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President's Message

The AWG Annual Show is October 7-14. Life has been so hectic for me this year that I have built nothing this year. Why should I build something for the show? It then occurred to me that I have turned a bowl from the woodworking class I took. I have created a scroll saw piece from the "Scroll Saw Group" I was in. I have created a toy airplane, skills I learned from our "Toy Group". So I do have pieces to show but why should I?

First, I am a terrible woodworker. A beginner at best. I see so many great "show and tell" works of art at our monthly meetings that I can't compete with. But winning a ribbon is not why I would enter anyway. For my skill level. I do believe my work is good. I did win 2 ribbons last year in the "Beginners Category". I am proud of my work, so why not share it with everyone else. It would be fun to talk about how I made it and my techniques with my peers.

Second, it's a great way to show the public all the Guild has to offer to anyone who wants to learn the craft. The Hoover Library is an ideal location for the show. It is a nice secure building where many people visit and view our objects. It introduces the Guild to many in the community that don't know that we exist. It is good positive publicity that shows the public that there are still craftspeople making beautiful handmade products in a mass production society.

Third, there are 6 skill categories: Traditional Furniture, Contemporary Furniture, Wood Turnings, Musical Instruments, Toys and Miscellaneous. There are 3 open categories: Boxes (jewelry, keepsake, etc.), Wood Carvings, and Tools/Jigs. So there are many categories to enter my work. I just need to decide where my piece fits the best. If I am confused, the Show Chairman will help me decide. Plus there are 4 skill levels for each category for me to fit into. I am a beginner, an intermediate, advanced or a master? I would classify myself as a beginner wood turner but an intermediate toy maker. I don't have to worry about being put into a higher class than I actually am. And all entries would be judged by an objective professional woodworker outside of our Guild that would give me a score on what I did well and what I need to improve on. Judging me on my merits and not my defects.

Fourth, it doesn't matter if I win anything! I believe it would be a lot of fun! At our Annual Show Reception that Thursday night of that week, I would be able to talk with the other woodworkers about what they entered, how they made their piece, what type of finish did they use and how did they come up with the idea.

If you have some of these same concerns, don't worry, just enter some of your work. You probably have work you made in classes or in groups you belonged to this year. If you don't, you still have time to make something and you will have so much fun being a part of this show! See you there!

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Scroll Saw Group News

Scroll Saw Resources

by Steve Stutts

Recently I received an email from Art Schneider a former member. Last fall he moved to York, Pa. and he was requesting information on scroll saw resources and patterns for fretwork and intarsia. It occurred to me that we all need to know the resources that are available.

I subscribe to Steve Good's Scroll Saw Workshop Blog. He produces a blog almost every day that has a free scroll saw pattern which can be downloaded, printed and used to cut projects. He has been publishing the blog since 2007. Over the years he has produced thousands of patterns for the scroll saw community. He gives these patterns freely and he asks for donations to meet the expenses of publishing his free service. His website can be found at scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com. You are given the option of receiving his blog to your email inbox with no other nuisance emails. He doesn't sell your email address to others. He gives us the blog most days free of charge. You can purchase DVDs of his library of patterns over the last 11 years. You can subscribe and unsubscribe anytime. I have taken his blog since 2009.

Steve Good offers DVDs and downloads on a number of different Products. I use his Stencil Maker, Dried Flower Vases, Keychain station, pattern design tutorial and portrait tutorial. These are valuable, productive programs which would enable a person to make money with his scroll saw. We can copy and reproduce his patterns freely. He only asks that we not sell his patterns. He has a few sponsors that he advertises on his blogspot but as already mentioned, he doesn't sell or give away our email addresses. He accepts donations by PayPal and you can purchase his DVDs using PayPal.

Other resources that I use for patterns, advertisers and discussions on technique are:

1. I subscribe to Scroll Saw Woodworking and Crafts Magazine by Fox Chapel Publications scrollsawer.com. You get 7 issues for \$24.95 for a one year subscription.
2. I use Sloans Woodshop dot.com for Olson crowntooth blades, clock parts, sanding supplies and scroll related hardware.
3. I use MikesWorkshop dot.com for Flying Dutchman blades, micro drillbits and teaching.
4. I use DnDhardwoodsonline dot.com for thickness hardwoods, intarsia wood, baltic birch plywood and Pegas blades.

All of these resources and many more are found in the Scroll Sawer magazine. Sometimes you can find copies of this magazine at Lowes and Home Depot. For more information you can email me leuken@yahoo.com

