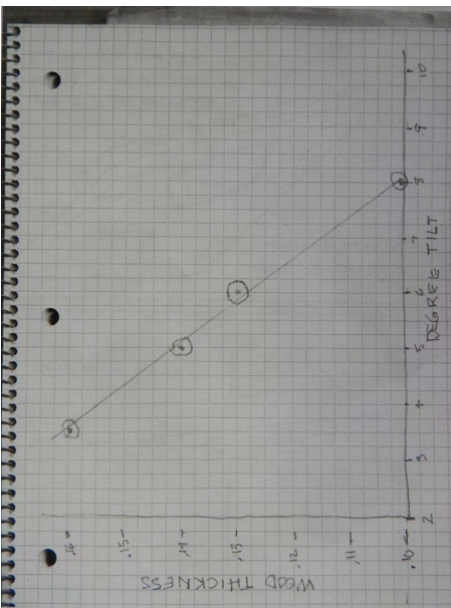
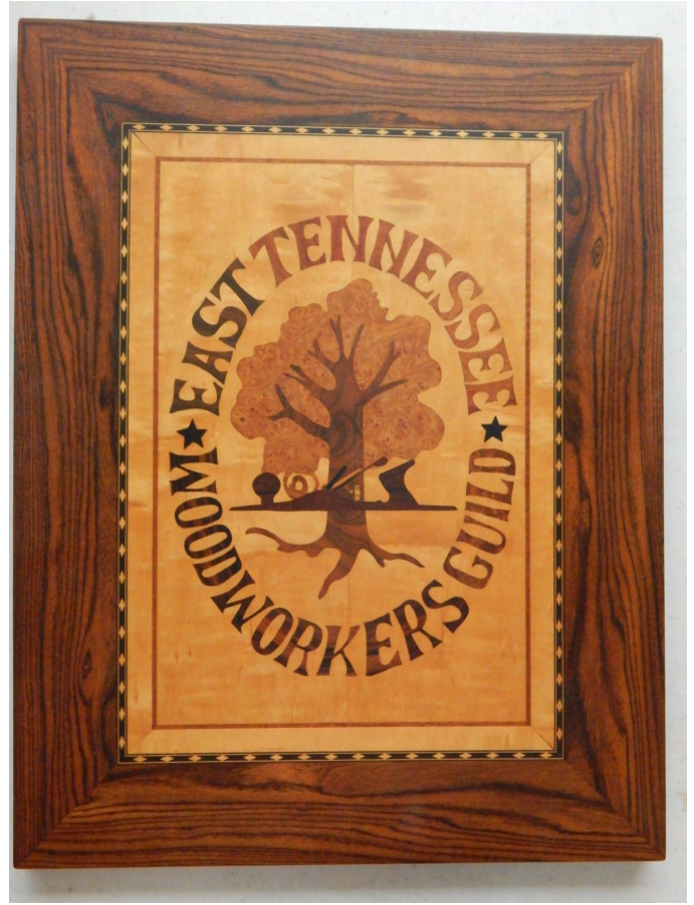
Serving Tray made with Pecan wood and a Lazy Susan made of Walnut and Zebra wood.





# Education

Denny Siemsen conducted a class on the Fundamentals of Marquetry on July 31 at Woodcraft.



The last class for the year will be held in September as noted below. Please email Bill Key ([keyws1@gmail.com](mailto:keyws1@gmail.com)) if you would like to attend this introductory class on finishing.

### **Introduction to Finishing with Stan Fronczek (Sept. 25, 2021)**

Stan will hold an introductory class on finishing in his workshop September 25 from 9:30 to 1:30. The class will be limited to four participants. This informative session will be hands on participation developing confidence in your finishing techniques.

The class will cover surface preparation and hand application of a penetrating finish using French application pads. Those of you who have seen Stan's work are familiar with the professional quality of his finishes. Participants should bring their own small project or a wood sample (about 6"x12") to use for practice.

*Because of current COVID conditions it is requested that students wear masks during the class.*

Email William (Bill) Key [keyws1@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)** website 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

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### 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

### Volunteers are needed to fill the following open positions:

Vice President

Membership Committee Chair

Assistant (back-up) AV equipment technician

Education Committee Chair

*A special thanks to Tom Zachman for providing the great photo coverage of the meeting and the Marquetry class.*