



June meeting in Homewood

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President's Message

I'm getting a lot of work done on my own projects during my shifts as a supervisor at the WEC, but mostly I'm working alone and *I'm getting a little concerned that more of you are not taking advantage of the facility.* At our board meeting this month, your board talked about why we all thought you weren't making more use of the center.

Some thought that everyone was just burned out from all the time and effort we all spent getting up and running. Others thought it was just that normal lull in woodworking that happens when folks start going on vacation, mowing grass and doing yard work. Still another school of thought was that we needed to have some organized events to draw folks in. *We're going to take a survey at our June meeting and I hope you will share your thoughts with us.* Are we having the center open on the wrong days and times? Right now we are open on Wednesday evenings, Fridays all day, and Saturdays. We have an online calendar where the supervisors are signing up for shifts. You can check for shifts at <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>. Note that the Fridays Group is working at the WEC now instead of at Woodcraft. We also have a terrific library set up at the WEC for your use.

We also have wood available for sale at the WEC for your projects. We got a really good buy on some cherry and have a large quantity of it available at \$3 a board foot. There is other wood available as well. Boards are priced and in the rack.

Upcoming in 2008

Kerry McCalla from Tennessee July 17th Meeting

Ron Peyton
of The Dogwood Institute
August 21st Meeting.

John Lawson
September 18th meeting.

Craig Satterlee
Seminar September 20th

Doors with Michael Tomlin October 16th meeting

AWG Annual Show
October 18th through 26th

Annual Show Reception
Tuesday, October 21st

Fred & Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program
November 20th

Annual Christmas Party
December

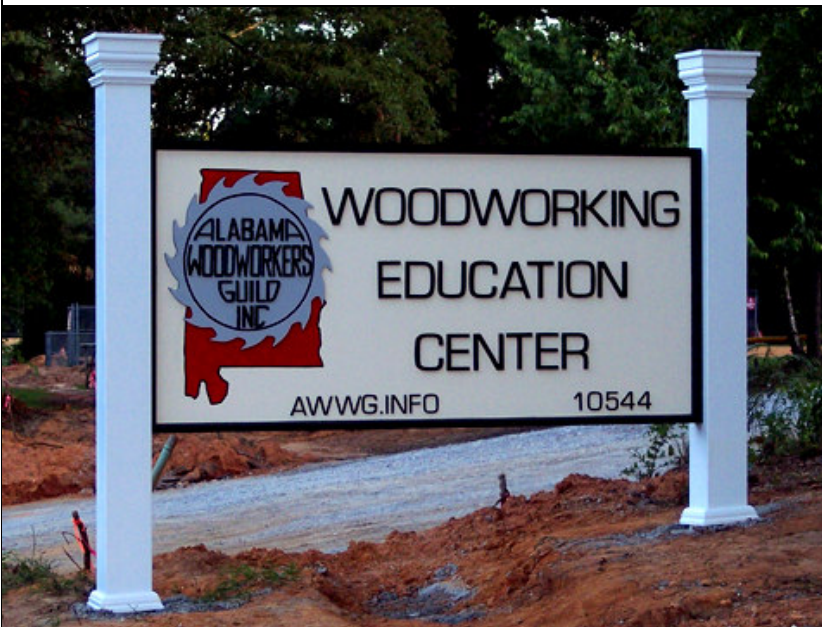
Kinetics in Wood, Wood That Moves

We have a unique opportunity this month, come and hear **John Morgan**

John Morgan has spent the past 28 years researching forms of kinetic woodwork. Early emulations of folk art whirligigs and animated toys evolved to hand cranked, automata. This pursuit, funded primarily through Morgan's vocation as a Professor of Design, is the passion that drives his creative research. His narrative product springs from a unique marriage of art, design, and engineering. *In addition to teaching at Auburn University John teaches kinetic sculpture classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana.*

Pieces from his limited editions have been shown in American Craft and American Woodworker magazines and have been exhibited in craft galleries and museums in the US, UK and Japan. He was awarded the Best of Show by the Wharton Esherick Museum's Toying with Wood exhibition and has received numerous purchase awards from the Arkansas Arts Center's Toys Designed by Artists. His automata is held by individual collectors across the US and is represented in corporate collections in the US and Japan.





Our Sign is Up!

Thanks to a collaborative effort, our WEC now has a new sign. Materials were donated by Hardwoods of Alabama, AFCO, **Michael Tomlin**, and **Buzz Kelly**. The sign was designed by **Glenn Phillips** with input from **Nelda Kelly**, **Cliff Daniels**, and **Jeff Hood**.