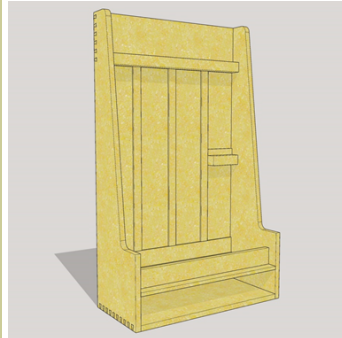
WEC AUGUST CALENDAR

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1p - 5p John Dorrough Scheduled		5p-9p Shop Closed, Luthier Group Only	9a-2p Shop Open to Toy Group Only	AWOG Board Meeting	4:30p - 8:00p Shop Closed, Hand Tool Workshop Only	9a-1p Ron Powell 1p-5p Ron Powell	Shop Closed - H4H Cabinet Class: Carcass Construction Handsaw Making Class 1
Handsaw Making Class 2 Brian Stauss 205-335-7241	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	5p-9p Shop Closed, Luthier Group Only	5p-9p Shop Closed, Luthier Group Only	9a-2p Shop Open to Toy Group Only	Dr. Hawkins 10am	4:30p - 8:00p Shop Closed, Hand Tool Workshop Only	9a-1p Patrick Murphy, Supervisor, 205-685-6677	9a-9a SketchUp with Jeff Branch
						1p-5p Patrick Murphy, Shop Supervisor, Contact: 205-685-6677	9a-10a Mentoring Series Program
						5p-9p David Robinson 205-478-4435	10a-12p Guild Membership Meeting, Guests Welcome
							1p-5p Van Phillips Supervisor
Eddie Heerten	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		5p-9p Shop Closed, Luthier Group Only	9a-2p Shop Open to Toy Group Only		4:30p - 8:00p Shop Closed, Hand Tool Workshop Only	9 am - 1 pm No Supervisor Scheduled	Shop Closed - H4H Cabinet Class: Drawer Boxes
						1 pm - 5 pm No Supervisor Scheduled	
						5p-9p Randall Baylis	
Eddie Heerten	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		5p-9p Shop Closed, Luthier Group Only	9a-2p Shop Open to Toy Group Only		4:30p - 8:00p Shop Closed, Hand Tool Workshop Only	9a-1p R Hardwick, Supervisor	9a-1p Henry Hager Scheduled
						1p-5p R Hardwick, Supervisor	1p-5p Van Phillips Supervisor
						5p-9p Cliff Daniels Supervisor	
No Supervisor Scheduled	30						

The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://wp.wwg.info/calendar/>

8:00am August SketchUp Workshop Topic: Continuing With the Saw Till

The September SketchUp workshop will conclude creating the "Galoot Saw Till" as seen in Popular Woodworking magazine. We will focus on making stub tenons and the back panels. New to SketchUp? We will go over some basic SketchUp steps in this workshop so bring your laptop and questions.



9:00 am Mentoring Series: Networking Time

There will not be a Mentoring Series Event scheduled this month so the time slot will be used for Networking amongst the members. Plan on coming and mingling with the other members to see what projects everyone is working on and the sharing of local tidbits.

10:00am September Program: Alabama Sawyer and Urban Lumber



We are pleased to have Cliff Spencer of Alabama Sawyer returning to talk about Urban Lumber and how to re-purpose the trees we may have lost during our perennial storms! Cliff will share with us the program he presented as Continuing Education credit to the Architects and Landscape Architects Association. Don't be late and miss getting a good seat for this one!

We're also encouraging members to share their projects during the Member Show and Tell portion of the General Meeting. We all can benefit from seeing and asking questions about favorite tips, techniques and the way we approach projects. Bring your latest completed or in progress project to share with your fellow members and sign-in on the Presentation clip board located on the Sign-in Table inside the Front Door.

As always, this meeting is open to the General Public and members are encouraged to bring family and friends to learn all about the outstanding opportunities available with the Alabama Woodworkers Guild!

SHOP NOTES

Well the shop news this month is a bit thin (thin...wait for it). Did you know that there are **SEVERAL** types of blades for the table saw? Each with its' own unique character (thin kerf, plywood, cross cut, etc). Take a few minutes to Google the different types...or ask the supervisor on duty to help you select the best blade for your cut.

I recently used the mortising machine for cut in a nice rectangular hole for a project...and it worked great. Have you tried it? If not, take a minute to learn more about it. It worked so well, I did not have to clean up the edges with a chisel. It was **SUPER** smooth.

I just ordered replacement pads for the random orbital sanders...the hook and loop was worn out, not holding the paper. Should have them repaired by meeting day this month. They are a nice match to the new downdraft table...hook the sander up to the dust collector port...turn on the downdraft fans...and **WHALA** !!(couldn't get spell check to recognize this fancy word...so go with it) nice, clean, clear air to breathe. The toy group says they really help.

I have contacted the **JET** rep about replacing the Jet 22" Belt Sander. It simply has not been a good piece of equipment. From day one it has had a creep problem, dropping the head and burning up the board. Stay tuned as the jury is still out. I did emphasize that our members would be kept up to speed on the outcome - and that we represent a significant population of their customers. Hopefully they will do the right thing. If not...then we may need to consider a new vendor moving forward.

