

Golden Isles Woodworkers and Woodturners

June 2017

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Memorial Day! Summer feels like it is here already even though the calendar says won't officially be here until June 21st.

MANY thanks to Ray Dumas for inviting us to his shop and providing a great presentation and demo. I think everyone was fascinated with the beautiful work Ray does.

After receiving input from several of our members, our regular meeting time will be moved back to 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month unless our demonstrator/presenter would prefer to have it another time.

June's meeting will be held at my shop at 9 a.m. on the 10th. I will be doing a demonstration of applying natural stain to unfinished wood. "Natural" meaning things that you may have at home, such as coffee, tea, mustard, shoe polish, etc. It should be fun and interesting. And, also messy. Ray Dumas said he uses some of these natural stains on his wood carvings. As always, please BRING A CHAIR.

If anyone has something else they would like to demo at the June meeting, please let me know as I believe we will have time for it.

July's meeting will be held at Barb Hahn's shop in Kingsland on July 8th. Ed Malesky will be coming up from Jacksonville to do a demo for us.

The club project: "Boss" Tweed Chairs refinishing – Paul said "They all need re-caning. Two just need re-gluing and the rest are total rehabs with some new parts to be made. Also a decision needs to be made about keeping the original grain painting or totally stripping them down to bare wood and putting a new finish on. The only problem with a new finish is that the type of wood underneath is a crap shoot. It may be anything from ash to walnut, but most probably something like poplar or soft maple. They may also be a mix of whatever parts were left in the bins at the time they were made." "The finish is called a "fancy grain painted" finish. Probably shellac over that."

The earliest Paul will be available to head up this project will be the August meeting. That will be held on the 12th at his shop. I will be out of town at that time. Please plan on an actual work day at that meeting.

Karen Grogan, 2017 President, GIWW

Members News

Herb Miles has some cedar cutoffs to give away if anyone is interested in them.



Also, recently one of our members, David Loehle, was featured in an article in the Brunswick News.



Basket maker addresses Rotary club

Dr. David Loehle of Barrier Island Baskets was the featured speaker for a recent meeting of the Golden Isles Rotary Club.

Loehle, a retired chemist, traced the history of coastal Georgia and South Carolina baskets, and his own work making his distinct baskets.

The rice plantations along the coast created both the need for baskets and the talent to make them. The rice growers specifically sought African workers who had experience in growing rice; they also knew how to make the baskets used for winnowing the rice from the hulls, as well as for other household purposes. The materials used for baskets varied based on what grew naturally. In South Carolina, the primary material was sweetgrass with wrappers made from new leaves of cabbage palm. In Georgia, the native grass was spartina and the wrappers were the “skin” from the stems of palmetto. The rice plantations were destroyed during the Civil War, but the former slaves still made baskets for household use and to carry produce to market. They sometimes sold their baskets, which provided cash for those items that could not be bartered, especially taxes. Eventually a small cottage industry grew up, notably in the Charleston area, when the women who made the baskets sold them from stands along U.S. Highway 17. No longer a purely utilitarian form, they have come to be prized as an artistic endeavor. Loehle learned the basket craft from a resident of Sapelo Island who had learned from Allen Green, a legendary figure who appears in any book on coastal baskets. Loehle noted that he makes his own variation on marsh grass baskets, incorporating needle rush and longleaf pine, as well as wood from native trees.

Members Work

Herb



Karen





Gerald



Your work is missing.....
Send pics....

Next Meeting

June 10 at 9:00 A.M. at Karen's

112 Chad Circle, Brunswick

Bring a Chair!!!!