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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, I suppose it's true...The Guild's Grizzly Dual Drum sander is not quite the beast some of us made it out to be. Shop Manager, **Cliff Daniels** demonstrated exactly how to sand wide boards and properly install the paper. Turns out, the main thing is to take "micro-cuts" and stop pretending the sander is a planer. Who knew?



Following Cliff, Bill Hubbard (from Tuscaloosa) spoke to us about "power carving". Bill is self-taught and insists that desire is more important than talent when it comes to creating some of his detailed and elaborate art work. A truly great presentation!



You may notice that we have several new tools and gadgets around the shop these days. Many of the tools we all have to work with at the WEC are actually donated by YOU, our members! Here are a few of the most recent additions thanks to generosity of several members...

The dovetail jig was donated by **John Julian**. The #5 Wood River plane was donated by **Joe Hurst**. **Harold Hall** provided the tenoning jig. The Mortising machine is on loan from **Preston Lawley** and I donated the Porter-Cable Pocket Hole jig I won as a door prize at the DeWalt/Porter-Cable visit.



If you have tools you think the Guild could use please feel free to speak with Shop Manager Cliff Daniels. (All contributions are tax deductible as well)

Lastly, don't forget the Mark Adam's Seminar. Mark is a nationally known woodworker and instructor who has many tips to offer on fine woodworking. The seminar is WELL worth the price of admission...be sure to bring your checkbooks so you can pay in advance for this one.

Monta King

Next Meeting
Saturday,
March 19, 2011
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
See page 2 for details

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

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Coming up soon – April's "Not So Silent Auction". Its time to start getting your extra and no longer needed tools, wooden projects, wood, etc. together for the April 16th Alabama Woodworker's meeting at the Woodworking Educational Center. We will be having a Silent Auction at the April meeting and if you are interested in having a special item to be auctioned off by a live auctioneer; Tom Surtees has agreed to be the auctioneer for those special items. The number of special items to be auctioned off by Tom will be limited, so if you want to have an item auctioned off through the live auctioneer, please contact Vice-President Dwight Hostetter or President Monta King by email or phone.



(Please note: The guild asks that 10% of any transactions be donated to the Guild.)

MARCH PROGRAMS

Pre-meeting

The March 19, 9:30 pre-meeting will be given by our very own Bob Moore on sharpening hand plane blades and chisels using Japanese water stones. If anyone would like, they can bring their hand plane blades or chisels to the pre-meeting for a hands on assist from Bob on proper sharpening techniques.

Main Meeting Presentation

Billy Sims is currently an editor of a business magazine for landscapers and has over 30 years experience working as a magazine editor. He's also kept his hands busy as a craftsman. As a woodworker he's built and restored furniture and wooden boats, including a 32-foot sailboat in which he cruised to and from Bermuda and the Caribbean before moving to Birmingham 13 years ago. His hands now delight in basket making. Billy's focus is on traditional basketry, primarily of white oak, which he harvests and splits himself. But his work also includes baskets of New England black ash and South Carolina sea grass.



Billy's baskets are interpretations of traditional styles from various regions, including the Southern Highlands, the Northeast, and the South Carolina Lowcountry. The materials, ranging from white oak and black ash to sweet grass and bull rush, are appropriate for each style. He hand renders all materials and harvests and splits most of the white oak.

His work represents the culmination of several years of a self-directed apprenticeship that involved collaboration with a number of master basket makers. It is homage to an endangered heritage.

Billy grew up in the foothills of East Tennessee and a family of artisans who encouraged him to learn hand-crafts such as weaving, woodworking, and wooden boat building.

Billy's path has evolved from a casual learning experience with a sweetgrass basket made a decade ago to a passionate pursuit now to create interpretations of some of America's most beautiful basketry.

Member: Alabama Designer Craftsmen, Southern Highlands Craft Guild, and Mammoth Cave Basket Makers Guild, Kentucky.

Dwight Hostetter

Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$5 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.

