

East Tennessee

Woodworkers Guild

ETWG Newsletter

July-August 2025



Our September meeting will be this Monday, September 8 at 6:30 at Woodcraft.

Ronnie Young - "Paterae of Federal Period Furniture" will be the presenter.

The meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 829 8652 8153

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President's Message

President's Message September 3, 2025

The Arts and Crafts Movement was a protest to the industrial age where people toiled in factories to mass produce inferior goods. One early advocate was William Morris who stated "Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful." The movement ultimately created beautiful architecture and furniture that has stood the test of time. As a young woodworker, the straight lines and traditional joinery of Craftsman furniture appealed to me. Now, following Morris' statement, I have many pieces that I consider beautiful. Much to my wife's dismay, I also follow his sage advise to fill my shop with as many "useful" tools as I can find places for.

Looking forward, the September meeting will feature Ronnie Young, a former Cartouche Award winner and member of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers. Ronnie will talk about the paterae on Federal furniture and demonstrate the process to make them.

Further into the year, the speaker for the November meeting will be Kimberly Winkle, Director of the Appalachian School of Art, Craft and Design

[Kimberly Winkle](#)

See you at the meeting

Mike

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July Presentation-Shaker Boxes

Our July meeting was an overview, history and demonstration on how to make shaker boxes. Heather Ashworth provided a lot of information sharing her experience and knowledge on the history and construction of traditional Shaker boxes. Thanks to Heather for the informative and entertaining presentation.



Presentation (continued)



Presentation (continued)



Heather shared many examples of her work and historic boxes illustrating the various sizes, shapes and colors possible.

Presentation (continued)



This is a page from her notebook which outlines the specifications for each different size of box, including dimensions, thickness, size of copper tacks, etc.

Master Woodworker



Congratulations to Mike Johnson! He is the latest member to be granted the title of Master Woodworker.

Juried Membership

In perusing the membership contact list, you will notice that about one in five is designated as having juried status. The term denotes the highest level of achievement in woodworking, as rated by a jury of the most accomplished woodworkers within the Guild. Juried members serve as a resource, who can be consulted on a wide range of questions ranging from design, to specific techniques, tools and methods.

To seek juried status a member may request that their work be evaluated. To help decide whether work is ready to be considered by a jury, it is recommended that you start with self-evaluations. First, do your pieces meet your own highest standards? Be honest and critical. Second, as objectively as you can, compare your pieces to recognized works of merit.

Examples may be those displayed at the ETWG Master Woodworkers Shows, at national shows generally acknowledged to highlight the finest furniture and woodwork, and within highly distilled magazines like Finewoodworking. If your work does not do well by comparison, in your judgement, then delay your request to be juried. Make some improved pieces based on what you have learned.

If you are ready to take the leap, contact Lou Mansur our ETWG standards committee chairman mansurlk@comcast.net.

Show and Tell

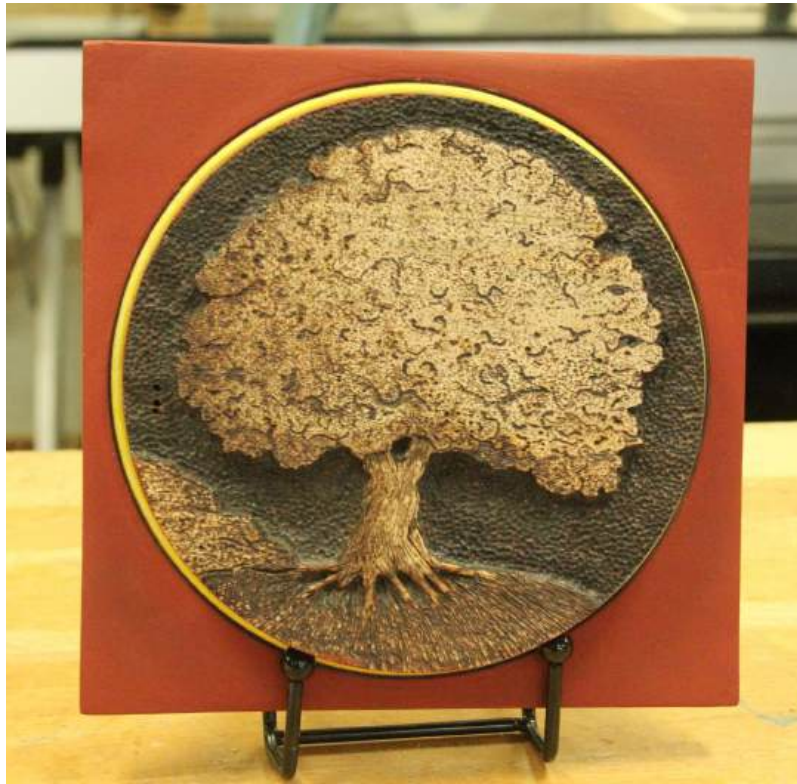


A replicated platform rocker by Lou Mansur, reminiscent of chair from his younger days.



