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President's Message

We had a nice turn out at the May meeting and a lot of stuff was sold in the auction. We have a new grill now, so maybe we can get the burgers cooked a little faster. *(Picture of new grill on page 3)*

One of the unpleasant parts of being President of the Guild is dealing with the money. I am glad to see that we made a good bit off the silent auction. Thank you to the people that bought and sold items for the percentage that went to the Guild and especially to the people who donated their entire sale price.

I see that we spend a sizable portion of the Guild money on the printing and mailing of the Guild News, so let me ask you this: ***Would those of you that have E-mail be willing to receive the newsletter by E-mail only?*** If we could get the printed copies down to just a few, we could save about \$200.00 a month. I am thinking that this and the \$100.00 a month we saved by meeting at the shop might cover the operating expenses of the shop. ***Let us know by sending an email to awgwebmaster@bellsouth.net*** and we will see if this is possible.

I'm looking forward to the June meeting and I'll see you there.

C. Ard

Welcome New Members

Bill Atchison
 Robert Ingram
 Todd Moon
 Andy Traywick

June 20th Meeting

A real treat is coming in June. **Paul Owens** is going to bring musical instruments to the meeting and show us how he makes them. Included will be Violins, Dulcimers, and Banjos. I bet he will show us how to play and might even let you try. Get there on time!! The Dulcimer is an old mountain instrument that has been revived and has a unique sound. **Paul** also is knowledgeable on the Cigar Box Banjo which is currently undergoing a revival. At a recent meeting several members expressed an interest in getting **Paul** to teach a class.

You bet I will be there for this meeting.

Also at this meeting we will have a jig night with several of the members bringing their favorite/new jig and telling us how to build and use the jig. That should be useful information and is always fun to see what they come up with. If you have not volunteered yet and have a jig you would like to show the Guild, please call **A. R. Bray** at 969- 3753 or cell at 807-4935.

Somewhere mixed in with all this will be a demonstration showing you how to turn common wood into Ebony, a dark black and expensive wood. We will turn oak, walnut, mahogany and other woods into dark black ebony. Strips of different woods will be on hand for all members to try. Come and learn how.

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Just so you can begin to plan ahead, we thought you might appreciate an early notice about the change of venue for the July meeting (see article page 4)

Woodworking Education Center

WEC News

*The dust collector system is working!! Thanks to the efforts of **Cliff Daniels, Bill Newman, Dan Richardson, Mike Key, Jeff Hood** and others the system is working. The problem was electrical and has been very difficult to solve.*

Have you seen the new kitchen floor? **Wilbur Holiday**, a new member, took on this project. **Wilbur** furnished the material and did the labor himself. The results are beautiful and compliment the new island. We will have a beautiful floor for years to come and we all thank you **Wilbur**!!

We're still looking for someone to help us keep the grass cut at the Woodworking Education Center. Please volunteer!

Have you seen the work the door class has accomplished? The doors are looking good. The plan is for the finished doors to replace the existing front doors on our building. **Michael Tomlin** is teaching the class – we are fortunate to have him.

Buzz Kelly continues to



teach at "Tuesdays at WEC". **Buzz** and **Nelda** joined the Guild about the same time as me (about '96 or '97). I have watched **Buzz** develop into a truly outstanding woodworker. He has taken advantage of the Guild's scholarship program for professional training, worked long hours and mastered both tools and techniques. He is giving back to our Guild like our mentor, **Fred Baker**. Come join us on Tuesdays at 11:00 – bring your lunch.

Charlie Ard, John Lawson and others have the "new" old band saw about ready to move to the WEC. This is a real antique – originally line shaft driven. According to **Charlie**, it runs very smoothly with its new electric motor and will be a good addition to our shop. We may be asking for your help in moving the saw... it's very heavy.

Have you noticed that **Steve Horn** and **John Harris** have completed renovation of the outside wall on the south side of the building? You guys are GOOD! Thank you!!!!

Bill Shivers

The Friday Group has been

working on picture frames this month. Under the direction of **Buzz Kelly**, they made some bi-colored picture framing material of walnut and maple then rabbeted it to receive the pictures.

Monta King caught this shot



of **Paul LeSueur** and **Chuck Marek** sanding down the material as it came off the router table.

Maybe some of the guys will have their finished picture frames ready in time for the June Show and Tell.

