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President's Message

We have been invited to hold our July meeting at Hardwoods of Alabama. We did this once before and it worked out very well. They will feed and water us and have a lot of really nice lumber for sale. As I recall, they had some bargains and a lot of people went home with wood in their trucks. This will be a lot of fun so come on down.

After a year in my shop, the big bandsaw is ready to go to the Guild shop. I hope to move it on the day of the July meeting. The idea is to have it in a truck with a lift gate at the shop on Saturday and move it into the shop after the meeting. I will be recruiting a gang to go back to the shop and move it in, so if you'd like to help let me know.

See you at the meeting.

C. Ard

JULY MEETING @ HARDWOODS OF ALABAMA

Our regularly scheduled July meeting will be held in the Harwoods facility at the Shelby County Airport Industrial Park.

From I65 take the Shelby County Airport exit and hang a hard right. Go to the end of the road. Turn left. Half way up the small hill hang a right and continue straight ahead. Look for a sign on the building that says "Hardwoods".

Or, you can just follow all the cars and pick ups headed that way. Drive your truck. You may need to haul some lumber home!!

WE will plan on starting at 9:00 AM. THEY are planning to have some of their vendors at the meeting to talk about their products (like glues, hinges, etc.)

Chow down time will be around 11:00 to 11:30. Yep, they are going to feed the whole bunch of us.

Remember to bring your "Show and Tell" items.

Chairs will be hauled over by the Friday WEC Group and other volunteers.

See you there.

Signed: "*Program Getter Upper*" A. R. Bray

Welcome New Members

Donald Keen
Keith Roszell

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Woodworking Education Center WEC News

Have you seen the new front doors for the WEC? As of this writing one door has been installed and the other two should be installed by the next meeting. We owe a big "Thank You" to **Michael Tomlin** and his door class. **Michael** donated all the material. Then he taught the class in which the doors were built and installed the doors.

The Walker-Turner band saw has blown a tire and is not operational at this time. New tires are on order and should be back in operation shortly.

The large 36" band saw is ready to be moved to the WEC. We will be calling on several of you to help with this move as it is very heavy.

The "Tuesday at the WEC" continues with good attendance. After we finish the "Side Table" project, we plan to have a couple of Tuesdays to talk about methods and techniques and then start a new project. A notice will be sent out as soon as the new project is confirmed.

We received the second pallet of "Cherry" that we bought from **Michael Tomlin** and it is available for purchase by the membership at the same price of \$3 per board foot.

At the last meeting we asked for a volunteer to handle the yard maintenance. **Ron Powell** has volunteered to handle this task. Thank you "**Ron**"!

The most current WEC calendar is always available online at:

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

July 1, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Thank You Letters: The Guild received two thank you letters on behalf of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Boys Ranch acknowledging our gift of \$700 and the refurbishment of the kitchen in the Beason House. One letter was from the CEO, Nicholas Rauccio and the other from the Director, Anita Thompson and the children.

July Guild Meeting: Discussion was held regarding the July meeting being held at Hardwoods of Alabama. **A.R. Bray** responded to an email from Hardwoods with an estimated attendance number of 65. It was decided that the AWG would use write on name-tags and that the "Friday Group" would take the chairs from the WEC to Hardwoods.

The Big Band Saw: Plans were set in place to move the big band saw from **Charlie Ard's** shop to the WEC. It was decided to rent a lift truck and move the band saw after the AWG meeting on July 18th with volunteers from the Guild meeting.

Juried Show: **Paul Mancil** is having surgery the week of the juried show at the Homewood library. **Brian Stauss** and **Walter Barnett** will handle the coordination of the show.

Nominating Committee: **President Ard** appointed the nominating committee for 2010. **Dan Browning** will chair the group consisting of himself, **Bill Shivers** and **Robert McClure**. The committee will recommend two directors and a slate of officers for the election in November by the general membership.

Board Meeting Time Change:

Some discussion was held regarding all board members being able to make a meeting time of 6:00PM. **Bill Shivers** made a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by **John Lawson** and carried.

Treasurer's Report: **Walter Barnett** presented the Treasurer's report for June. Much discussion centered on ideas for fund raising. Ultimately **President Ard** appointed **Troy Stroud** to distill the ideas and make a recommendation to the Board for fund raising. **Brian Stauss** advised that he got very few emails requesting that the Guild News be delivered electronically and will send an email to all members requesting a reply expressing their delivery preference. **Nelda** explained that there is no longer a minimum paper delivery number, which should facilitate this expense cutting effort.

