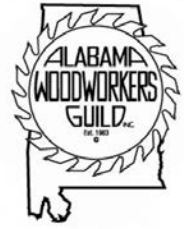




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# Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News



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## Next Meeting

The next  
scheduled  
meeting is  
January 17th

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## DON'T FORGET!

**Christopher Schwarz** will be presenting a seminar on building his Dutch Tool Box on **Feb 14 - 15**

See Chris Mazur or Preston Lawley for info

## President's Message

Greetings Fellow Guild Members,

First of all I would like to thank all the guild members for your support this past year. My first year was a real learning experience. With your help we continued to have good monthly meetings, good classes, a good annual show, and a very nice Christmas Party.

I want to thank the outgoing Officers, Board Members and Volunteer Leaders that helped make last year a success.

Ed Bullock	Vice President
Pat Bush	Board Member
Art Chamblee	Board Member
Ron Griffin	Board Member/Mentor Coordinator
Lynn Smith	Toy Chairman
Dwight Hostetter	Show Chairman
Mike Key	Shop Manager

Thank you very much gentlemen for all your efforts this past year.

Now I want to welcome this years new Officers, Board Members and Volunteer Leaders.

Thom Nix	Vice President
Patrick Murphy	Board Member
Joe Beck	Board Member
Mike Key	Board Member
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## President's Message

Welcome to the team gentlemen and I look forward to working with you as well as our existing team members:

Scott Stafford	Secretary
Walter Barnett	Treasurer
Wayne Burris	Board Member
Henry Hager	Board Member
Paul Mancill	Board Member
Cliff Daniels	Board Member
Christian Mazur	Education Co-Chair
Preston Lawley	Education Co-Chair
Nathan Heerten	Librarian

I am looking forward to a year of informative programs and classes and successful events and to fulfill the Guild Purpose to promote and administer programs which will benefit the woodworking community and advance the art and craft of woodworking.

Respectfully,

Ray Ziegler

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## New Members

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!

**Carson Bennett, Jason Eversull, Bill Garner, Josh Kirchikov, Zane Morgan, Gary Salmer, Charles Vann, Jr, Jason Vandiver, Steve Windham**

**WELCOME!**

**WEC JANUARY -FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1[2] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Eddie Heerten	12 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	13 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	14	15	16 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith-Supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith-Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	17 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wait Barnett 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Wait Barnett
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*The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>*

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## January Pre-Meeting Mentoring Topic: Cabinet Making the Sommerfeld Way

In January we will continue with our Pre-Meeting Mentoring Series with Brian Stauss. Brian will provide a presentation/demonstration of the Sommerfeld Method of cabinet making developed by Marc Sommerfeld. Having just completed a rather impromptu Kitchen Rehab project as result of a bit of misfortune, Brian is ready, willing and able to share the experience and results. You don't want to be late for this one. See you at the Pre-Meeting, Saturday, January 17th at 9am!



## Toy Program Update

Well, we had another great year with our "Toy Program", over 16,000 toys made and distributed. I would like to personally commend everyone that participated in the program. I want to especially commend the Tuesday Group for such a fantastic job they have done, not only this year but for several years. They are a group of loyal and dedicated members that give of their time and talents almost every Tuesday with only one thing in mind, that is to make a toy that will somehow bring a smile to a child. Fantastic job guys! Of course for a group like this to function efficiently, it requires a great leader. Lynn Smith has led this group as "Toy Chairman" for several years and has done an outstanding job. He coordinates with the various participants in the program such as Children's of Alabama Hospital, Mobile Women's and Children's Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, American Village and others and makes sure we have the required materials and supplies. Thanks Lynn for a job well done. I know this group would welcome any member that wishes to join them on Tuesday.

Cliff Daniels

## Annual Christmas Party

As we usher in 2015, we'd like to look and thank everyone who made our 2014 Christmas Gathering such a success! While some folks "hang their stockings with care" AVG members grabbed brooms, fox tails, shop vacs, mops, and scouring pads to clean up and make the Education Center sparkle (ok, maybe it was more like a satin finish!) There is no truth to the rumor of vegetation having been found under some of the shop equipment.

