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**SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**WE'RE IN LUCK! WE'LL BE AT...**

**SUSTAINABLE NORTHWEST WOOD**

**2701 SE 14<sup>TH</sup> AVE, PORTLAND, OR**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 - 7PM**

We're in luck. We have been able to book a tour and presentation at Sustainable Northwest Wood for our September 20 presentation. **The presentation will be at the company, 2701 SE 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Portland at 7:00pm, our usual time.**



BUILD WITH PURPOSE  
snwood.com

We have had presentations from SNWW before, but we were not able to go to the actual shop and get our hands on the wood. But now we're in luck. Few things make a woodworker happier than being able to actually touch and see the wood.

Sustainable has a stated goal to "foster a wood products community where each purchase for the built environment ensures resilience in the natural one." As our climate changes, it is gratifying to be able to buy our wood from environmentally conscious providers.

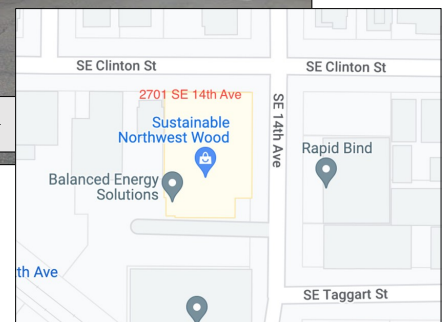
We have the good fortune of not only having this resource in our community, but also as **one of the Guild's sponsors.**

The people at Sustainable seek to find local, sustainable wood products that protect and restore our ecosystems. To meet this goal, they acquire wood that would otherwise be go unused and be wasted. Woods that they have available, that can be difficult to find elsewhere, include pacific madrone, blue pine, myrtle wood, and tanoak. Take for example western juniper. This species has become overgrown in Eastern Oregon threatening native grasses and drawing valuable water from the soil. Sustainable is working with millers to use this rot resistant wood as lumber.

Sustainable's wood is sourced exclusively from FSC® Certified sawmills in the Pacific Northwest. We, as woodworkers, work with a renewable resource, but it is neither unlimited nor expendable. There will be opportunities to purchase wood at the shop after the presentation, so bring your checkbooks/credit cards. This is a great opportunity for us to support one of our sponsors, our community, and our favorite pastime. Plus remember that you will get a 10% discount at Sustainable as you get from all of our sponsors. See the website for more information: <https://www.snwood.com/>



2701 SE 14<sup>th</sup>



**The Guild of Oregon Woodworkers is...**

... a group of amateur and professional woodworkers committed to developing our craftsmanship.

*Our Mission: To promote the craft of woodworking to the woodworkers of today and tomorrow.*

*Our Vision: A community of woodworkers that provide significant opportunities to develop, practice, enhance, and share skills.*

*The Guild offers many benefits for members, including:*

- ◆ Monthly programs
- ◆ Monthly newsletter
- ◆ Weekly Volunteer Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- ◆ An education program to help members develop woodworking skills through a variety of hands-on and lecture classes
- ◆ Sponsor discounts
- ◆ Woodworking shows (such as Gathering of the Guilds)
- ◆ Network of business partners.
- ◆ A woodworking shop
- ◆ A network of friends and opportunities to volunteer and make a difference in our community

*What you can do for the Guild*

- ◆ Volunteer your time to contribute, assist, organize, lead, teach
- ◆ Take a class
- ◆ Contribute your knowledge

**Guild Officers**

President -----Ed Swakon  
 VP for Programs -----Carol Boyd  
 VP for Member Support----Julie Boyles  
 Secretary -----Michael Bourgo

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Finance -----Tom McCloskey  
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*For more information see the Guild website or visit the shop.*