Besides designing and building the sign, we had to submit drawings, get a permit, dig footings, have it inspected. Meanwhile, the utility construction cut right between where we had prepared our footings. **Cliff Daniels** and **Jeff Hood** did the lion's share of the work and **Cliff's** son dug our footings.

Be sure and take a good look at the sign. It is a two sided, 3 dimensional piece of art. We have a sign that does us proud! Thanks!

Fred Sandlin, a Really Nice Guy

Most months, space permitting, we run a little article about **Fred Sandlin** and keeping your tools sharp. One of our members gave me a call a few days ago to tell me a story. He says that he took his planer blades over to **Fred** to get them sharpened. **Fred** sharpened the blades and our member took them home to put them back on his planer.

He installed the first blade but got to thinking about which direction the rotation of the cutter head was. Anyway, he turned on the machine to make sure. Now with only one blade installed, the machine was out of balance and took to shaking. The wrench that he had on the bed of the planer slid forward and made contact with the blade. As you would imagine, other than a big old noise, there was also a big old gap created in the tooth of that blade.

Our member called **Fred** back and told him what happened and asked if it could be repaired. As it turned out there was enough metal left to sharpen the blade and remove the gap. **Fred**, being the nice man that he is, had that blade sharpened again early the next morning and wouldn't take any more money. Our member was so impressed that he called and told me that we should share his story. And there you have it!

Unexpected Donations!

Thanks to the family of **Haskins Bowman** who donated toy parts for our Friday group's use.

Thanks also to Molly Vaughn and Wesley Baker (**Fred Baker's** children) who donated \$1000 in appreciation of our assistance with the sale of **Fred Baker's** tools.

Fall Seminar Scheduled

We have another great seminar scheduled for this fall. **Craig Satterlee** from Marietta, Georgia will conduct a one-day seminar **Saturday, September 20, 2008**.

Craig will show us his *techniques for making and fitting doors and drawers for furniture*.

Craig builds furniture on commission in his own shop. He is an instructor at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship in Rockport, Maine, provides private instruction and has taught at the Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking. No matter what your skill level if you build or would like to build furniture don't miss this opportunity to learn from a professional.

The class will be at the new Woodworking and Education Center in Maylene. Lunch will be provided. The fee will be \$75 for Guild members.

Keep Your Tools Sharp!

Fred Sandlin, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades & other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, & return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charges his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members. Call **Fred** at (205) 663-7524.

Directions to AWG WEC

From **I 65 South**
Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.
Turn **right** at **US31 N**,
Turn **left** on **AL 119/Montevallo Rd**
Turn **right** on **CR12**
Turn **right** on **CR17**
Look for school house **on your left**

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For sale: 15 board feet of 5/4 cherry, 6" wide boards, 2 10 footers, 1 4 footer. \$3.00/BF. Contact Brian Stauss (for **John Phelps**), 205-987-9997, or kybgs@bellsouth.net.

Mel Brown has DVDs available at www.bama4u.org/video.htm. A wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget the details by the time we get home. Guild members get a special price for only \$10 each DVD including postage.

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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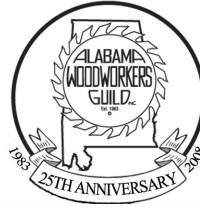


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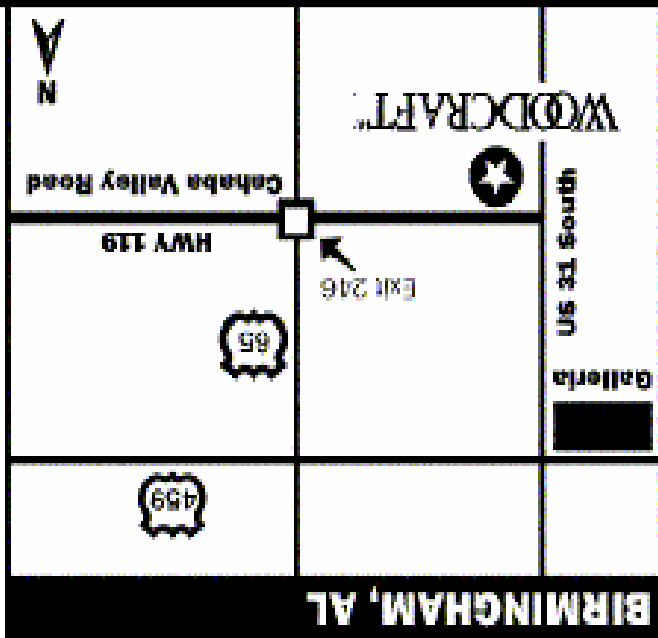


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