2011 Directories are available in hard copy at the WEC

Dues R Due

Don't forget your checkbook at this month's meeting. Your 2011 Alabama Woodworkers Guild Dues are now due. Please see Walter Barnett at the meeting or you can mail your dues (still just \$50) to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild
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Friday & Saturday, March 25th & 26th, 2011

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuition: \$75 each day or \$125 both days

Fee includes lunch

**Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc.
Woodworking Education Center**

10544 Highway 17
Maylene, AL 35144



For Registration Information Contact:

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Friday March 25 - Furniture Making Skills

A full day of Furniture Making with a focus on design, joinery, understanding wood, adhesives, sharpening, finishing and machine safety

Saturday March 26 – Veneering With Confidence

This class will focus on Veneer as a material; cutting, pressing, sanding, marquetry, inlay and even touch on marquetry.

These classes will be casual, interactive, and fun as well as informative! Join the Alabama Woodworkers Guild for one or two days with Marc Adams.

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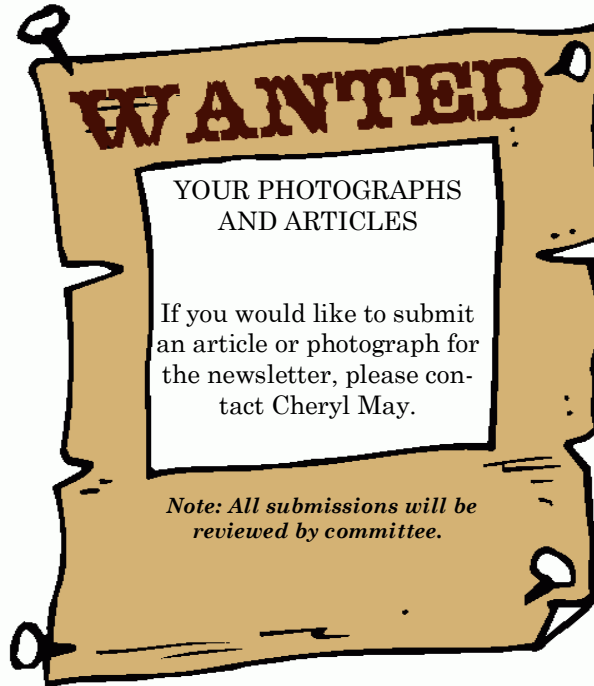
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Hello fellow woodworkers,

Cullman Woodworks Guild is excited to announce its first seminar hosting Nick Cook.

Most woodturners have heard the name Nick Cook who is a well respected woodturner from the Atlanta area. Nick is scheduled Saturday March 19th to be at Cullman Woodworkers Guild. Start time is scheduled for 9:00 AM and end around 5:00 PM. This will be a demonstration only with question and answer as we go. Nick will start with beginners in mind and advance thru the day for the avid woodturners.

Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided. The spouses of CWG members will be preparing a "Potluck" lunch. There should be a flavor for all!



The location/address of the seminar is;
Dennis Guthrie Construction
18293 US Hwy 31
Vinemont, AL 35179

I've attached a link to Nick's web site for those who wish to research his talent:

<http://www.nickcookwoodturner.com/index.htm>

The cost is \$50.00 per person. If you're interested please contact; Pat Weissend (patw@cullmanec.com, 256-339-6781), Laurie Weisner (Shortround9mm@gmail.com), or Leonard Romine (leonardr@cullmanec.com)

Please make checks to Cullman Woodworkers Guild and mail to;

Leonard Romine
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Cullman, AL 35055

I'm excited about the upcoming event and hope each of you are as well. Look forward to seeing you,

Pat Weissend

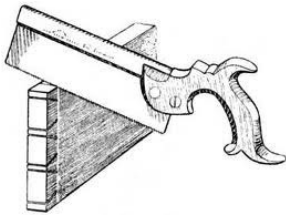
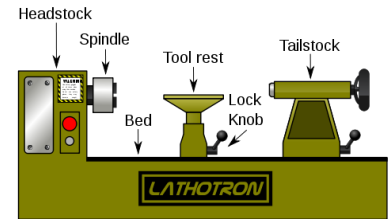
Education Activities Report

The time for the Marc Adams Seminar has finally arrived!