Guild Shop - 7634 SW 34th St, Portland, OR 97219  
[Guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](http://Guildoforegonwoodworkers.org)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our newest **47** members. We're happy to have you with us and hope you'll make a regular appearance at the monthly program (online or in-person), contribute articles to the newsletter, and volunteer in other ways.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Samuel Alcantara          | Amanda Kujacznski |
| Daniel Antal              | Daewon Lee        |
| Jason Anthony             | Kevin Mahr        |
| Elijah Bond               | Jacob Mashek      |
| Troy Brynelson            | Gerd Peter May    |
| Tamara Connolly           | Angelique McCann  |
| Kathleen Coolman          | Morgan McFadden   |
| Matthew Cunnington        | Melissa Miller    |
| Timothy Dennis            | Riley Murphy      |
| Eric Fauble               | Mark Newman       |
| Santiago Fleitas Gonzalez | Marshall Peterson |
| David Frazee              | Joseph Plummer    |
| Ashley Golden             | Susanna Reiner    |
| Tim Green                 | Amanda Richards   |
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| Tim Hendrix               | Chase Smith       |
| Jonathan Horsman          | Van Smith         |
| Olivia Hurd               | Michael Stevens   |
| Casey Jackson             | William Sturman   |
| Jonathan Kadish           | Kristen Thorp     |
| David Kallberg            | David Threefoot   |
| Brittany King             | Peter Tsiomba     |
| Semi Koo                  | Stanley Velk      |
|                           | John Wilson       |



Don't forget to use Amazon Smile for your Amazon purchases. Every purchase results in a donation when you select the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers as the non-profit recipient!



## NOTES FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT

*Ed Swakon, President*



### *August Picnic*

On August 23 we had our annual picnic at Tigard's Summerland Park in lieu of our monthly general membership meeting. We were able to have Steve Anderly present Al Arntsen with this month's Volunteer of the Month (see photo on [page 8](#)). A big thank you to Joe Wheaton for all your ef-

forts to make this event a success.

We will be meeting on September 20 at the MAC for our next general meeting. I'd like to encourage everyone to bring items they've made to the meetings and share them with the group as part of a show & tell.

### *Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month award redesigned*

The Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month award was redesigned to be about 1/3 the original size. (see photo below). This makes it easier for recipients to keep it on their desks or work areas. Over the past two years many VOM award recipients never actually received their awards. If you didn't get yours, please contact me and we'll make sure you get one. Better yet come to a General meeting and we'll give it to you then.

### *Capital Campaign*

Our Capital Campaign continues as does our work on getting the new studio space ready for use. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 by the end of the year, and we're about 50% of the way there. It's your Guild and we would love to say that everyone contributed. I want to ask everyone to donate what they can to make improvements to our shop spaces

and expand our educational offerings. As we expand our fundraising efforts into the community and seek philanthropic grants, participation of our membership in our fundraising is important. Please give what you can.

### *Volunteers needed to step up to the Board of Directors*

The Board is preparing a slate of nominees for the offices and directors of the Guild. We are looking for those members interested in the Guild's future to get involved. We are looking for new blood. Many of our existing officers and directors have agreed to stay on for an additional year, but several are moving on. The commitments in not great but extremely rewarding. If you have any interest in helping the Guild grow and improve, please contact me or any other Board member.

### *Special thanks to the CNC Special Interest Group (SIG)*

Run by Craig Jones for many years, the group has recently been augmented by Rich Bader and Vince Corben. The group has secured a new CNC machine for the new Studio and is in the process of preparing CNC classes. A class test run was conducted last month. There was a lot of material presented. Look for the start of several classes that will be offered through the Education Team over the next several months to get you up to speed with CNC in woodworking if you are interested.

### *By-laws revision*

There is a minor revision to the By-laws of the Guild proposed that will be discussed and voted on at the September General Meeting. The proposal is to have the immediate past president of the Guild be a voting Board member. A copy of the proposed revision can be found at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/11YKqazqzD4G\\_E7Vkah3Mgtg9AvPO-X0e/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106661169484462440640&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11YKqazqzD4G_E7Vkah3Mgtg9AvPO-X0e/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106661169484462440640&rtpof=true&sd=true)

If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact me.

Keep making sawdust everyone.



## GUILD CLASSES

Not all education can be found in classes; join our Monday night equipment maintenance group and grow your knowledge while you help the Guild!

