

November meeting in Homewood

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November 20th Meeting

November is the month for our **Fred & Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program**. This is one of our best meetings. It is terrific to see all those toys spread out for sharing. The ladies from Children's Hospital are always excited and grateful and we are all so very proud. Sadly, we won't have any **Fred Baker** helicopters this year but I'm sure we will have new and different heirlooms to share with the children.

When you bring in your toys be sure and check in with **Buddy Finch**, our Toy Chairman. Let him know how many toys you have made and brought. He always keeps count so he can report participation. Our pre-meeting activity in November is setting out all the toys and admiring the haul. *This year A.R. Bray says there will be a silent auction for one of our former member's remaining tools as well.*

It is traditional to recognize the individuals who make the most toys. Last year it was **Lee and Jene Beadles**. Who will it be this year? The announcement of the final tally is reported at the Christmas Party by our own **Buddy Finch**. *(That gives those of us who don't finish by the November meeting a few more days to complete our toys and do our part.)*

We will have a short business meeting in November so that we can elect officers. Note the slate of officers selected by our nominating committee listed on the front page of the **Guild News**. This is as close as you'll come to seeing campaign ads for this election.

A second order of business for this meeting is a vote to raise the amount of our dues. In accordance with our by laws, the Board has voted to recommend a dues increase of just over \$1 per month per member. Our annual dues would go from \$35 to \$50 per year, which is still quite a deal. Our meeting costs for meeting at the Homewood Senior Center went from \$35 per meeting to \$100 per meeting this past year. As a member you get the benefit of monthly meetings, training availability, our monthly **Guild News**, use of our Woodworking Education Center, as well as the opportunity for fellowship with other woodworkers. I hope you will vote in favor of the increase.

Coming up in December we have our annual **Christmas Party** in lieu of our regular meeting. We will be at the **Homewood Senior Center on Thursday, December 11th between 6 PM and 8 PM**. It is pot luck as in years past. The Guild provides the meat, drinks, and supplies. Members bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. We're trying to talk **Tina Hood** into singing for us again. That's a real treat not to be missed!

I hope some of you have been out there collecting door prizes. It's more fun when lots of people walk away with prizes. Gift certificates, woodworking related items, and hand made pieces are all great prizes.

Speaking of gifts, there is a gift for you at the November meeting. Our annual show collage has been created and will be available for the taking.

Christmas Party

Homewood Senior Center
Thursday, December 11th
6:00 PM until 8:00 PM

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominees for positions up for election:

President: Charlie Ard

Vice Pres: A. R. Bray

Treasurer: Walter Barnett

Secretary: Monta King

Board of Directors:
John Lawson
Robert McClure

Guild Adopts a Boys' Ranch Kid for Christmas

(see story page 2)



That'll Cost You Five!!

A high five that is!

I was honored and privileged to accompany **Buddy Finch** to the Children's Hospital Halloween Party. I usually get along with children okay but **Buddy**, with his big old booming voice and hardy laugh, wins them ALL over.

Children's Hospital has a trick or treat party for their patients. All the staff come dressed up in costume and there are a number of organizations who show up with treats. Our job this day was to hand out cars donated by the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc. last November.

Very sick or shy children would look up at him and **Buddy** would say "Hey, want a car?" They might nod their heads or reach out a hand. **Buddy** would place a car in that hand or tell them to choose one from the table. Then when they had a firm hold on the car, **Buddy** would say "That'll cost you five!" When they looked up to see his upraised hand, every single child smiled and raised a hand to touch his. There were hands with IV's implanted, hands in casts, little hands, big hands, black hands, white hands. Some barely touched his palm while others gave it a resounding whack.

I saw babies as little as eighteen months old give **Buddy** that salute but it didn't stop there. When a parent would come by and say "My child's in treatment. Can I take one to him?" **Buddy** would get a high five from the parent. Everyone who stopped by our table left with a car and a smile.

I asked for permission and snapped a few pictures, I even tried a few high fives myself but **Buddy** does it best. Wish you all could have been there!

