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Guild News



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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting will
be on April 21,
2012.

9:30 A.M.
Pre-meeting

10:00 A.M.
Meeting



Happy Easter!!

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President's Message

Well, again both of our meetings this month were great. You learned about how to make toys from Ralph and Lynn (Co-Chairmen of the toy program), and Lynn very skillfully got volunteers to make helicopters parts to be used by AmeriCorps for their project. Thanks to Ralph and Lynn for a job well done. Then in the main program, Bill Newman showed us how he makes those beautiful boxes. Bill is an outstanding woodworker and thanks to him for sharing his techniques. And, of course, thanks to Cheryl for putting these together.

The lathe class held on the 24th was a great success. Nine members attended, and from everything I hear, Dwight did a fantastic job. Thanks Dwight for sharing your talents with other members. There will be a band saw class on the 26th so don't miss it.

The "Mentoring Program" is up and running so if you need any help with any project or equipment contact Ron Griffin. The program will be in the newsletter and posted around the WEC. This program is free and we have a number of people that will be willing to help anyone. If you need help in an area that is not on the list, just contact Ron.

Chris Mazur (our education chairman) has been working very hard to schedule us a seminar. He has arranged to have Ron Herman here for a two-day seminar on June 2nd & 3rd. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The "Scholarship Program" that was outlined at the last meeting was approved by the Board of Directors with minor changes in our last meeting and will be presented in the April meeting for final approval.

Most of you are probably unaware that we are in the 5th year of our 5 year lease on the WEC. Because of this, Lynn Smith and I met with Charles Moore (President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity in Birmingham) and his assistant to negotiate a new lease. We now have a new 5 year rolling lease with a clause requiring a 2 year notice before evacuation. Mr. Moore told us that they foresee no need for this building anytime in the future so unless something changes we should have the building for many years to come.

Our monthly meetings are always interesting and this month's program will not only be interesting, but will also be unique, so don't miss it.

The Friday group which is always faithful tells me that several new members have joined them. I want to thank all of you for helping with the toys and getting more involved in Guild activities.

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Welcome New AWG Members!

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!!
Jimmy Branch, Chris Davis, Jon Kidd, and Wes Mitchell

WELCOME!

Show and Tell

The show and tell portion of the AWG meetings is an opportunity to share your experience, knowledge, and skill with the rest of the Guild. Made an ingenious jig to overcome some problem? Bring it to the next meeting so we can all learn about it! Tried a new area of woodworking? Bring a project in and let us know what you learned. Or maybe you just want to show off some of your best work? Bring it in!

When you bring your project in, don't forget to sign in on the show and tell sheet before the meeting begins so we'll know who to call up to the microphone.



Guitar by Mike Key



Cabinet by A.R. Bray



Bowl with stand by Mike Key

WEC APRIL/MAY 2012 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					20 9:00am - 1:00pm R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm ...Mike Key	21 9:00am - 1:00pm Monta Kinj 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Mike Key
22[17] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Mike Key	23	24	25	26 7:00pm - 8:00pm Band Saw Orientation Instructor-Preston Lawley	27 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm No supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ...Eddie Heerten	28 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush is supervisor
29[18] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush is Supervisor	30	1 <u>May</u>	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	3	4 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell - supervisor 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell - supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	5 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Preston Lawley supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore
6[19] 9:00am - 4:00pm Hollow turning/carving, texturing. John Jordan 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	7	8	9	10	11 9:00am - 1:00pm L. Smith 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm L. Smith 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	12 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor

The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>

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March Pre-Meeting and Meeting

Pre-Meeting

For our pre-meeting this month, Preston Lawley will give us a preview of the upcoming bandsaw class.