Every Monday night, 5pm at the Guild Shop:  
[9/5](#), [9/12](#), [9/19](#), [9/26](#)

### ONLINE

[Carving Guild: Introduction to Carving \(Incised\)](#) 9/17  
9:30am Zoom

[Carving Guild: Flat Plane Carving plus Making of the Nanny Dee](#) 9/20 7pm Zoom, Terry Burnside and Jerry Boone

### IN PERSON CLASSES & SIGs

Classes require a shop card and shop certification. SIGs only need a shop card. Classes with openings are listed here; go to the [website](#) to add yourself to waitlists.

[Women's SIG](#) 9/1 5pm Guild Shop

[Hand Tool Series: Edge Tool Fundamentals](#) 9/8 6pm Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Oregon Carvers Guild: Small Bowls in Four Woods](#) 4 sessions starting 9/13 4pm online and/or in-person at private shop near Beaverton, Larry Wade

[Oregon Carvers Guild: Stropping for Beginners](#) 9/14  
10am online and/or in-person at private shop near Beaverton, Larry Wade

[Carving SIG](#) 9/15 6pm Guild Shop

[Hand Tool Series: Hand Saw Fundamentals](#) 9/17 9am Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Leatherworking for Woodworkers](#) 9/17 1pm Guild Shop, Tim Moore

[Carving SIG](#) 9/22 12pm Tigard Woodcraft Store

[Hand Tool Series: Hand Plane Fundamentals](#) 9/22 6pm Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Hand Tool SIG](#) 9/28 6pm Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Sharpening Chisels and Plane Irons](#) 10/1 1pm Guild Shop, Tim Moore

### INTRODUCTION TO GUILD SAFETY

New members: This is how you get your shop card. The Guild Safety class is a prerequisite to all others and to participating in hands-on [Community Projects](#) groups. There is pre-class work, so bring your homework to class. (Classes currently full, but add yourself to the waitlist.)

[Introduction to Guild Safety](#) 9/20 9am Guild Shop, Jeff Hilber

[Introduction To Guild Safety](#) 10/2 9am Guild Studio, Jeff Hilber

### SHOP CERTIFICATION

You must complete "Intro to Guild Safety" before taking these classes. If you are new to woodworking, you then take "Getting Started-Shop Safety for Beginners: Hands On with Portable Power Tools" before taking Shop Certification classes. (Currently, Shop Certification classes are full, but please add yourself to the waitlist on the calendar.)

[Getting Started - Hands On with Portable Power Tools](#) 9/6  
8:45am Guild Shop, Jeff Hilber

[Advanced Tool Class - Router and Router Table](#) 9/11 5pm  
Guild Shop, Bill Hamilton

[Getting Started - Hands On with Portable Power Tools](#) 9/18 8:45am Guild Shop, Jeff Hilber

[Core Tool Certification Afternoon](#) 10/4 & 10/11 1pm  
Guild Shop, Dennis Dolph

[Core Tool Certification Evening](#) 10/4 & 10/11 5pm Guild Shop, Mark Klein

Upcoming classes are posted on the bottom right of the [Woodworking Classes](#) page. For the full list of education and shop training classes go to:

### [GUILD EDUCATION CALENDAR](#)



*Project Build Team volunteer helping kids to build birdhouses.*



## WHAT'S UP WITH ED?

*By Gary Weeber, Education Director*

These are really exciting times for those of us involved in the Guild's Education Program.

- ◆ We are putting on classes at a rate greater than at any time in the past.
- ◆ We have an unprecedented range of safety classes that help members be safe in the Guild Shop and in their personal shops.
- ◆ We are presenting a breadth of subjects in classes that include hand tools, portable power tools, woodworking machines and CNC.
- ◆ We will soon have the Studio that is designed to improve the delivery of education classes and events.
- ◆ We have a Catalogue on the website for the first time that provides everyone with information about the types of classes we routinely provide.
- ◆ We have new Instructors coming on board and a growing list of Class Assistants.
- ◆ We have a number of new classes that we are progressively introducing.
- ◆ We have four Special Interest Groups that are alive and growing.
- ◆ We continue to bring in International Masters for workshops of the highest quality.

