



Guild News

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Nevin Newton won the peoples' choice award for best of show at the 2005 Show for his granddaughter's doll house.

Membership Dues

Our new Treasurer, **Walter Barnett**, will take your annual dues at the January meeting ...or avoid the rush and send your \$35 to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, P.O. Box 26665, Birmingham, AL 35260

Fred Baker will be teaching the Fridays at Woodcraft group how to make helicopters in January. For details contact **Buddy Finch**.



The ladies from Children's Hospital proudly pose with the load of over 3,000 toys they procured thanks to the hard work and generosity of Guild members.

Late Breaking News! Turning Seminar in January With Dean Black Just Announced!!

That's right! Long time friend of the Guild, Dean Black of the Blackwood Galleries in Springville, has agreed to host a one day turning seminar at his shop in Springville, AL. The date is January 21st. The cost is \$60 and will include lunch.

Dean Black is one of the best known and most talented woodworkers in the Birmingham area. He has done extensive projects for the Birmingham Museum of Art and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. In his shop he can turn both large and small (where large may mean 10' or more). Dean is an entertaining speaker and this workshop will be both enjoyable and informative. So plan to come!!! The drive to Springville will be well worth the effort.

Mike Key is taking reservations. You can make your reservation at the Christmas party or call Mike at 663-9036.

Kelly Mehler March 3rd & 4th

The Guild will host a two day seminar with Kelly Mehler on Friday and Saturday March 3rd and 4th. The subject will be solid case construction. Each day can stand alone. You can come for one day for \$75 or both days for \$125. **Mike Key** is taking reservations.

Kelly Mehler's woodworking career spans 27 years. Kelly opened his commercial woodworking shop in 1978 in Berea, Kentucky. Kelly's shop, located on Berea's main street, was featured in *The Workshop Book* (Scott Landis, Taunton Press). Kelly's woodworking business has been devoted to finely crafted custom pieces that emphasize the beauty of the natural color and grain of hardwoods. Kelly's trademark solid wood pieces use strikingly figured and matched wood that has been carefully air dried and sawed from a single tree.

Kelly Mehler lectures throughout the United States for woodworking guilds and as part of The Woodworking Shows. He is the author of *The Tablesaw Book* (1992/2002, Taunton Press). Kelly is featured in two *Fine Woodworking* videos, *Build a Shaker Table With Kelly Mehler*, and *Mastering Your Tablesaw*. Kelly has contributed numerous articles to *Fine Woodworking* magazine, and has been published in *Wood* magazine (Better Homes and Gardens), *American Woodworker*, *Popular Woodworking*, *Custom Woodworking Business* magazine, and in the *Time / Life* woodworking book series.

A commitment to advise and educate woodworkers and manufacturers on table saw safety has been a strong interest of Kelly's. Kelly is currently working with the Advisory Council for Machine Tool Safety of Underwriter's Laboratory.

Kelly's experience as an instructor and his extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques make his teaching useful to participants with varying levels of woodworking expertise. To find out more about Kelly and his school visit him on the web at www.kellymahler.com.



ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 8TH

MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL AWG CHRISTMAS PARTY.

NOTE THE DATE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH , 6:00 PM
AT THE HOMEWOOD SENIOR CENTER.

THE GUILD WILL BE FURNISHING THE MEAT, DRINKS, BREAD AND PAPER ITEMS. BRING ALONG YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH AND/OR DESSERT. BE SURE TO GET THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE “THANK YOU” LETTER FOR DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS THAT YOU HAVE SECURED. AND REMEMBER THAT THOSE HAND MADE BY YOU ITEMS MAKE TERRIFIC DOOR PRIZES!

ONCE AGAIN **LEONARD SANDERS** IS MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR THE BIG OCCASION AND **CAROLYN KEY** WILL PROVIDE MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT. **LEONARD** HAS BEEN WORKING ON HIS JOKES AND WARMING UP HIS VOICE!!! COME PREPARED TO JOIN IN ON ALL THE FUN.

BRING ALONG THOSE TOYS YOU DIDN'T HAVE FINISHED FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING. **BUDDY FINCH** IS MAKING HIS LIST AND COUNTING ALL THE TOYS TURNED IN FOR THE TOYS PROGRAM TWICE. HE'LL LET US KNOW THE FINAL COUNT AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

WE WILL ALSO BE TAKING DONATIONS TO FUND SPECIAL EFFORTS OF THE TOYS PROGRAM. WE WILL DRAW FROM AMONG THE DONORS OF \$5 OR MORE AND AWARD A \$150 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR DINNER AT SHULA'S.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL.
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