Over 80 members and guests gathered and enjoyed the celebration this year.



Party organizers Frank Higgins and Bob Watkins arranged for the main course meats and drinks. An abundance of side dishes and family holiday recipes were shared by the members. Thanks to Preston Lawley and Ray Ziegler for this year's seating arrangements.



## Annual Christmas Party

It was an evening to remember with good food, good friends, and great entertainment provided by Tina Hood and accompanists.



## Annual Christmas Party

President Ray Ziegler shared Christmas wishes, and special thanks to the organizers and cleanup crew who performed the awesome job for this year's party. What Guild gathering would be complete without a heartfelt tale from our favorite story teller, Buddy Finch?



Door prizes and gift sharing were orchestrated with lively banter by our own Auctioneer/Gameshow host, Pat Bush.



Congratulations and a hearty "Well Done!" for Dwight Hostetter, who was awarded "People's Choice Award" for the 2014 Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show.



A special thanks to the behind the scenes crew who went all out to get the Education Center ready for the party: Carl Cummins, Henry Hagar, Frank Higgins, Michael Malinconico, Heyward Menasco, Bob Moore, Patrick Murphy, Bob Watkins, Brian Stauss, and Larry Young. Thank You All!!  
Thanks everyone for a Great 2014 and wishing you all Health, Wealth, and Happiness in 2015!

## 2014 Habitat for Humanity Holiday House Cabinet Class

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, a stack of material consisting of plywood, planks and stain sat on the floor of the Woodworking Education Center waiting to be crafted into kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities destined for installation into Habitat for Humanity's 2014 Holiday House. For the eighth year, Guild Members signed up to learn and experience the joy of cabinet making from a top notch team of craftsmen over the next three months.

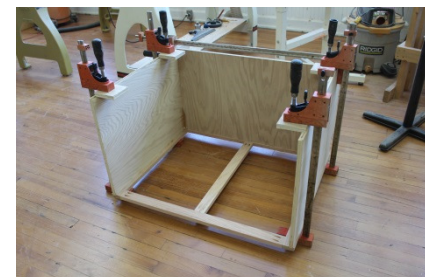
The journey began with a quick orientation, distribution of design plans and review of the construction steps for the project. Bob Moore and Randall Robertson led the class and shared experiences from tips and expectations to some of the "gotcha's" from previous classes.



The first weekend was devoted to the construction of the cabinet face frames. The class learned the basics of cut-list layout, planning, table saw safety and pocket hole joinery. Everyone in the class had the opportunity for hands on experience in each of the cutting and assembling steps including the always enjoyable surface preparation (a.k.a. sanding!).



The next weekend and step in the project was carcass construction. Brian Stauss and Cliff Daniels shared their talents and experience with the class in sizing the side panels, shelves and rails, as well as dado and rabbit joinery. The always advisable "dry fit" revealed the need for a nip here and tuck there before final assembly was performed.





## 2014 Habitat for Humanity Holiday House Cabinet Class

Week three introduced the class to the famous (or infamous) dovetail joinery! While there are several schools of thought on hand cut versus jig created dovetails, the class for this project used a Porter Cable jig provided by Mike Key. Mike and fellow instructor Paul Mancill taught the class the finer points of setup with a focus towards attention to detail in order to have tight and strong joints on the drawer boxes.



It's week four (and college football is well under way!). It's now time to create the "character" of the cabinets - the doors and drawer fronts. John Lawson and Ray Ziegler brought their considerable expertise to the class and instructed on the art of constructing smooth rail and stile doors. Router basics and test cutting proved invaluable as the class created the twenty-four doors needed. Final assembly was again followed by that time honored, joyous tradition of surface preparation and this time with the added technique of hand planing!