What is the primary ingredient for all of this to happen? VOLUNTEERS. In Education, our team of volunteers is slowly growing and we absolutely know that you all are the one critical component for all of this to happen. We love every one of you and value what you bring to this program and this organization!

Recognizing how important volunteers are, we are focusing our management of the Education Program on the goal of making sure we provide you with a positive experience, one that brings personal satisfaction AND woodworking knowledge.

We have a lot of history delivering education services and we know that volunteering can sometimes be stressful. We understand clearly that there are limits to what we can expect volunteers to do and that trying to maximize the output of volunteers means maximizing the experience for them. We understand that there are limits and we need to recognize that there are realistic capacities with what we can do.

In Education, we are now trying to define those capacities. For so long, we seem to have been driven by an unclear goal of 'do as much as you can'. That is a very murky goal and hard to realize. That type of goal can be stressful and present severe challenges to a volunteer force. So, our answer is to begin to identify the capacities of what we believe, as Education leadership, are realistic expectations at this time...with our current 'volunteer staffing'.

We are beginning with classes. The last seven months have given us a pretty good sense of what our new 'normal' is, including the type and volume of classes that we can provide. We understand that within the capacity of classes, we need to recognize *safety* as our starting priority, and then try to continuously build on the capacity for woodworking classes. We have delivered an average of 15 classes per month so far this calendar year but the number has been increasing the past few months. By the time we begin planning for 2023, we will determine what we consider to be the monthly average capacity for classes in 2023. That will be our monthly goal. It will be clear; it will be achievable; it will be predictable. It will reduce stress and create predictability.

This is who we are and what we plan to be. We should be proud of all that we have collectively accomplished as volunteers. We hope that those of you that currently volunteer find the experience fulfilling and we hope that those of you that have not yet volunteered with Education will be saying "yes...that is something I want to get involved with"!

If you want more information on volunteering with the Education Program or want to throw your name in the hat, just email me at

[gary.weeber@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:gary.weeber@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org).

Stay cool. Make sawdust. Be fulfilled.



*Project Build  
Team volunteer  
helping kids to  
build birdhouses.*

## MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

### Jeff Hilber

Jeff Hilber is one of the first instructors new Guild members meet as the instructor of both Intro to Guild Safety and Getting Started classes. How many new Guild members have met Jeff? Well, consider that by the end of 2022, he will have been the instructor for over 50 Intro to Guild Safety classes and over 40 Getting Started classes! Even more impressive, all of Jeff's efforts developing and teaching classes are as a volunteer!



Jeff's history with the Guild began around 1985. During this first period with the Guild, Jeff served as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, 2X4 Contest instigator and photographer. He also fondly remembers watching Sam Maloof build exactly half a rocking chair during a Guild seminar.

Professionally, he began working in commercial Architectural Woodwork in Portland's high-rises and also had experience with woodworking in Japan. He notes that one of the most critical lessons he learned was how to value and sell his work. During the last 12 years of his professional woodworking career his motto was "I'll build anything you let me design" – and they did.

His teaching experience in woodworking began at North Salem High School, teaching veneering to the Industrial Arts students. He has taught students from ages 5- 12 and at one points reports that he taught veneering to every shop teacher in Washington.

His contributions during his current stint with the Guild includes being head of the Safety Committee and then taking on the responsibility for teaching basic safety concepts to new members through the Intro to Guild Safety and Getting Started classes. He has also created the informal group called the **Take Ten Home Club**, stressing the importance of leaving the shop with all appendages intact.

Jeff is another one of our dedicated and talented instructors. When you next see Jeff, tell him thanks for all that he does.



**Getting Started with portable power tools, Aug 7th. 2 Instructors + 6 students + 24 tools = 4 hours of fun.**



**Introduction to Shop Safety - Aug 2**



**That new green planer is only for wood. The Take Ten Home Club, Aug 21**



## LEATHERWORKING FOR WOODWORKERS SEPTEMBER 17

*By Tim Moore*

By the time you read this I will be fine but as I am typing it I have a small bandage on my thumb. I reached into a box with several drawknives. The one on top had a sheath, the one below it didn't, and I got a small cut.

