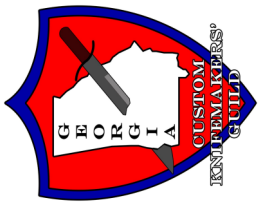


# Steel & Fire



August, 2019



**Dirk Loots, Andy Roy, Allen Surls and Joey Berry recently purchased Pop's Knife Supply business. The name will be kept the same and the supplies will be available at the Georgia Guild meetings. The guys said the business is going very well and it is hard to keep up with all the orders that they receive...but they do love the business! Plan to pick up a few items while at the next quarterly meeting which will take place at their new shop in Braselton, Georgia. (See more on page 5)**

## The Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild

**Educating and informing the public about knife making  
Assisting, aiding, and teaching members, helping to develop their skill level,  
And how to promote their craft  
Establishing and following Standards of Conduct and Workmanship**

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## Notes from the President

Greetings everyone! Here we go towards the end of summer, hard to believe it is August already. It has been a fast moving train since our last meeting in May at the beautiful home and shop sponsored by Adam and Rachel Reese in Hephzibah, Georgia. Great time had by all and thanks again to them for their continued support and participation in the Guild.

The Blade Show in June was a huge success for many. I manned our Guild table during the show along with others. It was great to see many of you that dropped by and we had a good amount of interest in our organization by hopefully future members.

Summer is a relaxing time for many of us in the knife industry, be it a hobby or more of a vocation. With that said, just a few weeks away from hunting season with the possibility of knife sales ahead. For many of us this time of year is the start of our busiest season. I wish all of you good sales and safe days in the shop and in your travels during this busy time of year.

Speaking of travels, our upcoming summer quarterly meeting is being hosted by the new Pop's knife Supply store in Braselton on August 23-24th, just three weeks away. Andy Roy along with his three partners, Allen Surls, Dirk Loots and Joey Berry will be there, great time to do a quick inventory of your shop, make a shopping list, maybe call it in before the meeting and pick up your supplies at the meeting, saving a little on shipping. Historically the meetings at Andy's shop (now store and shop) have been the largest events of the year, so everyone plan on attending if possible. There will be the usual Friday evening social with the meeting kicking off on Saturday morning at 0900, Please bring a chair, and don't forget to bring something for the Iron-in-the-Hat drawings. This helps to pay for our catered lunch. Everyone bring a fiend too.

As usual, we will have demo time. This meeting they will be "How to build a marking machine for marking your blades by Cody Wheeler. Also, Tapering Tangs by Andy roy, and a forging demo by Justin Meyer. Thanks guys, appreciate your willingness to share and teach!

Going to be a great weekend in Braselton, everyone who can, please attend. Would love to see you all there, good friends, great opportunity for shopping for supplies at their store, excellent demos that may help answer some questions for you and good food. Who could ask for anything more.

**Be sure to go to the Georgia Guild Facebook page and let us know if you will be attending along with any number of guests/family with you so we can get some kind of headcount for projected food orders.**

Again, hope to see many of you there at Pop's Knife Supply on 23-24 August, in Braselton.

Keep It Sharp!

John I. Shore

### UPCOMING MEETING:

The Summer quarterly meeting of the Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2019. The meeting location is the store/shop of Pop's Knife Supply-Andy Roy, Joey Berry, Dirk Loots and Allen Surls in Braselton, Georgia. The address is 5450 Technology Pkwy. Suite 700, Braselton, GA. There will be a Friday social for those that can attend.

Check the forum and the GA Guild FACEBOOK page for more information and to let us know how many are coming in your group. We would like to get a headcount for our food for lunch.

**Guild shirts** are available. Contact Nola Costin for more information on purchasing a shirt. Sizes include S, M, 2XL, and 3XL at a cost of \$16.00.

The newer shirts sizes L and XL are \$20.00 due to the increase cost in purchasing them. Shirts will be available for purchase at the meeting.

### Guild hats...

We still have GA Guild hats available for purchase. The cost of the hat \$15.00.

There is just one style left to chose from at this time. More will be ordered.



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Our spring Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild took place at the home/shop of Adam and Rachel Reese in Hephzibah, Georgia. (Augusta area)



This picture above was from a previous year at the home of Adam & Rachel, and the children are definitely growing up. Take a look at Emma here with a turtle that we discovered on the property. She is getting to be quite a young lady.



**Our regular ladies at the meeting, Rebecca Hensley and Marsha Brewer, helping to get everyone signed in, collect dues, and sell Iron-in-the-Hat and Scholarship knife tickets. Thank you Rebecca and Marsha.**





## Pop's Knife Supply has new owners



New owners of Pop's Knife Supply Andy Roy, Joey Berry, Allen Surls and Dirk Loots in front of their new shop in Braselton, Georgia. We hope to see you here for the upcoming Georgia Guild meeting, Saturday, August 24th from 9:00-3ish. Come join them for a Friday evening social also.