The Friday Group splits their time between projects and toys. This group is a good place to start for those folks who don't have much experience with woodworking. They're pretty laid back and are always welcoming to new members. Like the Tuesdays Group, these guys bring their lunches and work visiting for a while. It's a good place to pick up some basic skills and start with toys or other small projects.

There's a lot going on at the WEC from organized groups meeting two days a week, monthly meetings, and open shop hours other days. A calendar is furnished on page 3 for your review. The most current calendar is always available on-line at:

<http://freecal.brownbearsw.com/awg>

June/July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Hands on Classes in Planning for Fall 2009

We hope to have more hands-on courses this fall. We have had a number of seminars but not that many hands-on activities. We are looking to use the Guild members as instructors to the extent we can find an "expert".

Hands-on always seems to take longer than planned but the feed back from participants tells us that participants feel that they learn much more when actually doing rather than observing.

We would like to have at least one day session on hand planes where participants can bring in

their own tools for tune-up. Haven't yet pulled together a schedule but wanted to get some input from members.

We WILL be having some hands-on classes where a specific item is constructed and classes on hand tool use and tuning will be held.

I would appreciate hearing from members as to their preferences for subjects and scheduling.

Education Chairman
Jim Caldwell

Something's Cooking at the WEC

Since we changed our meetings to the WEC, we have been cooking lunch after each meeting. Everyone is asked to chip in to help pay for the fixing's and bring along a dessert every now and again. This month we added a new gas grill.



Annual Juried Show Quickly Approaching

This year, as in years past, we will hold our Annual Juried Show at the Hoover Library. This year it is a little earlier so you will want to get to work on your show items if you don't already have them done.

The Show will be held in September this year. The judge for this year's show has not yet

been announced, but **Paul Mancill** and **Brian Stauss** have agreed to co-chair. We hope to provide additional details in this space next month.

We have numerous categories and skill levels in which ribbons are awarded. Plan to participate; you'll be glad you did.

Wish to Buy

One of our new members wishes to buy a wood lathe, mini or a full size, but preferably at a bargain!

Contact him at 404-547-7782 anytime. **Jordan Jones**, Jordan.jones@wholefoods.com

When you call to offer to sell your lathe so you can trade up, welcome **Jordon** to the Guild.

July Meeting Preview

July could be one of our best meetings. **We will be hosted and fed by "HARDWOODS OF ALABAMA" in their facility (180 Airview Lane, Alabaster, AL).**

They plan to have vendors there to show their wares (tools, glue or such).

Lunch will be furnished and served by Hardwoods.

You might get excited when you see the lumber surprise they have for our members. You will be learning quite a bit about lumber at this meeting.

Make your plans now to be there, we will have more details later.

The 3rd Saturday (July 18th) is the date.*

*signed: **Program Getter Upper**

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Mel Brown has DVDs available
www.bama4u.org/video.htm.

Wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget details by the time we get home. Videos can help us to remember those important details as we work at home.

Guild members get a special price for only \$10 each DVD including postage.

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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**

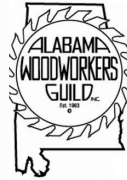


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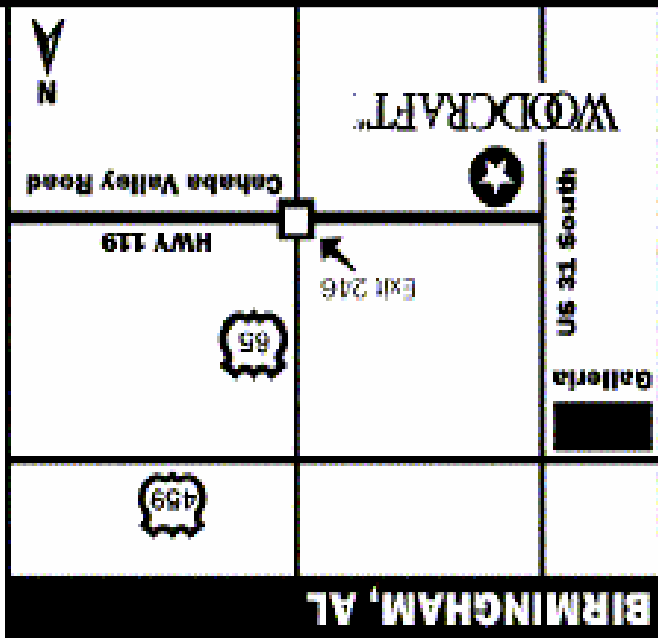


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