Main Meeting

You can't help but be amazed by what members Mike Kelly and Lee Berdinski will share with us about teaching woodworking at the Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center in the Birmingham VA Medical Center . Imagine setting up a shaper, using the table saw, or turning a bowl on the lathe --- now imagine doing it blindfolded. Repetition, sequencing and routine are the basis for working safely, as will be demonstrated by one of our board members. The program uses woodworking and other industrial arts as a medium for teaching patients to see with their hands and learn other non-visual ways of processing information. As Mike explained some of the ways they help their woodworkers reduce frustration and set themselves up for success, I found myself thinking "I should do that" and I bet you will too. Its quite inspirational to discover how this craft we practice can be used to help develop the skills someone needs to adjust to a new way of living.

Cheryl

Lunch

Lunch will be served at the April meeting for the low price of 5 dollars a person. We will be having hotdogs and hamburgers. Thanks to Mike and Pat for cooking!

Call For Submissions

Send your articles, musings, pictures, poetry, etc. to Wayne Burris at Waterseeker@hotmail.com for consideration to be included in the next issue!

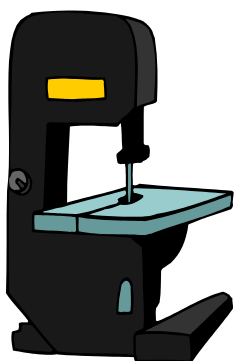
Free Band Saw Orientation Seminar!!

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**THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2012
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

INSTRUCTOR-PRESTON LAWLEY



**IF YOU MISSED
THE LAST ONE-DON'T
MISS THIS!**

**LEARN THE OPERATION OF THE BAND SAW
AND THE SAFETY REGULATIONS REQUIRED...**

**SIGN UP EARLY!
CLASS SIZE LIMITED!**

TO REGISTER NOTIFY:

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Mentoring

NOTE: You must be a member of the Guild to be eligible for mentoring classes.

Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your woodworking skills a notch or two? Do you have a special project in mind but are just a bit uneasy about getting underway? Looking for tips to save time and effort, plus get better results?

Here's what you need to do: join a Guild mentored group now. It's the way to go for all of the above, with others at your skill level, and best of all, at no cost except for materials.

Refer to Shop Schedule for schedule of mentoring sessions

Some examples of topics offered:

Bench Making
Table Saw instruction
Lathe Fundamentals
Pen Turning
Hand Tools - sharpening and techniques
Furniture Building - Chairs, Table tops, Tables
Instruction in - Router table use
Instruction in - Jointer, Planer use
Dovetail jig making
Hand-cut Dovetails
Pocket Hole Jig Instruction

If you have questions on woodworking technique, tool usage, buying equipment or tools feel free to contact a Guild mentor.

2012 Mentors

John Lawson	Furniture repair, band saw, track saw
Mike Key	Dovetail jig
Eddie Heerten	Lathe, furniture, table saw, hand-cut dovetails, Bowl turning
Bob Moore	Handtool sharpening, table saw, joiner, planer
Dwight Hostetter	Lathe, segmented turning, baskets
Bill Newman	Boxes, jointer
Brian Stauss	Cabinet construction
Cliff Daniels	Scroll saw, jointer, band saw
Buzz Kelly	Finishing and stringing
Lynn Smith	Toys
Pat Bush	Jointer, planer
A.R. Bray	Draw knife, planes, hand tools, antique hand tools

Contact the above by email or phone as listed in the Membership Directory or email Ron Griffin at:

sawandsplinters@gmail.com

Dale Lewis, Featured Artist, May 2012

The featured artist for the month of May in the Kentucky Gallery will be Dale Lewis of Oneonta, Alabama. The exhibit opening will be Thursday, May 3, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Kentucky Gallery at the corner of 5th and Main in downtown Northport, Alabama. Please put this date on your calendar and make a special effort to come out and bring a friend or two. There will be a showing of Dale's latest work, light refreshments and the viewing of a documentary about Dale doing what he does best in his home shop.