Unlike at the other quarterly meetings, the guys will not have to pack up their merchandise for display and selling at the upcoming August meeting. They will be in their own shop with all the materials available for purchase by those that will attend the upcoming GA Guild meeting. Might want to get those orders ready!!!



## DEMO time...



Eddie Ray discussed the layout of a knife from paper design to steel. Following Eddie was John Shore who did the fitting of the handles after the layout was complete.





DEMO time continued...



**LET  
THE  
SPARKS  
FLY**

A look at some of the before and after grinding of the knife blade by Andy Roy.



## **IRON-IN-THE-HAT**

Remember to bring items for the Iron-in-the-hat. The more you bring, the better the benefits of Iron-in-the-hat!

Iron-in-the-hat proceeds help to defray the cost of the guild meetings.

Tickets for the Iron-in-the-Hat are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

**NOTE—on any of the handle material pieces, please indicate what the material is if possible.**





## John W. Poythress Scholarship Knife

The Scholarship knife was donated by Adam Reese. The winner of the knife was Chris Hicks of Kennesaw, Georgia.



### MEMBER JURIED

Donnie Daughtry was juried in at the May 4th meeting. Donnie has been a member and decided it was time to get juried in as a member with three of his awesome knives.





## Calendar

**August 23-24, 2019—Summer GA Guild meeting, at the store/shop of Pop's Knife Supply-business of Andy Roy, Joey Berry, Allen Surls and Dirk Loots. Address is 5450 Technology Pkwy., Suite 700, Braselton, GA**

**September 28-29, 2019—Atlanta Makers Faire at the Georgia State Stadium, Atlanta, GA. Flint River Knife Club will be set up to do forging, grinding, scrimshaw, leather work etc.**

**September 28-29, 2019—Trackrock Hammer-In, Trackrock campgrounds, Blairsville, GA. This is hosted by Scott Garrison...lots of forging going on during this event along with a benefit knife and Iron-in-the-Hat drawings.**

**October 5, 2019—Flint River Knife Club quarterly meeting at the cabin/shop of Craig and Karen Schneeberger, Ellijay, GA.**

**November 16, 2019—Southern Handmade Knife Show at the Jaemor Farms, 5340 Cornelia Hwy, (Hwy 365) Alto, GA**

### Knife Making Instructors List

This will remain in the newsletter for those that are interested in taking a class on some aspect of knife making? Here is a reprint of the list of some members who can help you out.

1. Mark Hopper of Goat'n'Hammer Blacksmith Shop in Atlanta, GA. See their website for more information.
2. Wayne Hensley-all phases of grinding & polishing.
3. Batson's at Tannehill State Park holds classes on various subjects. These are held on the first weekend in April.
4. Damon Lusky- Does a small training group in Dawsonville. Focus is on martial blades concepts.
5. Carl Rechsteiner-general bladesmithing & knife making instruction as well as leather work.
6. John C Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC
7. Charlie & Harry Mathews-basic knife making class @\$500.00
8. Stephan Fowler-basic class on forging a full tang hunter @\$425.00
9. Haywood Community College, Haywood/Canton, NC—ABS classes-check website for class schedule

**See you on  
Saturday  
August 24, 2019**



Please inform our newsletter editor, Nola Costin, of any classes that you teach or anyone that you know of or a facility that holds knife making classes. She can list them here.

**Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild**  
**John Poythress Scholarship Fund Application**

The John Poythress Scholarship Fund was established in memory of the founding President of the Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild. John was taken from us unexpectedly in 2005 and this fund was created by family and friends in memory of his passion for the art of knife making. This Scholarship will put up to \$500 towards any knife related course which is approved by the Board of Directors. The money can only be used to pay the course tuition and any related supplies used by the student. Applicants should contact a member of the Scholarship Committee prior to attending a course to verify that the particular class, school or member knife-maker teaching the course has been approved.

There are requirements and obligations that the applicant must meet in order to receive this scholarship and he/she hereby agrees to the following terms:

- 1) The course must be attended within 1 year of approval unless waived by the Board.
- 2) Membership in the G.C.K.G. must be current and paid in full.
- 3) You must be a member of the G.C.K.G. for at least one year prior to approval.
- 4) Payment will be made after proof of satisfactory attendance is submitted.
- 5) You agree to demonstrate an acquired skill to the members of the Guild within 3 scheduled meetings after attending the course.
- 6) Applicants will not be eligible for another scholarship for three years following receipt of a previous scholarship.

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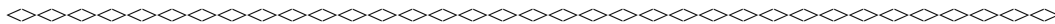
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What Course Are You Planning To Attend? \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that all of the information I have provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_