

# Guild News

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## Next Meeting August 16, 2007

*Pre-Meeting at 5:30  
Meeting 6:30 PM*

*Don't forget your  
Show and Tell*

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## President's Message

Our Guild is very fortunate to have many talented members. **John Lawson's** presentation at our last meeting on how to tune your band saw is a perfect example. Thank you **John!** I also want to thank Ed Snow of Woodcraft for his demonstration of the Jool Tool. This is a new product for Woodcraft.

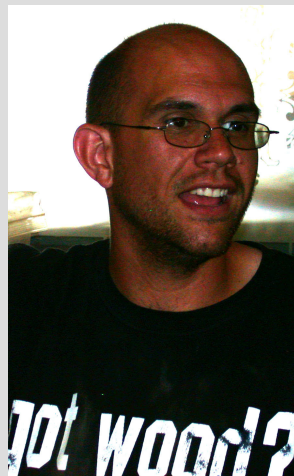
Your turnout at Woodcraft on the 25th was probably the largest we have ever had. Thanks to you and a great big thanks to Tom and all the Woodcraft employees. The food was good and there was lots of traffic. I really learned lots about saw blades at the clinic by Freud. It was a fun day! (see pictures page 4)

I'm happy to report that **Fred Baker** is recovering quite well and the doctors say he is free of cancer!! **Fred** we are looking forward to seeing you very soon at our meetings.

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## Pre-Meeting Presentation

**Buzz Kelly** and **Barron Bartlett** are going to talk joinery. There are many different reasons why you would want to join pieces of wood together. There are about as many ways. Depending upon your application one way may be better than another. **Buzz** and **Barron** will show us some of our options and discuss their applications. They even have a sample of the hip joint made famous by **Sam Maloof**.



## Got Wood?

**Michael Tomlin** will present our program this month. Those of you that took advantage of the opportunity to visit Michael's shop in June not only saw his unique shop but saw the gymnasium where he stores all that wood. **Michael** sells and works with wood but I think he just likes to collect it.

Anyway, for the program this month Michael will discuss with us the identification of different species of wood and how the selection of that special piece of wood can enhance that project you are about to begin.

## Shop Visit with Robert McClure

On Saturday, August 18th (the Saturday after our next meeting) we have been invited to visit the shop of **Robert McClure**. **Dan Browning** suggested we invite ourselves over to see **Bob's** shop so we did. Every shop is unique and you never know when you might learn a new trick or see a new tool. Come on by on Saturday morning between nine and noon. (directions on page 2)

**President's Message—continued from Page 1**

It is with great pleasure that I say "Thank You" to Sonja Purvis and Mutual Savings Credit Union for a very generous cash donation to the Guild. The money is to be used to purchase materials for building items for AIDB in Talladega. The Friday PM group continues doing good works! I might add that Sonja's husband, **Dewey**, is one of our new members. Remember Mutual Savings Credit Union for your needs – they pay top rates for CD's.

On July 30th **Charlie Ard, Cliff Daniels, Monty King, Harold Hall** and I delivered four of the eight desks the Guild has built to the Boys Ranch. AWG has been working in concert with the BE&K Retirees Association and BE&K to renovate and furnish the Mel Bailey House. These desks and the contribution of money from BE&K will complete the renovation and furnishing of the house. When these desks, beds and dining tables were assembled together it was a very impressive collection of furniture. (see pictures page 3) I want to thank all those who worked on this project over the last eighteen months. You deserve a pat on the back!!!!

**Jim Caldwell** reports that he is near completion with making arrangements for our seminar presenters for next year. He has two very talented experts lined up and you will hear more about this later.

DO NOT FORGET!!! You are needed at our demonstration at Vestavia's "I Love America Celebration" on August 25th from 6 to 8 PM at the Sports Complex at Liberty Park!!!! Bring completed projects you have made or your tools to make something there. There will be music and food and fun and the chance to celebrate our wonderful country – be there.

**Paul Mancill** tells me that Ron Peyton, owner of Dogwood Institute, will be the judge for our annual show this year. Ron has been a presenter at one of our meetings and has judged one of our previous shows. We are very fortunate he is coming back. Ron has always been a big supporter of our Guild.