Nelda

Guild Adopts a Kid for Christmas

At our October meeting **Harold Hall** asked if the Guild would like to sponsor a child at the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch for Christmas. Many hands went up and it was unanimously determined that we would like to do that. **Harold** has gotten the information about our child. He is a handsome young man, tall and slender of build. **Andrew** is a good student in the 11th grade. He lives in the house that the Guild helped to furnish. He sleeps in one of the beds that we built and uses one of our desks.

Interested in playing the guitar, **Andrew's** wish list includes some accessories for his music playing and some clothes. **Harold Hall** and his wife, **Wanda**, have graciously volunteered to do our shopping for us. We just need to provide the cash.

Harold will have a picture of **Andrew** at the November meeting. See **Walter Barnett**, our treasurer to make your donation. Let's make sure that this young man has a good Christmas!

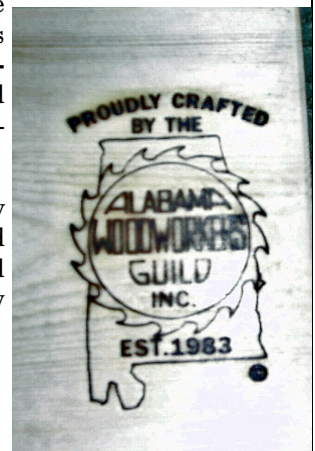
Note that none of the kids at the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch are there because they have been adjudicated. They are kids who, for what ever reason, don't have a home. There are currently eight boys living in this one residence. Various social groups are sponsoring one or more of these boys for Christmas so that they get some of the enjoyment afforded kids with "normal" homes.

Friday's Group, OTH Group, Grumpy Old Men?

Call them what you will but our (Over The Hill) group that meets on Fridays continues to do good work. This year they have continued to build items at the request of the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind as well as making toys for Children's Hospital and other charitable organizations.

The latest shipment of items for the AIDB included logos branded into them. Now we have a way of identifying items build by the Guild. Thanks to **Michael Tomlin, Lee Beadles, and Barron Bartlett** who were instrumental in making this happen.

We won't be stamping every toy that we make, but big items should be stamped. It's work we're proud of and we want everyone to know it.



You can also find us at www.awwg.info

About Our Show

Thanks to all who participated in the 2008 Annual Show. It's always amazing to me to see the quality and variety of items entered. This year was no exception. To make this show a success there was much work by a lot of folks.

Special thanks go to **Cathy Stauss** (right) who did an outstanding job on the reception.

Our grateful appreciation goes to **Jeff Hood** for building very ornate cherry tables (pictured below) for our glass display cabinets.



Thanks also to **Mike Key** and **Buzz Kelly** for taking the day on Monday to help me work with the judges. Finally, many thanks to all the folks who volunteered to "host" the show to visitors during the week.

A few facts: 32 members entered one or more pieces; there were 92 pieces total; out of 12 ribbons for the "Masters" category only two were awarded (we probably need to recombine masters and advanced); no entries were awarded for restoration and refinishing.

The Hoover Library has already asked us to schedule our 2009 show date. We will be doing this soon and give you PLENTY of time to build something fantastic for next year.

Thanks again, **Paul**

(Paul Mancill is our Show Chairman. He did an outstanding job as usual. Show Chairman is another of those long, tedious, and thankless positions within the Guild. Many thanks to Paul for another year of hard work and dedication! Editor)