After almost a year of planning, Marc Adams will be here Friday and Saturday March 25th & 26th. Many of our long term AWG members remember when Marc was here several years ago and have looked forward to his return. Several of our members have attended classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Franklin Indiana and have requested that we bring Marc to Birmingham. The newer members are in for a treat as we have the rare opportunity for a local class led by such a well known instructor.

Friday the 25th will be a full day on furniture making with a focus on design, joinery, understanding wood, adhesives, sharpening and finishing. The next day, Saturday, will be a veneering class with focus on veneer as a material, cutting, pressing, sanding, parquet, inlay and even a touch on marquetry. Marc's classes have a very open format and he shapes the day's agenda based on the questions and interests of his audience. The cost of this seminar is \$75.00 for one day or \$125 for both days. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting of the Guild. For this seminar, payment is required at the time of sign-up.

You can also sign up for two new beginner level classes that were recently announced. A woodturning fundamentals class will be taught on Saturdays, April 2nd & 9th by Cliff Daniels and Troy Stroud. This basic skills class will include lathe operation and safety, wood mounting, and tools selection and handling. This two day class will include hands-on training using the lathes and tools at the W.E.C. The cost of this class is \$50.00.



Beginning May 28th, Eddie Heerten and Walter Barnett will teach a beginner level class on hand cut dovetails. This three Saturday sessions class will cover tool sharpening, layout techniques and plenty of hands-on time to practice your cutting skills. For this class it will really help if you can provide your own tools (either owned, borrowed or shared). Eddie and Walter will provide information to the students on what types of tools are needed. This class will be limited to no more than 20 students and will cost \$50.00.

Unlike the Marc Adams Seminar, payment for the beginner level classes can be made any time up to the first day of class. Our hope is that these beginner level classes will lead to follow up classes to build projects using these fundamental skills. The type of future projects will be determined by the interests of the students.

At the March 19th Guild meeting be sure to check out the fantastic workbench that is nearing completion thanks to the Thursday night Bench Building Class. Maybe you will be the lucky winner of that bench!

Robert McClure

LAST MONTH'S MEETING



Bill Hubbard demonstrates his power carving techniques (left).
Ralph Hardwick's wooden aircraft (right).

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

We have built a lumber rack on the North wall of the shipping container and all the long boards that were on the floor of the North room of the shop have been placed on these racks.


Would like to remind you that our lumber prices are the best in town, so buy your lumber at the WEC.

Due to donations or loans we have some new tools for member use. These new tools include a mortising machine, a tenoning jig, a dove tail jig, a #5 block plane and a Porter cable pocket hole jig. The "Walker Turner" band saw is still out of commission.

Thanks to the work of Dudley Massey and his son we now have a working ice machine.

Cliff Daniels

Comfort Bucket



There's a bucket sitting on the sign in table at each of our meetings. *That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet.* Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!

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FOR SALE: Powermatic 66 table saw, 3 hp Baldor 230V 1 phase motor , 53" Biesemeyer T-Square fence , \$1,300, or \$1,450 with PM mobile base. Contact Brian Stauss, 987-9997 or kybgs@bellsouth.net.

Policy of Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Title: Use of the Guild Woodworking Education Center
Policy No.AWG-1

Date Adopted:3/1/07
Revised: 11/27/10

Statement of Policy:

Use of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild (the "Guild") Woodworking Education Center (the "shop") shall be governed by the requirements as set forth herein.

Reason for Policy:

This Policy sets forth the operating requirements necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the "shop" maintained by the "Guild" for the use of its members.

Policy Requirements:

A Shop Manager (appointed by the board) shall establish and administer shop rules and regulations that are necessary to implement the requirements of this policy and/or are necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the shop.