The class was fortunate in week five, to have good sunny weather, even though it was a bit nippy outside. The class is now ready to add the "finishing" touches to the cabinets (sorry could not pass up the tongue in cheek!). Brian Stauss and Walter Barnett provided the instruction and the benefit of their HLVP (high-volume-low pressure) sprayers. After this session, this writer may never pick up a brush to add finish again! The weather held up and all of the cabinet parts were able to be finished and dried before the end of the day.



## 2014 Habitat for Humanity Holiday House Cabinet Class

Having taken a couple of weekends off, the class was ready to convene again and attach the doors, drawers and pulls before the Thanksgiving Holiday rolled around. Bill Newman and Michael Malinicono led the way and provided wisdom and insight on aligning everything just right for smooth hardware operation. Experience-based techniques, tips and jigs made for a repeatable process assuring all the doors, drawers and pulls lined up when the cabinets were placed side by side - a critical point for when installation time comes in December!



The journey was almost over. The class has learned so much over the past several weeks and heartfelt thanks go out to all of the instructors for their time, patience and willingness to share their talents. The class has demonstrated the true purpose of the Guild: "...to promote and administer programs which will benefit the woodworking community and advance the art and craft of woodworking."

The cabinets are complete and ready for their own journey to the Holiday House!



A caravan of members and vehicles transported the Guild's contribution to the Holiday House in preparation for the installation.

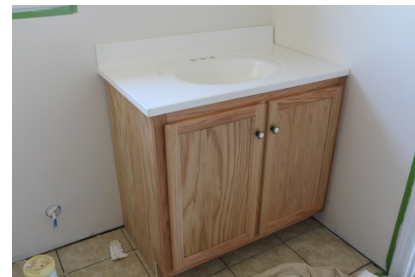


## 2014 Habitat for Humanity Holiday House Cabinet Class

Early morning, Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, a crew of Guild members arrived onsite at the Holiday House to complete the journey. Once again, experience and new talent came together to overcome “gotcha’s” and to walk away from a successfully installation!



What a wonderful experience! To learn woodworking from such a talented and experienced group of craftsmen was beyond compare. To see a project transform from a pile of lumber into wonderful works of cabinetry and that same cabinetry come together to form what will probably be the main gathering place in a young family’s home (everyone knows regardless of where friends start to gather, they’ll always wind up in the kitchen!). To watch the joy on the homeowner’s faces and to look at the finished project and be able to say: “We did that!” it’s a great feeling of accomplishment. It’s a great feeling to give back to others especially at this special time of the year!



Again, many thanks to the Guild Instructors and mentors for being so generous with your time and talent in bringing fledgling woodworkers along into the world of cabinetry!