Cherry Lumber: **Bill Shivers** verified that the price of additional cherry lumber would remain at \$3.00/BF and that **Dan Langford** will price the lumber at the WEC.

Habitat Cabinets: **President Ard** asked the Board again to think about how the cabinets for the Habitat Christmas House will be provided this year. Last year the cabinets were purchased at a cost of \$1,500 and installed by the Guild.

Adjournment – the Board meeting adjourned at 7:30

Monta King – Guild Secretary

July/August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Annual Show October 3rd through 11th at the Hoover Public Library

The dates for our annual show this year are not in September as previously reported, but will be October 3rd through the 11th. These are the only dates that the Hoover Library has for us. We will have the reception on Monday, October 5.

We requested September dates but finally got these dates assigned by the Hoover Library which has a very busy schedule this fall.

We think that this will be at least a week before Kentuck so the folks from Tuscaloosa can join us. **Paul Mancill** will not be able to help with the set-up/tear

down/judging this year because he is scheduled for surgery on October 1st. Filling in for **Paul** will be **Walter Barnett**, who chaired the show for many years in the past. **Paul** will be able order ribbons, set up judging, etc. **Walter** will work with Assistant Show Chairman, **Brian Stauss** to assure another successful annual show.

Your help is also requested to assure a successful show. We need YOU to participate and exhibit your work. There are numerous categories and skill levels. If you haven't started already, begin your project today!

Ebonizing Wood (Replay from our June Meeting)

A refresher course for those who still have questions about how to make Ebony wood:

Find 2 pint glass jars.

Fill one with white vinegar and stuff a 0000 steel wool pad in the vinegar. Let it sit for about two weeks or you can test it on a scrap piece of wood to see if it is working.

Dissolve a heaping tablespoon of Quebracho powder in hot water in the other jar. Stir and let it sit for awhile to be sure it is dissolved. (I still have some powder and will be glad to share it; just holler if you want some). Coat the wood with Quebracho mixture and let it soak in. If there are any puddles left on the surface wipe them off.

Next put the steel wool/vinegar mixture on the wood with a brush, rag, or whatever you've got.

Sit back and watch it turn into ebony. You are done.

PS: don't let the two mixtures get together i.e., don't put the vinegar mixture on the wood which already had the Quebracho mixture on it and then stick the brush back in the vinegar. That would ruin the whole pint jar of stuff. Instead, pour some out in a separate container and work from that.

After the wood is dry you can repeat the process to make it darker if need be.

Signed:
**Little
Old
Ebony
Maker**



SHOW & TELL June 2009



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Looking to trade up and buy a new lathe but need to unload your old one? *One of our new members wishes to buy a wood lathe, mini or full sized, preferably at a bargain!*

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

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Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.
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Turn **left on AL 119/Montevallo Rd**
Turn **right on CR12**
Turn **right on CR17**
Look for school house **on your left**

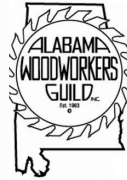


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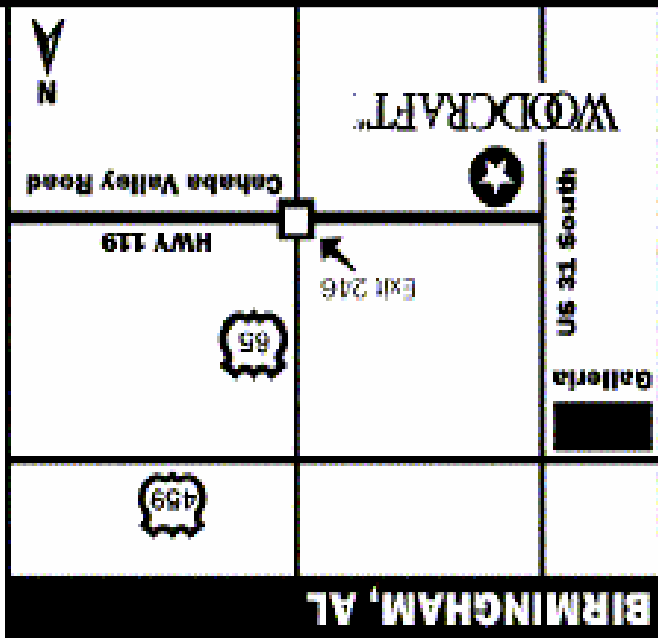


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