Tom Knight with a bowl he turned from wood that he got from Stephen, also a small bowl for Stephen from same wood. Maybe spalted sycamore?

Show and Tell (continued)



Another piece by Tom Knight.



Democratic Settee by Tom Ehrnschwender.

Show and Tell (continued)



Wooden frame out of myrtle wood and a couple of skulls by Jerry Spady.

Charlie Cutler-Tool Sale

CHARLIE'S GIFT TO THE GUILD.

As many of you have heard, Charlie and Yvonne have made a gift of his shop for the guild. The sale will be on Saturday September the 27th from 8:00 am until at least 1:00 pm, at 1631 Laramie Lane, Seymour, TN 37865. This sale will also coincide with an annual Smoky Hills sub-division yard sale. So, if you want to bring any non-woodworkers with you, there may be some other pick-ins to be had. The sale will benefit the guild's Red Oak Fund and other education efforts.

Charlie had a well-equipped shop that any hobbyist woodworker would be proud of. This is partial list of the tools and equipment for sale.



- Craftsman 10" Chop saw



- DeWalt benchtop planer with stand



- Rikon 14" Bandsaw



- Jet 10" Table saw

- 6" bench top jointer with stand
- Pyrography unit with assorted tips
- Air hoses and nail guns
- Ridgid shop vac
- Assortment of power tools
- Jig saw
- Drills corded and cordless with chargers
- Routers
- 6" Grinder
- Assortment of woodworking hand tools including
- Clamps
- Hand planes, continued...

Charlie Cutler-Tool Sale (continued)



- Scroll saw



- Large well-made work bench



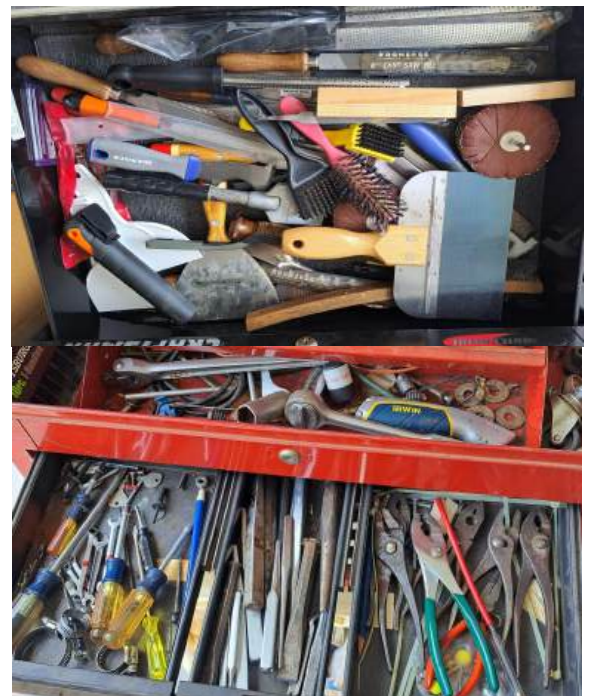
- Campbell Hausfeld air compressor



- Sharpening stones



- Chisels



- And of course, lots of handtools, wrenches, screwdrivers, sockets, etc.....

Volunteer Opportunity



Bob Law from Smoky Mountain Woodturners Guild presented a volunteer opportunity to mentor kids and teach woodworking skills at Wears Valley Ranch. Contact Bob Law for more details if interested. rlaw1@charter.net

Membership

Please contact Mike Casey or any member of the board if you need a nametag. mecasey4235@gmail.com

A new Membership Directory is available to members. Be sure to pick one up at the meeting.

Membership Dues for 2025 are \$50 and are due now, and will be collected at the meeting, See Tom Mueller

Your Guild

How can you be more involved?

Help Board members rotate out at the end of their term. Contact any Member of the Board if you have an interest in being more involved.

Help with setup and take down before and/or after the meetings.

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