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Ron Herman seminar upcoming

Ron Herman, a specialist in hand tools, will be at the WEC June 2nd and 3rd. The fee for the seminar is \$75 for the first day, or \$125 for both days. For more info and to sign up, contact Chris Mazur at: ChrisMI928@earthlink.net



The Silent Auction is Coming up Soon

Coming up soon – the “Not So Silent Auction”. It’s time to start getting your extra and no longer needed tools, wooden projects, wood, etc. together. We will be having a Silent Auction at the May meeting, and plan to have a few special items to be auctioned off by a live auctioneer. The number of special items will be limited, so if you want to have an item auctioned off through the live auctioneer, please contact Vice-President Cheryl May or President Cliff Daniels by email or phone.

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

Cheryl

Dale Lewis (continued from page 7)

Dale Lewis's extensive resume with pictures is available on his website at www.dalewis.net.

A brief review reveals that he has shown his work by invitation in exhibitions across the eastern United States, including two showing at the Renwick in Washington D.C. His work is a part of seven major public collections, featured in eight recent books and thirteen regional and national magazines.

Dale's work has been recognized many times. He has received "Best of Show" and "Award of Distinction" several different years at various festivals across the South. The Kentuck Festival, a juried show, has recognized Dale 7 different years, including awarding him "Best of Show" in 1996.

The work of Dale Lewis is quite rare. His creative playfulness generates both functional and sculptural work never seen before. Topping off his creative work is the expert craftsmanship that is the unmistakable mark of a master craftsman. This combination of Dale's creativity and craftsmanship generates works that will inspire any woodworker or any artist regardless of medium.

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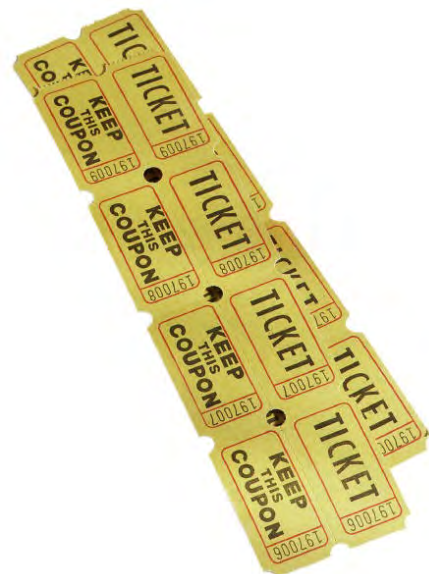
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Pat