Avoid this embarrassing fate!

Safeguard your tools and your fingers with well-made leather sheaths!

To help you, the Guild will hold its next Leatherworking for Woodworkers class on *Saturday, September 17th, from 1:00 to 5:00*. This is your chance to learn how to design and sew a sheath for tools such as saws, spokeshaves or drawknives, using the saddle stitch. We will supply the leather and any necessary rivets and snaps, like those in the photo. We will also discuss various options to finish your leather. At the conclusion of the class you should be able to continue on your own, qualified to make sheaths

for your personal tools with the Guild tools sets, which will be located in the new Studio.



## TEACHING WOODWORKING

*By John Sheridan*

Because Guild class instructors may not have been taught “how” to teach I think that the following list of principles for teaching crafts technical skills created by Christopher Schwarz of Lost Art Press offers some guidance:

- ♦ Offer small bites of information for no longer than 20 minutes, then have students act on it.
- ♦ Teach by demonstrating, not talking, so students learn through use.
- ♦ Never do the work for them. Let them learn through mistakes.
- ♦ Avoid having lines at machinery or specialty tools. Find lots for all to do.
- ♦ On a board draw the lesson. Demonstrate the lesson. Let the students do the lesson.
- ♦ Give praise and criticism honestly and directly.
- ♦ Listen each day to every student.
- ♦ As the instructor warm-up each day to the day’s demonstration: Practice.
- ♦ Understand the goal of each student: techniques and skills or projects completed.
- ♦ Learn from your student’s insights.

Or, as someone added: “tell them what you are going to tell them, tell them, and, finally, tell them what you told them, all with a smile and friendly demeanor.

## GIG LEWIS VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD

## AUGUST – Al Arntsen



Each month the Guild awards one of its most prestigious awards, the Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month. Because the Guild is run entirely by volunteers, recognizing our volunteers is essential. Previous recipients of this award have volunteered in many ways. They might have actively participated in one or more of the many Community Outreach programs the Guild has or in Education or Shop Operations or contributed with a one time project for the Guild. Some have taken on a role behind the scenes that is important to the

Guild's ongoing operations. There are many ways and roles that members take to contribute to the Guild's ongoing success.

**This month's recipient of the Volunteer of the Month is Al Arntsen.**

Al has been a mainstay of Community Project Build for years. The volunteers participating in this group make products that are used in the shop, donated to other non-profits in our community, or sold at venues such as the Gathering of the Guilds.

Al knows from experience the Community Project Build is an opportunity for members, whether highly skilled or beginners, to get acquainted with the Guild shop and enhance their woodworking skills working with others. As with other community projects there are no shop fees for participation.

Al Arntsen has been a Guild member since 2016. He was introduced to the Guild when one of our members brought him to observe the Project Build session. He made the step to membership the next week and has been a Project Build member ever since. The two things he is known for among his Guild friends are his graceful shaping of wood in his signature intarsia work as well as his tenacious dedication to finishing a challenging project. He inspired the rest of us in his legendary dedication to building a set of four "linguini stools" that tested the patience and problem solving skills of several of his colleagues. Like many of our volunteers he strikes a balance of being a student and a



*Steve Anderly with Al Arntsen at the August picnic.*

teacher of woodworking as he contributes to the richness of our Guild experience.

Al also has a long history of being one of the first to volunteer for events such as the birdhouse builds and the GOTG where he not only can promote the Guild but also educate the public about woodworking. Al has been active with birdhouse build events at the Clackamas County Fair and Tualatin Nature center since starting with the Guild. One of Al's favorite things about volunteering is getting to work with the kids in building birdhouses although it's not quite as exciting as it was when the tykes were using hammers. "Take Ten Home".

We are pleased to have Al Arntsen as our Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month for August 2022.





## ART-IN-THE-PEARL 2022 DEMONSTRATION

By Roger Crooks



Art-in-the-Pearl is this Labor Day Weekend, and we still need volunteers. As of today, we are about 10 people short, especially the afternoon shifts.

