

**Woodworkers' Guild  
of Georgia**

*“Dedicated to  
advancing the art and  
understanding of fine  
woodworking. . . .”*

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[www.woodworkersguildofga.org](http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org)

## Learn Woodworking Design Techniques At January Meeting

When a woodworker wants to create something entirely unique, where does he or she start? That's what Doug Pisik will discuss at the January meeting of the Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia on Monday, Jan. 12, at Woodcraft in Roswell. His presentation will get underway at 7:30 pm. It will be preceded by the Guild's annual business meeting, including the election of new board members and approval of the 2015 budget.

Doug took first place in the Master category at the 2014 Woodworking Show for his modern art cutting board. Doug enjoys featuring unique geometric patterns generated with highly contrasting woods when creating boxes, platters and bowls, and the occasional

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**How did Doug do it? Find out at the Jan. 12 Guild meeting**



**Guild enjoys food, fellowship, sharing fabulous projects in December. More on pages 4, 5**

## The Guild Board

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**Martha Holt, Editor**  
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The Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia welcomes everyone who is interested in fine woodworking to join. Annual membership fee is \$45, which can be paid at the monthly meeting or mailed to:

**Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia**  
**P.O. Box 80750**  
**Atlanta, GA 30366**

You may also join and pay dues online using Pay Pal at

**[www.woodworkersguildofga.org](http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org)**

# President's Notes

By **WILLIAM H. KITCHENS, JR.**

Happy New Year! What a year 2015 will be for the Guild. I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to serve the Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia as its president if I am elected to do so. I will have very big shoes to fill. We all have much work to do and many upcoming events to look forward to in the coming Guild year.



**Bill Kitchens**

Before I preview the coming year, I would like to say a hearty and heart-felt "thank you" to the outgoing president, Paul Fussell. Paul has served the Guild admirably as president for the last two years. Those years required some rebuilding and some major changes were made. Paul, with the assistance of some really great Board members, brought the Guild forward to today's viable and financially sound organization with a bright future ahead of it. Paul is a good friend of mine and he is the reason I joined the Guild. I love to kid him, but I am not joking when I say that he is an inspiration as a woodworker, as a Board member, and as friend. On behalf of the Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia, I again thank

you for your service to the Guild.

On to the New Year: On Jan. 12 at 6:30 pm, we have the Guild business meeting where we will elect the 2015 Guild Board members and approve the 2015 budget. This is a regular meeting and will be held at Wood-Craft on Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. In the second half of that meeting, we will hear from Mark Pisik who will tell us about building chopping blocks and cutting boards.

Then get ready for the Spring Symposium Feb. 20-22. We will hear the very talented Phil C. Lowe present techniques for incorporating curved elements in building furniture. Please register early as space will be limited. You can find the Spring Symposium information on the Guild website and elsewhere in this newsletter.

That takes us to March 6-8, where we will have our annual Woodworking Show at the North Atlanta Trade Center in Norcross. Finally, on April 18, we will host our Mini-Symposium at Peach State Lumber. As you can see, the Guild has several big events in the first quarter of the year. All members are encouraged to attend these wonderful events. Each event presents an excellent opportunity to learn woodworking skills from some of the best woodworkers in the country.

Before closing, I would like to acknowledge all of this year's Board members, more especially Paul Fussell and Jim Milam for the wonderful Christmas Party that we had in December. The food was awesome and the fellowship was priceless. I would like to extend a special thank you to all the members who placed their woodworking projects in the Show and Tell contest, and a hearty congratulations to those members who received awards in that competition.

Finally, I would like to extend special recognition to John Nielsen who has done an excellent job as our Patron Sponsor. John, if elected, will be our vice president and secretary for the year 2015, and I look forward to working with him to carry the Guild through the next calendar year. John brings to the table a certain passion for the Guild that is coupled with a refreshing can-do attitude.

Again, I am excited for the new year. I hope to greet, see, and meet every Guild member often during the year. And away we go . . .



## It's That Time Of Year Again

As you may remember, last year we changed the membership renewal due date to Dec. 31. Our annual dues for individuals or households remains at \$45 and we ask you to renew before the due date. This can be accomplished via PayPal from our website ([www.woodworkersguildofga.org](http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org)) or by sending a check to our address (Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia, P.O. Box 80750, Atlanta, GA 30366).