Lastly, our shop sees a tremendous amount of usage, foot traffic and wear and tear. Thought I might share the latest stats. Last month, the shop saw:

395 actual shop visits

1428 hours of shop usage

100+ hours of supervisor oversight

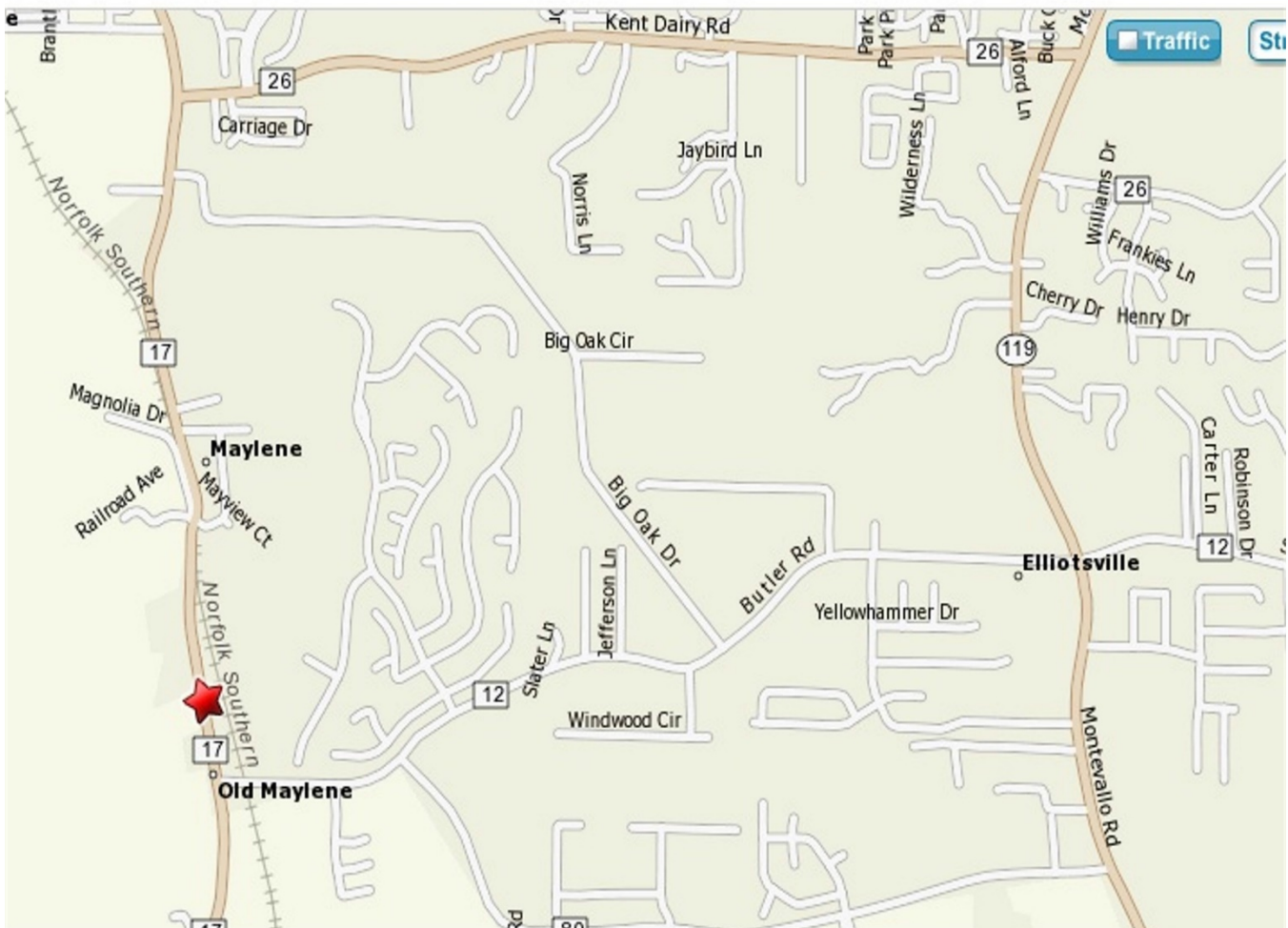
Countless hours by volunteers (like Bob Moore who keeps track of this data every month).

And this was a below average month!

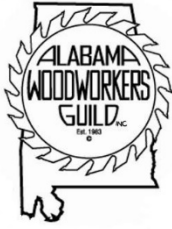
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And remember, when the chips are down...that means you are woodworking!

Directions to the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC)



From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on U.S. Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance.



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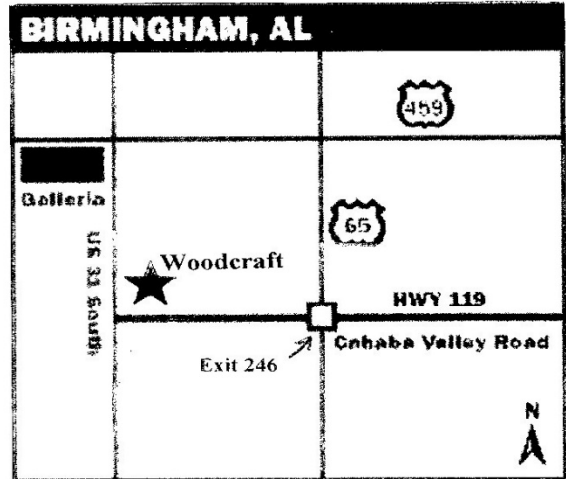
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