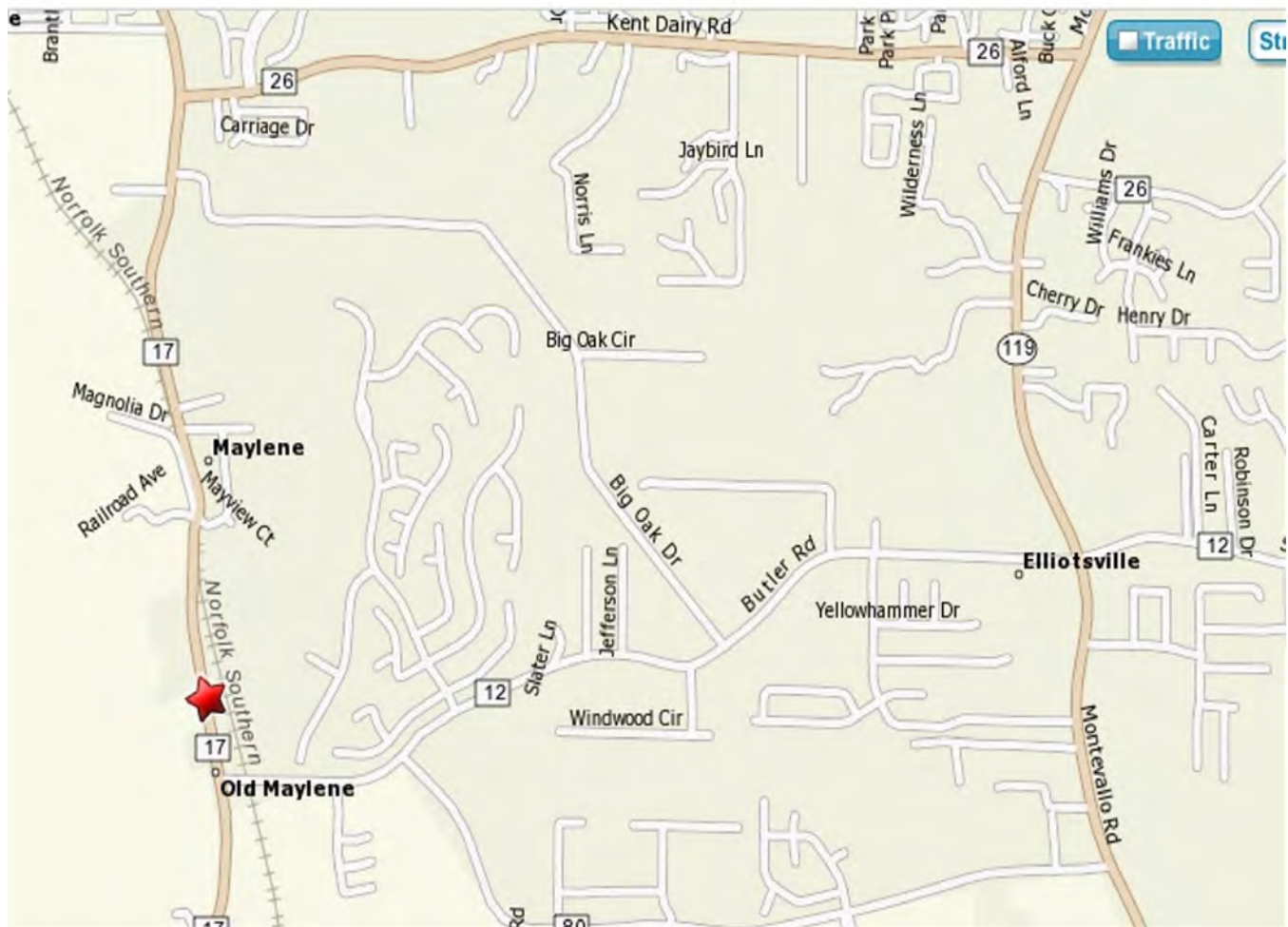
American Village

Many thanks to Bob Moore and his creative team who took this project so seriously. The people at the American Village added the finishing touches of period paint colors and realistic brick texture to make these buildings come alive. These props serve as a visual backdrop for demonstrating the "Paul Revere Ride" aspect of the early American Revolution to as many as 300 students a day who visit the American Village. The Woodworkers Guild is proud to partner with the American Village and their amazing and dedicated staff in support of education in Alabama.

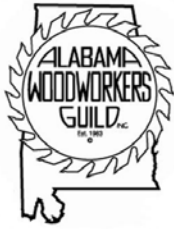
Monta King



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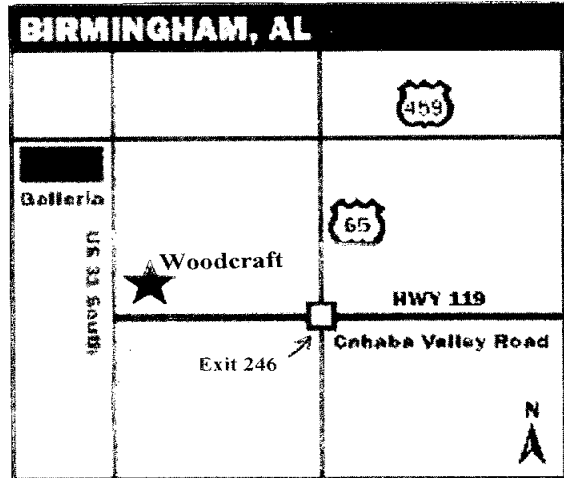
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