

# Guild News

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## *Next Meeting October 18, 2007*

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

*Don't forget your  
Show and Tell*

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## President's Message

I am told that the pre-meeting program by **Joe Hurst** on dovetail jigs and the presentation by **Charlie Ard** on electrical motors were outstanding presentations. I really hate that I could not be there. Thanks to both of you for your contributions to our Guild!

I would like to report to you that the City of Alabaster had issued all the required permits for the schoolhouse and we can go to work on the building, but that is not the case. The fire inspector has reversed his position on the need for a sprinkler system. Documentation is being prepared by a professional engineer to demonstrate the codes do not require sprinklers for the intended use. Wish us luck in dealing with this group!!

Since the last newsletter we had two more work parties on the schoolhouse. Those who worked include **Jim Anchors, Charlie Ard, Walter Barnett, A. R. Bray, Dan Browning, Brian Burke, Cliff Daniels, Don Freriks, Buddy Finch, Bob Free, Eddie Heerten, Jeff Hood, Mike Key, Monta King, Paul LaSeuer, John Lawson, Robert McClure, Glenn Phillips, Tom Robinson, Bill Shivers, Brian Stauss, Tom Surtees** and **George Taylor** on September 8th. On September 21st **Cliff Daniels, Eddie Heerten, Paul LaSeuer, John Lawson, Bill Newman, Glenn Phillips, Randall Robertson, Bill Shivers, Brian Stauss, Frank Jones** and **Larry Young**, finalized emptying the building. THANKS TO EACH OF YOU!! I sure hope I did not miss anyone.

What a busy time of year for the Guild – the Show this month, toys and the seminar next!!! Let's all do our part to help **Buddy Finch** push the number of  
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**October Pre-Meeting Demo on stringing with Buzz and Nelda Kelly.** **Buzz** will show us how to use inexpensive home made hand tools to apply string inlay then **Nelda** will demo the use of a Dremel tool to speed up the process.

## Norm Ellis will be Presenting our September Program

This month's program will be presented by **Norman Ellis**. **Norm**, a longtime member of WAWA and the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, resides in Tuscaloosa. Those of you who have been members for a while know that **Norm** is an outstanding woodworker as evidenced by the quality of the pieces he has previously entered in our annual shows.

**Norm** is also very knowledgeable in the woodworking process. His program will discuss the history and tradition of woodworking and how our ancestors and the styles they developed influence us today. We will get the opportunity to see several examples of **Norm's** work that he will use in his program.

As last official presentation for 2007 (in November our program will be devoted to toys and officer elections, December to our Christmas party) Let's pack the house!

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toys past the 4139 made last year. This is such a worthwhile endeavor. Please help by joining with one of your friends and spending a day in your shop building toys. Then come to the workshop at **Buzz Kelly's** on November 10th. With your help we will have three years in a row of making more than 4000 toys.

Mark your Calendar for our Christmas party – December 13th at HSC.

Kelly Mehler will lead our seminar on November 16th and 17th. This is our fall seminar and Kelly's second visit to us. He is such a great presenter, this will be a first-class seminar. Do you have a friend who is not a member but likes wood-working – bring him/her with you. I know a lot of us wait until the last minute to sign-up but NOW is the time. This is our last meeting before the seminar. See **Mike Key** Thursday night to sign up

It is time to do your annual tax planning before year's end. While planning, do not forget your pledge to the building fund. If you have not paid your annual installment now is the time. There are a number of you who have not made a pledge – if you wish to help your Guild have our own building **Walter Barnett** can help you set up a pledge.

While on the subject of buildings you may recall the building **Harold Hall's** grandson, Conner Farmer, donated to us. While the building was not so good for our use, we were recently able to sell it for \$33,500.00. What a tremendous help to our Guild – Thank you **Harold** and Conner!!!!

I have been warning you – time is about up to complete your show project. I hope you have several fine pieces to enter. Remember, you can enter items to be judged or for display only. Your entry may be an item you made in the past – if it never won a ribbon it can be entered for judging. (See article page 3) Let's make this the best show ever. Thanks to **Paul Mancill** and **Dwight Hostetter** for leading this effort.

The nominating committee has a recommendation for a slate of leaders for the Guild for next year (see article page 2). The slate will be presented to the membership at the October meeting. At the November meeting additional nominations will be taken and the membership will vote for the new leaders.

Work safe!!  
**Bill**

**Officer Elections for 2008**

Our nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers at the October Board Meeting:

**Officers and Board Positions to be voted upon:**

President	<b>Mike Key</b>
Vice President	<b>A.R. Bray</b>
Secretary	<b>Monta King</b>
Treasurer	<b>Walter Barnett</b>
Board Members:	<b>Micheal Tomlin</b>
	<b>Troy Stroud</b>

**Returning Board Members with unexpired terms:**

**Jim Caldwell**  
**Eddie Heerten**  
**Jeff Hood**  
**John Lawson**  
**Tom Surtees**

**Appointed Positions:**

Community Service	<b>Charlie Ard</b>
Education	<b>Jim Caldwell</b>
Guild News Editor	<b>Nelda Kelly</b>
Librarian	<b>Eddie Heerten</b>
Publicity, Marketing, Patrons	<b>Glenn Phillips</b>
Show Chairman	<b>Paul Mancill</b>
Toy Chairman	<b>Buddy Finch</b>
Webmaster	<b>Brian Stauss</b>

This slate will be presented at the October meeting with officer elections to be held at the November meeting.

