

Steel & Fire



October, 2019



Special guests attending the last Georgia Guild meeting held in Cumming, GA. include (pictured left to right) are Dirk Loots, Allen Surls, John Coffman, David Moore, Laura Swartzter, Steve Swartzter, Aldo Bruno, Jason Knight, Shelly Knight, Amy Grace, Chris Williams, Andy Roy, and Joey Berry. Dirk, Allen Andy and Joey are the new owners of Pops Knife Supplies and hosted this meeting.

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

Hello makers, families and friends!

Fall is upon us and the busiest time of the year for most with show, festivals, orders, and sales. A perfect time to attend the upcoming Fall Georgia Guild meeting on the 12th of October. This month we are holding it in conjunction with Kniftoberfest at Olde Town Cutlery in Cumming, GA! This is going to be a huge event with several other organizations which many of us are members or friends with such as Flint River Knife Club, Chattahoochee Cutlery Club and Georgia Bushcraft! Should be a blast and lots of folks from all over visiting. Hope to see everyone there and please bring or invite guest to come and join in the festivities!

Trackrock was a huge success for those that could attend. Thanks to those that made that happen, lots of smiles on some young folks learning and getting to participate in an outstanding arena. Thank you Scott Garrison, Carl Rechsteiner and others who participated. Good Job!!

There will NOT be an Iron-in-the-Hat table at the upcoming meeting. We anticipate a huge crowd with little room to have it and too confusing for the event. We will have a knife raffle to compensate for the Iron-in-the-Hat, which will be available for everyone in attendance.

If you are setting up to make sales, please be sure to bring plenty of cash change. Olde Towne Cutlery can assist with CC sales if you need it, for a fee. I wish all of you good sales and safety in your shop and in your travels during this busy time of year. As usual, we will have demos as well as other things going on by the other groups. Something for everyone, so again, this is a great opportunity to bring friends along. There is a catered lunch as usual. This is the first time holding our GA Guild meeting with Olde Towne Cutlery's 1 year anniversary Open House event. A big thanks to Olde Towne Cutlery for hosting this event. There will be a Friday evening social starting around 6:00 and then Saturday's event is from 10:00-4:00.

Hope to see many of you there at Kniftoberfest!.

Keep It Sharp!

John I. Shore

UPCOMING MEETING:

The Fall quarterly meeting of the Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The meeting location is the store of Olde Towne Cutlery owned by Lee & Melissa Tigner. The store is located in Cumming, GA just off of GA 400. There will be a Friday social for those that can attend. The address is 4320 Settendown Village Rd. Suite 700, Cumming, GA 30041

Check the forum and the GA Guild FACEBOOK page for more information and to let us know how many are coming in your group.

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...

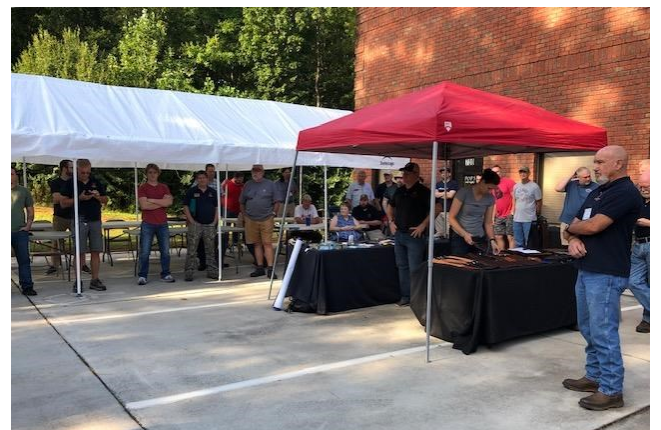
We still have GA Guild hats available for purchase. The cost of the is \$15.00.

There is just one style to chose from at this time.



hat
left

Our summer Georgia Custom Knifemakers' Guild took place at the store/shop of Pop's Knife Supplies—Andy Roy, Joey Berry, Allen Surls and Dirk Loots in Braselton, Georgia.



Rebecca Hensley and Marsha Brewer helping to get everyone signed in, collect dues, and sell Iron-in-the-Hat and Scholarship knife tickets. Always there with a smile!

SMILE—YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA...



DEMO time...



Andy Roy shares his knowledge on doing a tapered tang. I notice how well organized he keeps his shop.



DEMO time continued...



Jason Knight, former judge on Forged in Fire, did a forging demo at the GA Guild meeting. The knife blade that he forged was put on the Iron-in-the Hat table where one lucky person was able to acquire it and take it home.

John W. Poythress Scholarship Knife

The Scholarship knife was donated by Chris Hicks. Chris was the winner of the Scholarship knife at the August meeting in Augusta and was kind enough to bring one to donate at this meeting. Thank you Chris. The winner of the knife was Davin Kates. (No picture available)



MEMBERS JURIED



Justin Meyer from
Commerce, GA



Tim Rowland from
Dawsonville, GA



John Coffman from
Cumming, GA—Employee
at Olde Towne Cutlery



Amy Grace from
Loganville, GA

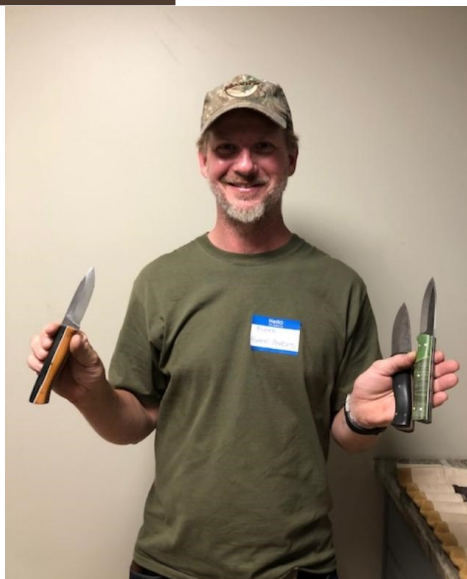


John Walker from
Cartersville, GA

MEMBERS JURIED...cont.



**Ty Ellard from
Gainesville, GA**



**J. B. Fisher from
New Orleans**

Not pictured are Jim Dixon from Braselton, GA who joined as a friend of the Guild and Scott Safier from Carrollton, GA who joined but not a juried member .

—Calendar of upcoming events—

**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
October 12, 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.

Name (print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

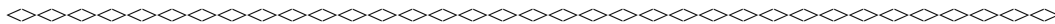
Email: _____

Date You Joined The G.C.K.G.: _____

What Course Are You Planning To Attend? _____

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

Signature: _____



Approved By: _____ Date: _____