The nominating committee for our Officers and Board members for next year has been named – **Jim Caldwell, Glenn Phillips** and **Troy Stroud**. Make your desires known to them.

Have you entered something in the show before?? If not, you have missed a really fun experience. Based on what we have seen in Show-and-Tell we will have some really good entries in the show. Now is the time to be getting your project ready.

Have you marked your calendar for November 16th and 17th when Kelly Mehler will be here?? This will be Kelly's second seminar with us – we asked Kelly to return based on how well he was received last year. Remember to bring a friend to the seminar. (flyer page 4)

Work safe!! **Bill**

**Robert McClure's  
Shop Visit Directions**

**From I-65:** take I-65 South to I-459.  
Take I-459 South toward Hoover/Tuscaloosa.  
Take Exit 10 to AL Hwy 150 toward Bessemer.  
Turn right onto Lake Crest Drive.  
Turn left onto Lake Crest Circle.

**From Shades Crest Road** you can turn onto Lake Crest Parkway and then turn left onto Lake Crest Circle  
**Robert** lives at 5016 Lake Crest Circle. (205) 987-8622

**Fall Classes**

**Basic Joinery** Saturdays, September 22nd and 29th learn basic joinery techniques: mortise & tenon, dowels, biscuit, pocket hole, etc.

**Design and make your own box** Three Saturdays, October 6, 13, and 20. Most projects begin with some sort of box. You decide how simple or complex your box will be depending on your skill level.

Class instructors and locations will be determined based upon level of interest at the August meeting. Costs will be minimal.

**Jim Caldwell** is our education chairman. Contact him for additional information. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget!!!

**Keep Your Tools Sharp!**

**Fred Sandlin**, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at (205) 663-7524 to coordinate pick-up & delivery.

**Mel Brown** would like you to know that DVDs are available at [www.bama4u.org/video.htm](http://www.bama4u.org/video.htm). A wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget all the details given by the demonstrator by the time we get home. Guild members get a special price for only \$10 for each DVD which includes postage.

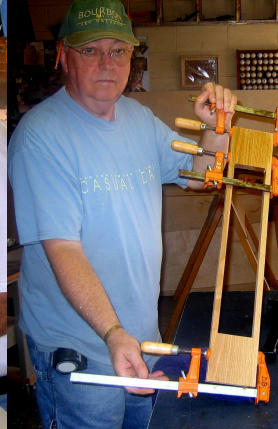
**Welcome New Members:**

**Joe Hurst, Fultondale**  
**Michael Jones, Jasper**

## Guild Builds and Delivers Desks to Boys Ranch



Desks join the beds and tables previously built and donated by the Guild to the Boys Ranch for the Mel Bailey House to complete the furniture set.



### “Splinter Group” in Cullman

Our friends in Cullman, who are starting their own guild, must think we’re doing something right down here. They are electing officers, building a library, talking about building toys for charity (have already been talking with **Buddy Finch** and want him to speak at one of their meetings), and talking about our activities at their regular meeting. They meet on the 2nd Thursday each month at **Dennis Guthrie** Construction if you want to join them.

By way of introducing themselves to the public, the guys have secured a booth in the Cullman County Fair to exhibit prize projects and meet with potential members. They have invited us to join them. If you have an interest contact **Pat Weissend** (Patw@cullmanec.com). Remember to put something in the subject line to let him know you are from the AWG.

### Guild Shirts

Members have asked about shirts with the Guild logo. We have one 2XL, tan T-shirt on hand that was an over-run by the vendor. If we have interest in shirts we can put together an order. Previously we have ordered golf shirts and denim shirts (\$25) and T’s (\$15). Prices should be in that ball park.

Contact **Walter Barnett**  
wbarnett@jrprewitt.com or (205) 426-9083 or see him at the meeting.



**SHOTS FROM OUR  
WOODCRAFT DEMO  
JULY 2007**



**Alabama Woodworkers Guild**  
is proud to present:

**Kelly Mehler**

**Woodworking Seminar  
Side Table Construction**



Kelly Mehler is offering a two day seminar in which he will be constructing a side table. Kelly's instruction will focus on:

- Rip Sawing
- Book Matching
- Grain Selection
- Butt Joints
- Mortise and tendon joints
- Tapering
- Drawer Fitting
- Safety

Kelly will take you through constructing the table from a single board. With a woodworking career spanning 28 years, Kelly has extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques. He has long been committed to teaching table saw and shop safety.