**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 Member:**

**Randall Robertson, Alabaster**

## SHOW TIME!!

**Set up for our annual show is Saturday, October 20th at 10 AM at the Hoover Library, only two days after the October Guild meeting.** Categories include:

- Traditional furniture
- Contemporary furniture
- Wood turnings
- Other

to be judged by **skill levels of beginner, intermediate, advanced and masters.**

There are also four open categories where all entries no matter what the skill level of the participant are judged together:

- Wood carvings
- Shop tools/jigs
- Restoration/refinishing
- Toys

*The judge will evaluate items based on design, joinery, finish and difficulty.*

Your items can also be submitted to "Display Only" with no judging if you so desire. *You may enter an item in the show that has been entered in a previous show, but if it has won a ribbon in the past, it will be for "Display Only."*

The show is located on the lower level of the Hoover Library with the theatre. You can drive up to the entrance at that level to facilitate loading and unloading your project (rear of library). **Items should remain in place until Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, when everything should be picked up starting at 2 PM.**

If you cannot bring your piece during the set-up period, please contact **Paul Mancill** or **Dwight Hostetter** for assistance. Please limit items to be judged to no more than three per category. If you won a blue ribbon in a category in the past, please move up to the next level. Judging will be Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by a reception Monday evening from 6 PM to 8 PM.

**Our show judge for 2008 is Ron Peyton of the Dogwood Institute in Atlanta.** Ron is one of our Guild Patrons. Be sure to stop by and say hello to him at the reception and thank him for his support of the Guild.

Look on our website for a copy of the registration form. Having it already filled out will save you time at set up.

### Items for Sale

**Jet 10" contractor table saw** with cast iron wings. Extended right wing and router insert. Jet mobile base. New Jet 30" fence (never used). 7 years old. \$600. Contact **Brian Stauss**, 987-9997 or [kybgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:kybgs@bellsouth.net).

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 6 pony pipe clamps, 6 pieces black pipe 3', 6 pieces black pipe 4', 6 pieces black pipe 5', assorted clamps

Everything as is, where is. Sorry I cannot help move or load. Call or e-mail if interested. **Jim Barr**, 205-879-0863, [jrbarr@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrbarr@bellsouth.net)  
*Thanks to Jim for his contribution of wood for toys!!!*

### Shop Visit with AR Bray

What do you think **AR** was cooking up when we got to the shop visit at his house? No, it wasn't alcoholic!

In true **AR** style there were tons of things to look at as well as some wood bending going on. Not only that, but it was **AR's** 70th birthday so we all just HAD to eat cake!

If you are into antique tools or arrow head collecting you should have been there. Thanks to **AR** and his lovely wife and daughter for making us all feel welcome and for feeding us well.

What a terrific visit!



Christmas is coming up real soon! Start collecting door prizes for our party now! Make something neat to share or get your favorite vendor to donate something. It's more fun when there are lots of door prizes because everyone likes to win!



**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 tenon 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 your level of expertise.



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

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

**Dusty Saw Woodworks**  
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**Birmingham**

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Offers woodworking classes for beginner to advanced woodworkers on various topics with concentration on teaching the "Process" of making furniture. Our signature courses on *Foundations for Fine Woodworking*, has been extremely popular and guides the student through a series of Foundations Courses to prepare them for building quality furniture. Other courses include veneering, turning, finishing and project classes. Next year the school is expanding facilities/courses and will offer several weeklong courses. All courses are taught by master craftsmen with a vast amount of experience in different areas of expertise. Courses are conducted in our spacious horse farm in Alpharetta, GA featuring two large fully equipped barns including a turning studio & steam bending equipment. The environment lends to learning woodworking skills in a pleasant surrounding. Our mission: "To provide quality instructional courses to individuals who are interested in furthering their knowledge of woodworking at all levels of interest and skill." 1640 Mid-Broadwell Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004 (770)-751-9571 [www.dogwoodwoodworking.com](http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com)

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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

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### **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.

***Saw dust is a flying every Friday down at  
Woodcraft  
As Santa's woodworking elves frantically  
work to fill those holiday stockings.***

***Join the guys for lunch and help make some  
toys for the holidays.  
There's still time before our November meet-  
ing to make lots of toys!***

### **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

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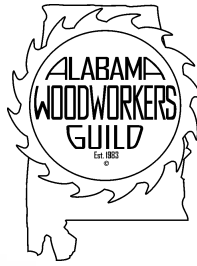


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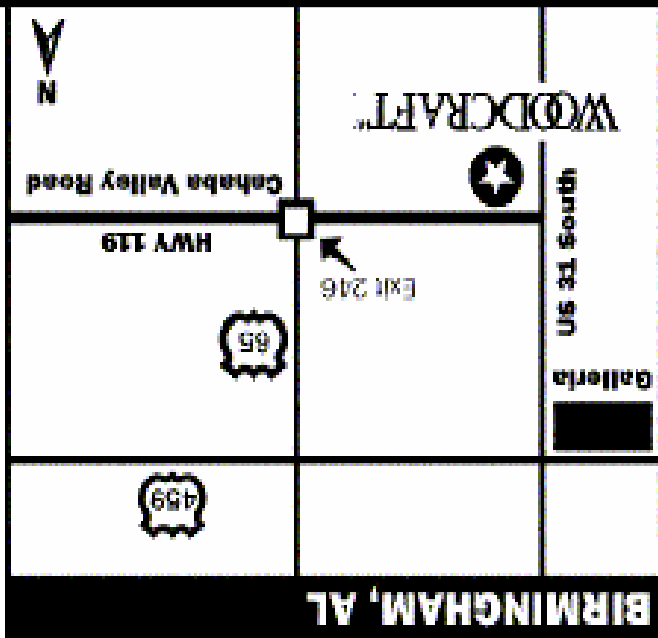


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### About Us

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