After a very successful Multnomah Days booth, we need to now focus on AIP. Being a 3-day show and a 20' booth, we have a significant presence at this high-end, well known, and extremely popular event. It is one of Portland's signature events.

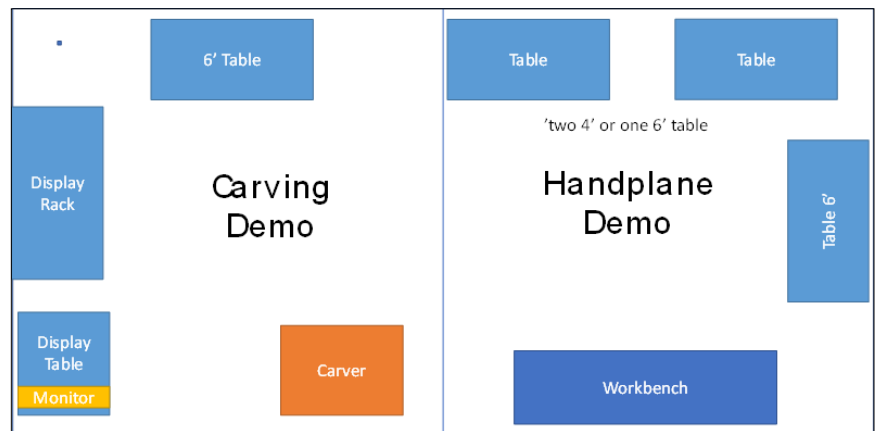
This is our chance to give back to the community, recruit new members, and have fun. The booth is divided in half. One half demonstrates the use of hand tools by making cedar sachets and giving them to the crowd. The best part is helping visitors, especially kids and women, use

a hand-plane to make cedar shavings. Side 2 is carving with a live carving demonstration and examples of different types of carving.

Wood is magic to most people and this is a chance to share with people your love of woodworking and encourage them to join the Guild.

Please sign up [HERE](#). Free AIP T-shirts are given to the first 15 volunteers.

**Our booth location is D7** on NW Flanders and NW Park Avenue, in the North Park Blocks – same as last year. To locate us on the map [click here](#).



## ART IN THE PEARL

If you have not gone to the **Art in the Pearl** event, you have missed something. If you have not also volunteered to serve at the Guild booth, you have missed even more!



Art in the Pearl is coming up September 3-5. This is one of our primary community events and all who participate as volunteers walk away glad they did it. It is a wonderful time to interact with the community, show some basic hand

-tool techniques and, most importantly, have a meaningful engagement with our community's children.

You don't need specific skills to volunteer. Just show up

and you will be guided by other experienced volunteers. Just relax and have fun. Then, walk around and see the incredible art of this community.

There are still exciting opportunities to participate!

**Volunteer openings are available on Sunday and Monday.** To sign up just go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=70a0d4ca5a822aafe3-artinthe2&view=standard>.

This is one of our 'community education' events. Let's really have a good representation of Education Team members there to support this program. If you have questions, please contact Roger Crooks ([roger.crooks@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:roger.crooks@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org)) or Larry Wade ([lpwade@gmail.com](mailto:lpwade@gmail.com)).

If you have a second, check out this short video of Art in the Pearl: <https://youtu.be/ORYcKODXt6Q>.

## DOORWAY TO EDUCATION CLASS ASSISTANT

We all join the Guild for our own set of reasons. Maybe it is to have access to a shop most of us can only dream of. Perhaps it is to learn more about woodworking by joining project teams. It might also be because we want to contribute to our community and we can do that through our community outreach programs.

One thing we know for sure is that many members join because of the opportunities to learn woodworking skills and abilities through our Education Program. We are curious. We are seekers. We want to know more. We know that the dedicated instructors of the Guild can teach us more about the properties of wood; how to use hand tools; how to make stools and tables; how to use a variety of woodworking machines; and how to learn the basics of CNC Woodworking. It is like having a live resource library!

