GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

AUGUST 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on

August 8, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

Ray Schwarting

Intro to the

Scroll Saw

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE WOOD SHOP OF THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to Paul and Gerald for the outstanding demonstration last month. Paul shared his knowledge on doing a bandsaw tuneup. It might have seemed like review for some, but there was information that benefited all. So, having done a bandsaw tuneup, Gerald demonstrated how to do a bandsaw box. It was great to see how a simple piece of wood can be transformed into a nice piece of work. He couldn't complete the entire project due to letting glue dry under clamp pressure but hopefully we will see the completed box at next meeting.

Ray Schwarting will be doing the demo for this month. We have seen the amazing things he has made using a scroll saw. He will bring the scroll saw work to the forefront at the next meeting. Some, maybe many of us, find the scroll saw a "foreign" tool we either don't have or do very little with. Ray will show us what it can do.

Officer positions up for elections…Treasurer and Secretary. Karen will be turning over Secretary position after holding this for many years, along with a number of other positions at one time or another. Herb will be turning over the duties of treasurer after many years also. Please consider taking an active role as a club officer and board member. Like to see the club continue or have ideas that can benefit the club, become an officer of the club. If you have questions of the position, please talk to either to get the information you need.

The October show is quickly approaching. For those participating, more information will be coming out as to when certain actions will need to be taken. By now, a bio, a picture of a piece you will have in the show and a self-picture should have been turned in has been submitted to the Jekyll Island Arts Association.

I am always looking for those that may want to, or could, do a demonstration at our monthly meeting. An idea that came up was to do several mini demos at one meeting. Call it variety demo day. Some things need only 20-25 minutes to demonstrate and that is it. I have had one come to me with a couple of ideas already. If you have something that you do that could benefit others and would be of a shorter duration, reply to this email, info me in an email to giww@giww.org or send an email directly to me.

During a recent "gathering of the minds", lacquer was talked about and some difficulties and maybe some oddities that can occur were talked about. I did a simple google search (making AI work for me) for tips on using lacquer. Find that in the "Shop tricks and tips".

Designing with AI. I know the "traditionalists" will scoff at the idea of using AI to aid in designing a project, or to help with a calculation. Use it as a tool. How many of you do use it? Who would like to learn how to use it more? I know I would. Curious to know who in the club, or even those that receive this newsletter for that matter, uses AI in their wood working and might be willing to share.

Ken Honadel, GIWW President

Shop Safety tip

Shop cleanliness. Along with cleanliness is organization. A cleaner shop will reduce the chances of tripping, slipping or something else that will cause you to have a less than desirable day. Organization, a part of shop cleanliness, can mean nothing more than putting tools and materials back in a "designated" location. Any horizontal surface is not a "designated" location! This organization will reduce the frustration created when you try to find that tool you had just a little while ago. Who hasn't had that! I think we have all been there a time or two. As frustration grows, the chances of an unexpected event occurring will likely increase.

Shop tricks and tips

When applying lacquer, work to have humidity level as low as you can (difficult in this South Georgia environment).

The ideal conditions for applying a lacquer finish are air and surface temperatures between **65°F and 75°F** (18°C–24°C) with a **relative humidity below 50%**. A dust-free, well-ventilated, and well-lit environment is crucial for preventing flaws and ensuring a flawless, glass-smooth cure.

Temperature

- **Ideal Range:** 65°F to 75°F (18°C–24°C).
- **Avoid Extremes:** Never apply lacquer below 55°F (13°C) or in direct sunlight/above 90°F (32°C). Cold temperatures cause the lacquer to dry too slowly, preventing it from flattening out, while excessive heat causes the solvents to evaporate too quickly, leading to "blushing" or a rough, bumpy texture (dry spray).

Humidity

- **Ideal Range:** Below 50% (and strictly under 85%).
- **Blushing Risks:** High humidity is the biggest enemy of a lacquer finish. As the lacquer's solvents evaporate, they rapidly chill the surrounding air. If moisture in that humid air condenses on the wet lacquer, it causes "blushing," which manifests as a cloudy or milky white film on your project.

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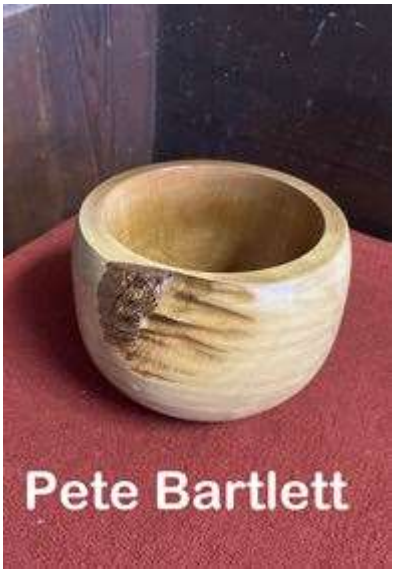

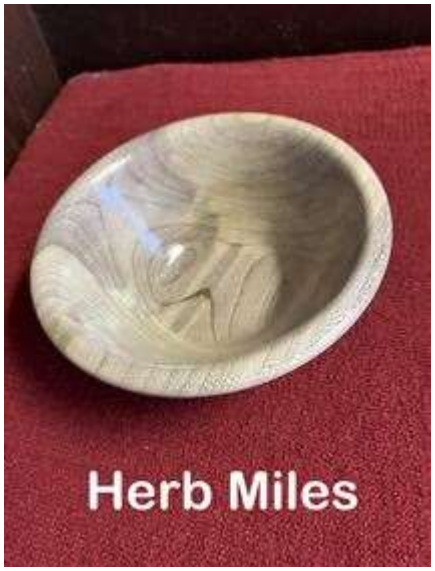

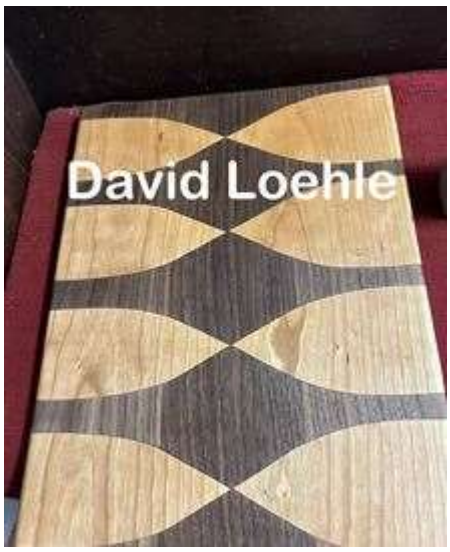

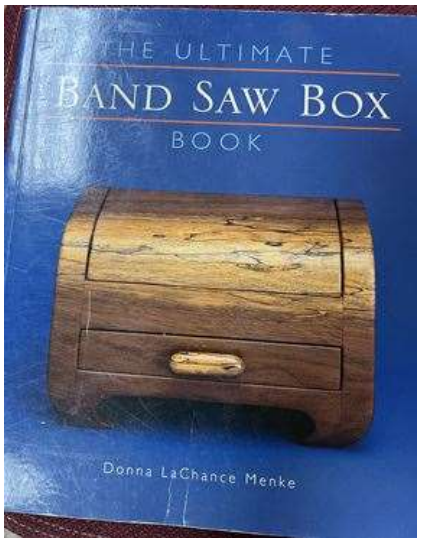

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