Members who have not renewed will be dropped from the membership list in January and access to the membership section of the website will be ended. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Fader, treasurer, at [gbf2home@comcast.net](mailto:gbf2home@comcast.net) or (770) 977-7271.

## Creating Unique Designs

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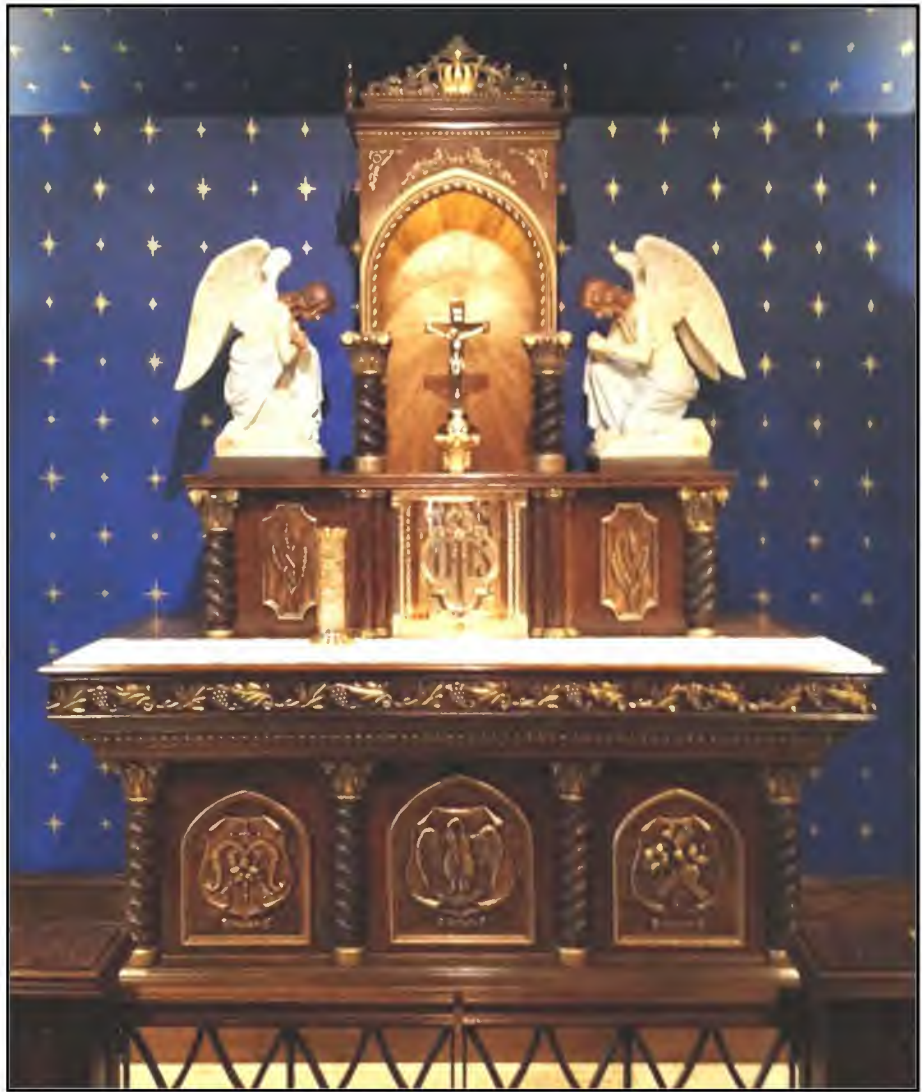
abstract art piece.

As woodworkers, we take pride in our craftsmanship and ability to create amazing things. Our skills include everything from picking lumber, cutting techniques, joinery, use of tools, to finishing. We can apply all of these skills when building projects, but there is another skill that comes into play that many of us avoid: project design.

There are so many amazing plans and instructions out there in magazines, books, catalogs and videos. For many of us this provides a lifetime of endless projects to fill our days with lots of sawdust and great results.

But for those of us who want to create something entirely unique, how do we get started? Where do the ideas come from and how do we turn an idea into a finished project?

January's presentation, "Woodworking Design Process," will help us answer these questions. We'll discuss the design process from inspiration to creativity, to planning the build, to how to handle mistakes. Hopefully this presentation will inspire all of us to develop something new, unique, and wonderful.