You will not want to miss this seminar, regardless of you level of expertise.



**Friday & Saturday  
November 16 & 17, 2007  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm**



**Seminar Cost  
One Day \$75  
Two Days \$125**

**Dusty Saw Woodworks  
614 24th Street South  
Birmingham**

Contact: Dan Browning, Seminar Chairman ♦ 205-249-9540 ♦ dandeb84@charter.net  
or  
The Alabama Woodworkers Guild ♦ P.O. Box 26665, Birmingham, AL 35260

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**Charter Fire Systems, Inc** Shawn O'Brien & David Pavey have served as valuable advisors to the Guild relative to fire safety issues. If you or your business have need for fire protection or inspection in the future please consider using Charter Fire Systems. (205) 982-3301

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**Paul Mancill, Realtor** I work as a full time Realtor with both buyers and sellers. If I can help you please call. I will donate a minimum of \$200 in your name to the AWG Building fund for each successful transaction either with a AGW member or referred by an AWG member. Thanks, Paul.. I can be reached at (205)-706-6252

**Max Tool, Inc.** is a distributor of cutting tools, abrasives,

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**Woodcraft** The Woodcraft franchise in Pelham, AL is independently owned by Tom and Kathy Nequette. It is a local business and Tom's full time occupation. It depends upon its well being by fostering and maintaining as high a level of relationships as possible with all of our customers. Beyond that it is imperative for the store to enhance and promote woodworking in all of its forms. The Alabama Woodworker's Guild is an integral part of these goals. Not only do we value the members as customers but we value what the Guild represents and brings to our community. We believe in supporting the Guild, its growth and its members. We thank you for your patronage and your friendship. (see our ad page 6)

### Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

#### ABC 33/40 - Alabama's TV News Leader

Our thanks to local television station **ABC 33/40** and videographer, **Bill Castle**, for their support of the community activities of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

***Join the Over the Hill Gang Fridays, 11:30 at Woodcraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham. We'll eat lunch and tell some lies. Then we will make some sawdust!! It's a good time and place to get to know your fellow Guild members.***

***Currently we are building several different toys for the Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program as well as some game boards for the Institute for the Deaf and Blind. Come and join in on all the fun!!!***

### Meeting Directions:

#### **Homewood Senior Center** 816 Oak Grove Road **Homewood, AL**

**From I65 South**, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

**From I65 North**, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights). When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018.

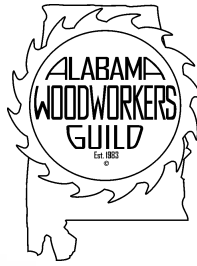


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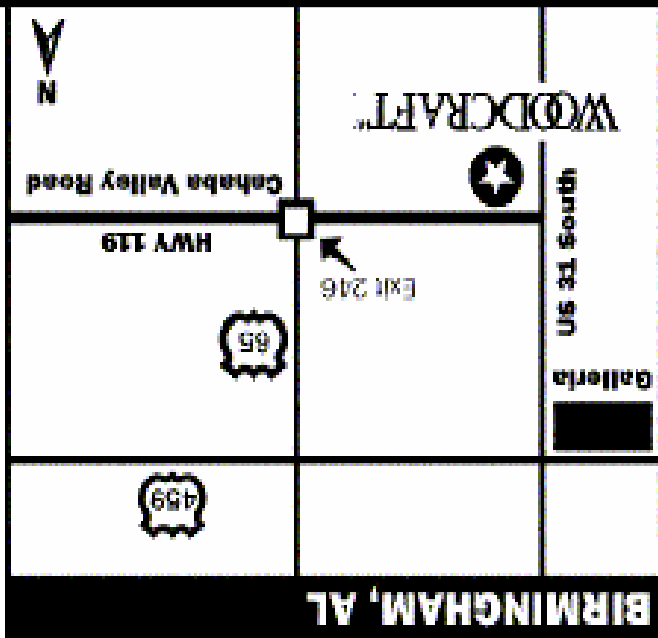


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### About Us

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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