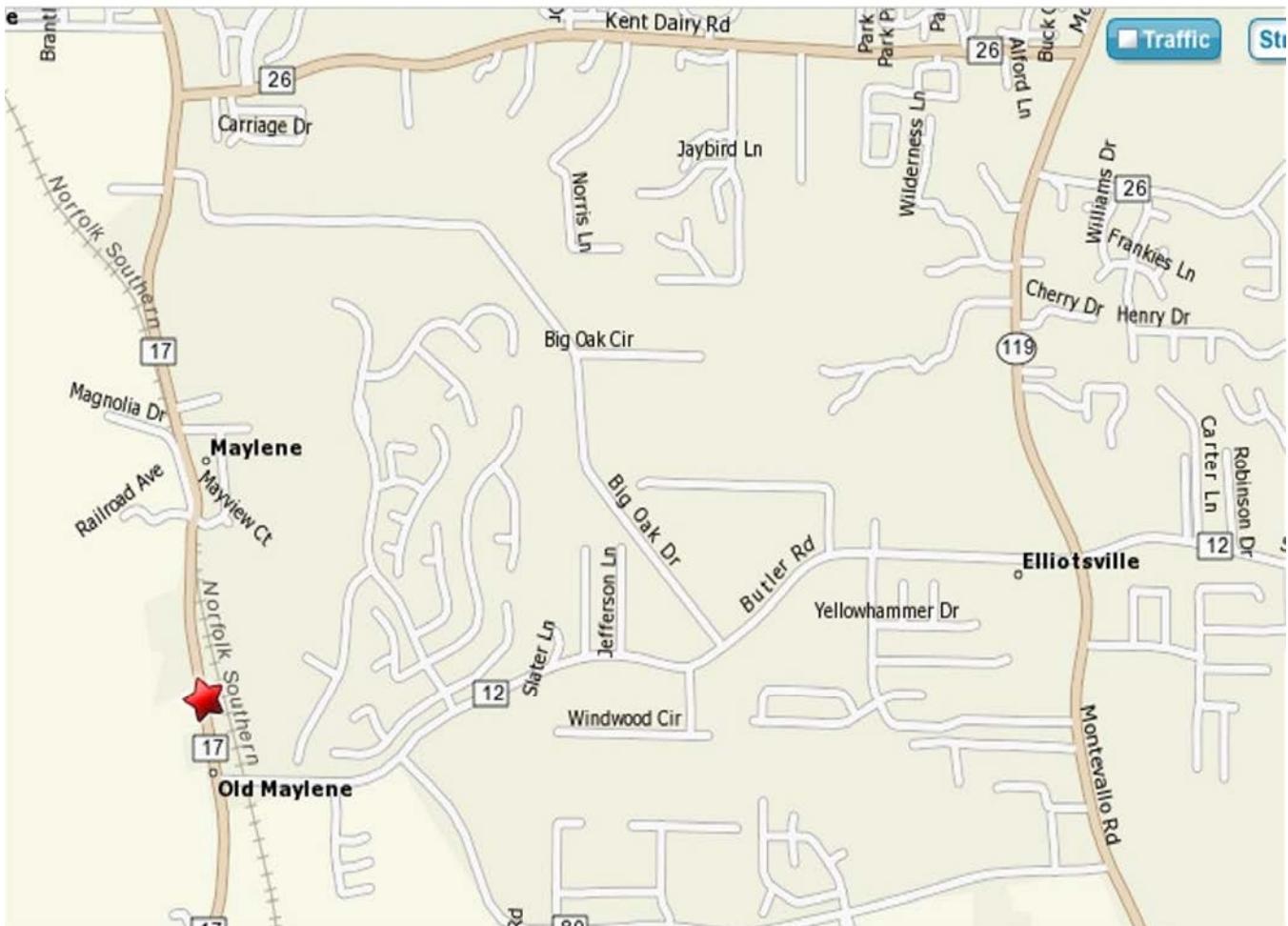
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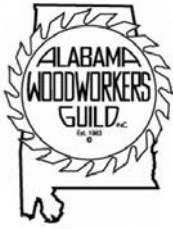
Left to right: Bill Shivers (PM), Larry Young (C), Mike Key (I), Brian Stauss (I), Bill Newman (I), Margie Beth (C), Ray Ziegler (I), Frank Higgins (C), Henry Hager (C), Patrick Murphy (C), and Lynn Smith (I). Class members not shown: Richard Butcke and Bob Watkins. (C-Class Member, I-Instructor, PM-Project Manager)

Articles By Patrick Murphy

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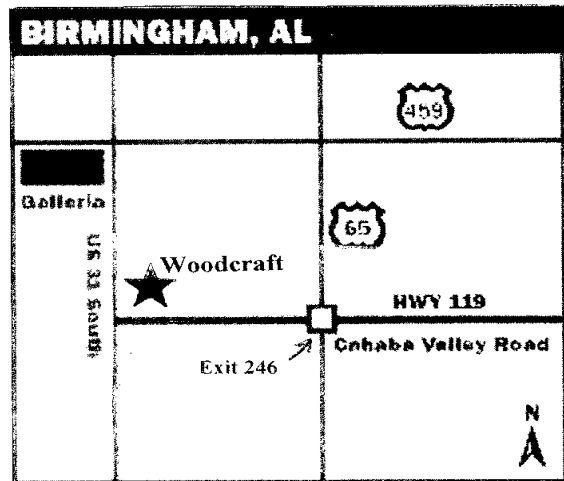
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