Ribbon Winners

Category	Place	Recipient
Other		
Beginners	1st	Lee Beadles
	2nd	Randall Robertson
	3rd	Lee Beadles
Intermediate	1st	Ron Griffin
	2nd	Paul Owen
Advanced	1st	Jeff Hood
	2nd	Jeff Hood
	3rd	A.R. Bray
Masters	1st	Dwight Hostetter
Wood Turning		
Beginners	1st	Jim Anchors
	2nd	Jim Anchors
	3rd	Jim Anchors
Intermediate	1st	Paul Mancill
	2nd	Nathan Heerten
	3rd	Nathan Heerten
Advanced	1st	Jeff Hood
	2nd	Mike Key
	3rd	Harold Hall
Masters	1st	Dwight Hostetter
Tools & Jigs	1st	Dwight Hostetter
	2nd	Dwight Hostetter
	3rd	Dwight Hostetter
Toys	1st	J. Ralph Hardwick
	2nd	J. Ralph Hardwick
	3rd	Leonard Sanders
Carving	1st	Tom Robinson
	2nd	Tom Robinson
	3rd	Tom Robinson
Traditional Furniture		
Beginners	1st	J. Ralph Hardwick
	2nd	Chris & Nathan Heerten
Intermediate	1st	Ron Griffin
	2nd	Ray Swords
	3rd	Eddie Heerten
Advanced	1st	Ron Griffin
	2nd	Jeff Hood
	3rd	Brian Stauss
Masters	1st	John Lawson
Contemporary Furniture		
Intermediate	1st	W. Patrick Weissend
	2nd	Ron Griffin
	3rd	Ron Griffin
Advanced	1st	A. R. Bray
	2nd	Mike Key
	3rd	A. R. Bray

AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

November/December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers	17	18	19	20 5:30pm - 6:30pm Toy Set up (Homewood Seniors Center) 6:30pm - 8:00pm Monthly Guild Meeting Fred & Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Night	21 9:00am - 1:00pm..Barron Bartlett 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm .Ralph Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm..Jim Caldwell	22 9:00am - 1:00pm ..Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm . Randall Robertson
23 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 9:00am - 1:00pmA.R. Bray 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm <i>no supervisor</i> 5:00pm - 9:00pm <i>no supervisor</i>	29 9:00am - 1:00pm .Ralph Hardwick 1:00pm - 5:00pm A.R. Bray
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7 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore	8	9	10	11  CHRISTMAS PARTY HOMEWOOD SENIOR CTR 6:00pm - 8:30pm	12 9:00am - 1:00pm .Dan Langford 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm .Ralph Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Eddie Heerten	13 9:00am - 1:00pm.. Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm .. Troy Stroud
14 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	15	16	17	18 Note: Christmas Party on 12/11 in lieu of regular meeting	19 9:00am - 1:00pm ..Barron Bartlett 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm ...Troy Stroud 5:00pm - 9:00pm .. Eddie Heerten	20 9:00am - 1:00pm A.R.Bray 1:00pm - 5:00pm Jim Caldwell
21 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers	22	23	24	25 Christmas 	26 SHOP CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	27 SHOP CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
28 1:00pm - 5:00pm Tom Surtees	29	30	31	1 Jan	2 SHOP CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS	3 SHOP CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS

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Turn **right on CR12**

Turn **right on CR17**

Look for school house **on your left**

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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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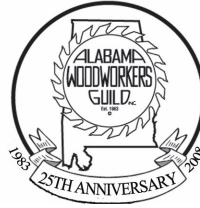


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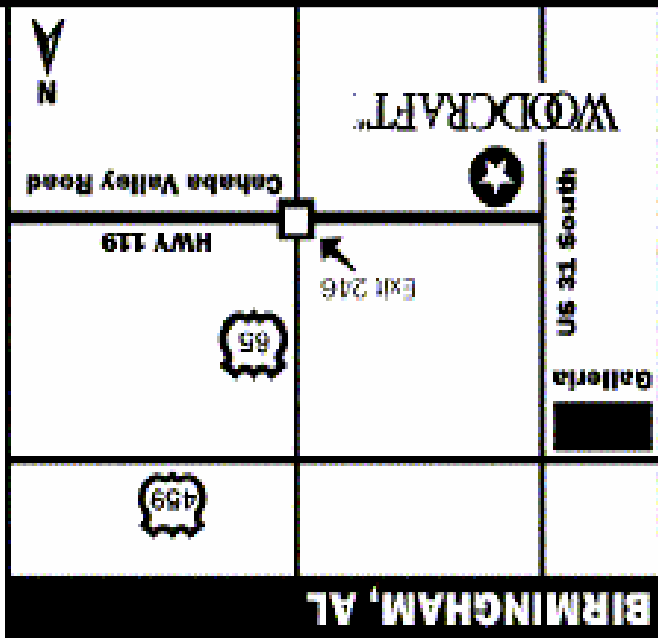


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