Members are responsible for their own safety and must make themselves aware of and comply with all shop rules and regulations. Woodworking is a dangerous activity. Accidents often occur. A member must not attempt any operation in the shop for which he/she is unsure of how to accomplish safely nor shall he/she operate any machine for which he/she is not certain of how to safely operate it. He/she shall inspect each machine prior to use to assure that it is in safe operating condition.

All persons in the shop during hours of operation must have signed a Liability Release Waiver and said Waiver must be on file at the shop. Use of the shop shall be limited to (a) Guild sponsored group work sessions, (b) Guild sponsored training sessions and (c) individual member work sessions.

Guild sponsored work or training sessions shall have scheduling priority over member work sessions.

Hours of operation shall be set by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Work sessions shall be scheduled by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Use of the shop is limited to Guild members only. Members may be accompanied by "helpers" to assist with material handling, glue ups, etc. Any person under 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian.

Individual members will not use the shop for monetary gain or for commercial purposes.

A designated Shop Supervisor must be on the premises at all times that any work session is in process.

The Shop Supervisor(s) may set a maximum number of people using the shop at any one time as may be warranted by nature of on-going activities.

The Shop Supervisor shall require any member, who in his opinion is performing an unsafe act, to stop. The member must stop the act, however, he/she may appeal the decision to the Shop Manager.

Members will be required to use their own tools and equipment where not supplied by the Guild.

Members will provide whatever materials and supplies that may be required for their personal projects and will replace any Guild supplies they may use.

Members are responsible to maintain a clean working environment at all times.

Members will clean-up their work areas before leaving the shop.

The Shop Manager may suspend or revoke any member's shop usage privileges for failure to comply with shop rules. A member may appeal such a suspension or revocation to the board.

The requirements of this Policy shall be prominently posted and displayed on the shop premises.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is strictly prohibited on the WEC premises.

WEC MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 ^[12] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	21 Mar	22	23	24 9:00am - 3:00pm R Hardwick Toy Group 5:30pm - 8:30pm Mike Key's Workbench Class	25 7:00am - 7:00pm ... Shop closed for Marc Adams Seminar 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	26 7:00am - 7:00pm ... Shop closed for Marc Adams Seminar 9:00am - 1:00pm Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Monta King
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3 ^[14] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Bill Shivers	4	5	6 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	7	8 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	9 Turning class 9:00am - 4:00pm. 9:00am - 1:00pm Cliff Daniels 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Monta King
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>



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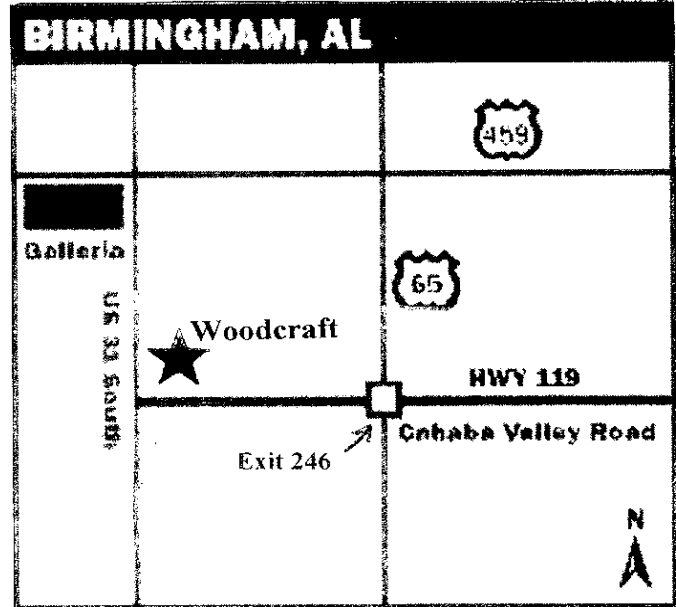
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