The Guild has many ways to learn. One of the best ways is by becoming a Class Assistant. As a Class Assistant you

don't need to be an experienced woodworker with exceptional knowledge and skills. Class Assistants do exactly what the title suggests – they assist the instructor with the class. They may help by keeping records of class activities. They may be the second pair of eyes watching members use equipment during the class. The duties can be various but none of them are difficult. The best part is the Class Assistant gets the value of 'taking' the class for free.

This is an entry level 'dip of the toe in the water' for those interested in learning and participating in our wonderful education program. If you think you are interested or have questions, email Gary Weeber at [gary.weeber@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:gary.weeber@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org).

So, how about it? Walk through the door and get involved.

## MULTNOMAH DAY – AUGUST 20

This year the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers was joined by two other wood-based organizations – the Oregon Carvers Guild (OCG) and the Northwest Woodturners (NWWT) offering 40' of beautiful, handmade wood products for sale

Oregonians appreciate handmade wood products, and they had their choice of toys, puzzles, comfort birds, bowls, cutting boards, vases, pens, yarn bowls, boxes, hollow forms, magic wands, and many other items. All of the organizations reported great sales and happy customers.

Our annual bird-house build booth was again here after missing last year due to the pandemic. Again, they sold out

of kits. Project Build has fine-tuned the kits over the years to make them easy for kids to assemble and the finished product looks very professional. All day long we saw people walking around with bird houses – some decorated by other booths teaching painting to kids.

Shows like this present a chance to sell ourselves to the community and recruit new members. All the organizations reported lots of enthusiastic people looking to join.

Many thanks for all the volunteers for the street booth and the bird house build. Everyone reported that the event was a lot of fun.





## GUILD BIRDHOUSE BUILDING EVENTS

*By Holland Golec*

On Saturday, August 20, after a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, members of the Guild resumed two community bird house building events, one as part of Multnomah Days in Multnomah Village and the other at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. Nearly 300 bird houses were assembled by kids, with the assistance of Guild members.

Participating members at Multnomah Days included: Bland McCartha, Ed Ferguson, Bill Tainter, Michael Rothman, Daniel Tariku, Tom Nelson, Dennis Brown, Michael Kelley, Bob Hargrave, Andrew Vandervelde, and Holland Golec.

Participating members at the Clackamas County Fair included: Steve Anderly, Don Cline, Dora Liang, Al Arnsten, Darrell Schroeter, Dave Wiper, Stefanie Frease, and Phil Scott.

The Guild is looking forward to participating in these, and possibly others, in the upcoming year. To accomplish this, the Guild needs your assistance and participation.

First, we are looking for sources of wood, particularly cedar and other soft woods to manufacture the six parts that make up the birdhouse kits. In the past, we have used scrap lumber from old fences, cut ends from manufacturing milling operations and donations of unwanted lumber. If you know of such sources, please contact Michael Sandmann of the Project Build Team.

Second, the Project Build Team is looking for members who could assist in the milling and manufacturing of the pieces. This involves milling, cutting, and drilling to specification and packing finished pieces into boxes for storage. *Kudos to the many members who volunteered part of their Project Build time over the last few years preparing enough pieces to make over 300 bird houses.*

Finally, your participation at these building events, working with the kids and building community awareness of the Guild, is what makes events like these very rewarding. Please come and join your fellow Guild members of the Project Build Team in making these community building events even better in 2023.



## ANOTHER WAY TO VOLUNTEER

In addition to the Art in the Pearl, there is another way that one or more of you could help. The Guild shop is in need of a new dado sled. If you would be interested in making one for the shop, please contact Operations Director Aboo Balamwalla <[aboo.balamwalla@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:aboo.balamwalla@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org)>.

It does not have to be a deluxe model but should be accurate. We will of course reimburse for any material costs.

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET A VOLUNTEER?**  
*Walk up to them.  
Then ask.*

## GUILD CATALOG UPDATE

*By Bill Tainter, Volunteer Appreciation Program Lead*  
Starting in September the Guild Catalog will be open for our members to purchase Guild Gear. The items available to purchase are limited to just the items we have on hand in inventory. There is a link to the Guild Catalog on the Guild's Homepage.