### Altar Construction An 8-Month Journey

Join us at the February meeting to hear Tom Melcher present his 8-month journey building this altar and prayer rail for his church. Hear how he designed and constructed it with, among other materials, air-dried red oak, a beautiful 24-way matched veneer sunburst, and a special finish. The meeting is Feb. 9 and Woodcraft in Roswell.

## Classified Ads

Guild members, please be aware that we will place your "For Sale," "Swap," or "Wanted" ad in an ongoing Classified Ad section of the newsletter at no cost to you.

You may advertise woodworking items such as tools, wood, equipment, or help wanted, but not a business or product line.

Keep it simple and include only your name, intention, item, and contact information.

For example:

**For Sale:** Rough Cut Red Oak

John Doe

[johndoe@johndoe.com](mailto:johndoe@johndoe.com) or call xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email your ad to either [marthasholt@gmail.com](mailto:marthasholt@gmail.com) or [markare49@gmail.com](mailto:markare49@gmail.com).



## Show and Tell Winners

Lots of beautiful woodworking projects showed up at the Guild's annual holiday party. Based on "People's Choice" judging, Jim Milam's Newport kneehole desk in mahogany (above) won first place in the Master class. In the Craftsman class, Jesse Johnson's Twelve Apostles clock (right) took the top spot. Bill Kitchens' mandolins took second place in both categories. Above right, he shows off one of them.







**Above:** Gary Fader and third place jewelry box (Masters)

**Right:** Roger Moister and third place Federal style Creole table (Craftsman)

**Below:** Bill Kitchens and second place mandolin



## Good Work, Good Food At Party

The Woodworkers' Guild annual holiday party and "Show and Tell" was a great success enjoyed by many members and their significant others. The spread of food from Maggiano's Little Italy was wonderful. The drinks and especially the many scrumptious desserts contributed by many attendees were excellent as well as greatly appreciated. Anyone attempting to cut calories that evening was in for a challenge. A special thank you to all who worked hard to make this annual event a success, especially Paul Fussell!

Many Guild members entered a wide variety of projects in the Show and Tell. Thanks to all who took the time and effort to share with us! Once again, the act of picking a winner in each of the two categories, for all of us in attendance, was tough. The talent and skills of Guild members were again displayed, and indeed an inspiration to see what can be produced.

The winners, based on the People's Choice format, are pictured on this and the preceding page.

## Lowé Headlines 2015 Symposium

The Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia will host its annual symposium Feb. 20-22 at Woodcraft in Roswell. Philip C. Lowe, who also led the Guild's symposium in 2009, will headline this year's event. Lowe is the founder and director of the Furniture Institute of Massachusetts in Beverly, MA. He is a frequent contributor to Fine Woodworking magazine.



Lowe's topic will be "Curved Elements in Furniture." Craftsmen for centuries have been stretching the limits of wood with sensuous curves to their work, and have come up with some ingenious ways to accomplish sometimes seemingly impossible shapes. Through both lecture and demonstrations, Lowe will provide information useful to woodworkers of all skill levels from novice to expert.

The weekend will begin with a slide presentation on Friday evening. That event is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 8:30 am on Saturday. The morning session will run from 9 am to noon both Saturday and Sunday. The afternoon session will be from 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm on Sunday.

See the Guild's website for more information ([www.woodworkersguildofga.org](http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org)).

## Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia 2015 Annual Spring Symposium Feb. 20-22, 2015, 9 am-5 pm

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| <b>Pre-Registration<br/>(Until 1/15/15)</b> | <b>Registration<br/>(After 1/15/15)</b> |
| Guild Members — \$ 85                       | Guild Members — \$105                   |
| Non-Members — \$130*                        | Non-Members — \$150*                    |

Save \$20 by registering before 1/15/15

*\*Includes full 2015 Guild membership*

Join now at [www.woodworkersguildofga.org](http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org) and pay the Member price

### Registration

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guild Member ( ) Non Member ( ) Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to 2015 Spring Symposium, Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia,  
PO Box 80750, Atlanta, GA 30366

## 2015 Atlanta Woodworking Show March 6-8

The 2015 Woodworking Show will be March 6-8 at the North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, 30093. That's the same location as 2014. Hours are Friday from noon to 6 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm. Admission is \$10 online and \$12 as the door (cash only).

However, if you volunteer to help with the Guild booth during the show, you can get in for free. In order to gain entry for free, your name must be provided to the show staff. So, send the following information to Nuane Neely at [nneely@mindspring.com](mailto:nneely@mindspring.com) :

- Name
- Dates and times you would be willing to work

- Would you be willing to demonstrate some woodworking skill or technique
- Your e-mail address
- Would you be available to help set up on Thursday and/or take down the Guild booth after the Sunday show

You will be selected from the volunteers and assigned a date and time to work based on the information you provide. We will only have room for a limited amount of support during the show. So, please consider volunteering soon.

The Guild will have a display of members' work. Please consider entering some of your pieces which will be judged by a three judge team.

The categories for displaying your work will be: Furniture, Boxes, Turnings and Miscellaneous.

We will have two levels for you to enter, Craftsman and Master. You masters know who you are and the rest of us can attempt to be craftspersons.

We have been told to expect a greater number of vendors at the 2015 show than in years past. Visit [thewoodworkingshows.com](http://thewoodworkingshows.com) to check out the seminars and instructors (one of them is Marc Adams). You will have to look at the seminars at the next scheduled show to get an idea of what will be available; as the seminars are not firmed up until a few weeks before the show.

# Free Demonstrations

## Woodcraft Demonstrations

Woodcraft, located at 8560 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, has demonstrations on most Saturdays. For more details, see [woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=503&page=demos](http://woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=503&page=demos)

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| Jan. 3  | 1 pm — Festool Product Line |
| Jan. 10 | 1 pm — Bird Feeder          |
| Jan. 17 | 1 pm — Upcycling: Coat Rack |
| Jan. 24 | 1 pm — 4-Squaring Lumber    |
| Jan. 31 | 1 pm — Power Carving        |

## Rockler Demonstrations

Rockler schedules demonstrations most Saturdays. Rockler is located at 6690 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. To see more details, check [rockler.com/retail/index.cfm?store=29](http://rockler.com/retail/index.cfm?store=29)

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| Jan. 3  | Rockler Innovation Day<br>11 am — Sign Making Kit               |
| Jan. 10 | 21st Century Woodworking Day<br>11 am — CNC Piranha             |
| Jan. 17 | Rockler Innovation Day<br>11 am — Plantation Shutter Jig        |
| Jan. 24 | Plug Into Power Tools<br>11 am — Eureka Zone                    |
| Jan. 31 | Rockler Innovation Day<br>11 am — Dovetail Jig and Glue Paddles |

## Upcoming Events

*The Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia meets the second Monday of most months at Woodcraft, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. The store is east of Georgia 400 near the intersection of Holcomb Bridge Road and Nesbit Ferry Road. Pre-meetings start at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.*

### Monday, Jan. 12

Woodcraft, Roswell

**Pre-Meeting: Annual Business Meeting**  
**Meeting: Mark Pisik on Cutting Boards**

### Monday, Jan. 19

Rockler, Sandy Springs

**6:30 pm—Satellite Turning Group**

### Monday, Jan. 26

Rockler, Sandy Springs

**6:30 pm—Satellite Scroll Saw Group**

### Monday, Feb. 9

Woodcraft, Roswell

**Pre-Meeting: Jack Morse on Turning**  
**Mixed Media**

**Meeting: Tom Melcher on Building Altar**

### Monday, Feb. 16

Rockler, Sandy Springs

**6:30 pm: Satellite Turning Group**

### Friday, Feb. 20

Woodcraft, Roswell

**Free Slide Show: Phil Lowe Slide Show**

### Feb. 21-22

Woodcraft, Roswell

**Spring Symposium with Philip C. Lowe**  
**Curved Elements in Furniture**

### Monday, Feb. 23

Rockler, Sandy Springs

**6:30 pm—Satellite Scroll Saw Group**

### March 6-8

North Atlanta Trade Center, Norcross

**2015 Woodworking Show**

**No Monthly meeting**  
**at Woodcraft in March**

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ers. Whether you're a seasoned pro, a home-improvement enthusiast or a craftsman, we believe you will enjoy browsing our online catalog at [www.Rockler.com](http://www.Rockler.com), getting interesting tips through our email newsletter, and being the first to find out about some exciting new products. We invite you to visit our location at 6690 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. Store hours are Monday–Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. Stop in on Saturdays for our free demos 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Phone:404-460-1000.

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