We are not able to mail purchases at this time. You will be informed when they are ready to be picked up in the Guild Library. You will make payment for the items by credit card or Pay Pal when you check out from the cart.

If you have any questions or problems please contact me.

[bill.tainter@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:bill.tainter@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org)

## PROJECT BUILD TEAM





## Setting Goals in Woodworking

Chad Stanton, on his website [woodchoppintime.com](http://woodchoppintime.com) has a piece on setting goals in woodworking. If you want to check it out in detail, go to <https://www.woodchoppintime.com/setting-goals-in-woodworking/>.

To summarize, he lists some basic goals that may be worth considering.

Dream Big. Dreaming is the fuel that impels you forward.

Examine and Dissect: Look at the dream and develop the outline and steps of what you need to do.

No Project; No Problem: Sometimes it is good to just go in the shop and tinker or practice.

Share Success and Failure: Sharing our frustrations and mistakes with other woodworkers can prove to be therapeutic.

Write it Down: Making lists enhances the memory; provides lists; and gives one a sense of satisfaction as different things are completed.

Yearly Reflection: Take the time to reflect on the past year. It will help as you move forward.

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR ARTISANS AND MAKERS

*Junia Stephens, Foundation Director  
Milwaukie Community Center Foundation*

I am excited to announce that the Gift Shop at the Milwaukie Community Center is expanding and upgrading! We are looking for local makers and artisans that would be interested in consigning a sampling of their wares. We will be promoting our grand re-opening this Fall through a significant advertising campaign.  
503-653-8100  
503-794-8043 (Direct)

## SATISFIED CUSTOMER, GREAT CONNECTION

Last April I made contact with the Guild for Oregon Woodworkers with a proposal for construction of a custom headboard/bookcase.

I received several return contacts from members. Ultimately I ended up working with Luke Pattison (of **Pattison Design**). As part of our negotiation, I visited him at his shop in West Portland.

He just finished our birch headboard/bookcase and delivered same to our house in Beaverton. We will put on our own hardware and stain.

The end product looks great. Luke did an excellent job and I would readily recommend his services to my friends and others.

Thank you for facilitating our connection with Luke.

Pat Oakes



### Note from the Editor:

September's Newsletter will be a little late in arriving to you because the editor will be on vacation. You should receive it around October 10, perhaps sooner depending on jetlag.

## JOE NOLTE

### Note from the Editor:

Longtime Guild member, Joe Nolte, passed away on August 14. I did not know him well but my husband Gig Lewis called him a friend. They worked together for the Guild for years.

Joe was an avid rock climber and hiker, and he served in Vietnam. After his service he renovated hotels, built schools, erected public works projects, and even helped to construct the Indiana Jones ride at Disneyland. Joe was a woodworker.

He joined the Guild in 2012 and in January 2019, Joe was named Volunteer of the Month.

Joe ran our highly successful Estate Assistance program (with the help of an army of volunteers), was a very active Shop Attendant, served on the Shop Operations committee, plus was responsible for ordering supplies for the shop.



### By Packard Phillips

The passing of Joe Nolte was quiet, with no nonsense. As he put it, his lease on life was not renewed. My relationship with him was the same way. I had been tasked by Gig with getting rid of a bunch of old tools donated to the Guild. Joe asked if he could help and together we made it happen. Soon we were asked to help out a few widows who were left with tools and had no place for them. Within a few months, tool sales were regularly scheduled, and were successful, both profitable to the Guild, and to the widows. (*the Estate Assistance Team was born*)

The tool sales Joe ramrodded clearly emphasized the best principles of the Guild, they were of benefit to both the sellers and the Guild. The tool sales were a wonderful example of how we could be of service to the public while doing things we enjoyed. Others may comment on his efforts in the shop and his work on behalf of the Board of Directors, but to me his legacy was "helping out the widows".

Joe will be missed by many.

## A MOMENT IN THE GARDEN



Linda Howarth



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