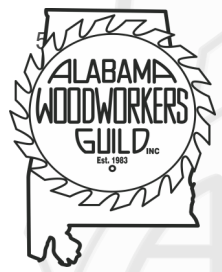


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GUILD NEWS

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Woodworkers,

This month I want to talk about Education. For the past several years I have been the Education Director. I have been trying to develop classes that would appeal to most of the members at all skill levels. Last year I focused on shop projects. A workbench, a router table, a wall hanging tool cabinet, a table saw sled, along with turning classes and box making classes and a woodworking fundamentals class. Most of the classes were well attended and were well received.

This year we started with the fundamentals class followed by, a beginning carving class, a cam clamp class, a cutting board class, a hand plane restoring, sharpening and usage class, the cabinet on stand class with professional wood worker and author Michael Pekovich, Nicholson style workbench class, a pen turning class, a basic turning class, and a still to come daisy box class. And, of course, the annual Habitat for Humanity cabinet class.

So now it is time for me to plan our next years professional wood worker seminar. I have gotten some feed back that some members didn't take the class because they didn't like the project. Which was confirmed by the lack of participation in the follow-up build along class. The project in this seminar was a vehicle to demonstrate joinery, tips and techniques that will apply to many other of our projects. I started the build along follow-up sessions to put these tips and techniques to use before we forgot them.

This is where I need your help, I need your input on the kind of projects and names of professionals that you may want to see. What I always strive for is a seminar project and professional that will attract at least 25 participants.

I look forward to hearing from you with your ideas. You can talk to me personally or send them to education.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

Thanks,

Ray

"A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."~Louis Nizer (1902–1994)

Toy Group



Mail Boxes for Kids

Last week I was in Nashville and went by Tristar Children's Hospital to meet with Kelsey Bryant, one of the Family Life Specialists. Kelsey is the person that came up with the idea of having mailboxes for their re-admitted patients. The idea is to have a place to leave encouraging notes for these young patients who make many trips to the hospital due to serious illnesses. The mailboxes are painted/decorated by these young artists.

This note on the patients locker explains the program , "Thank you for taking part in the Motivational Mailbox program! The goal of this project is to motivate the patient through encouraging notes and provide them with an incentive to get out of bed. Feel free to include stickers or a small toy with your note".

Along with Kelsey I met one of the parents of a current re-admitted patient. She expressed her deep gratitude for the mailboxes as well as the toys we have been delivering to Tristar for the past few years. - Lynn



The mailboxes were designed and crafted by Lynn Smith. Thank you Lynn, for your dedication and skill.

Luthier Group

I mentioned in February that we were building 6 ukuleles for Emily Macher who is a Certified NICU Music Therapist. She will use them as she teaches children with challenges.

Emily Macher is a board certified music therapist. She has worked as a music therapist in the Tuscaloosa City Schools for the last four years. She spends most of her time working with school aged students with special needs. Through music therapy sessions, the students are able to work on academic skills, communication skills, social skills, and improve physical coordination and range of motion, all while singing, playing instruments, and not necessarily realizing they are working. With this class set of ukuleles, students will be able to focus on fine motor skills, learn an appropriate leisure skill, express themselves through music, and perform in front of their peers.

Well, the ukuleles are all finished. We presented these instruments to Emily on May 9, 2019. Obviously she was thrilled with our efforts.—Van



May Guild Meeting: Saturday, May 18, 2019

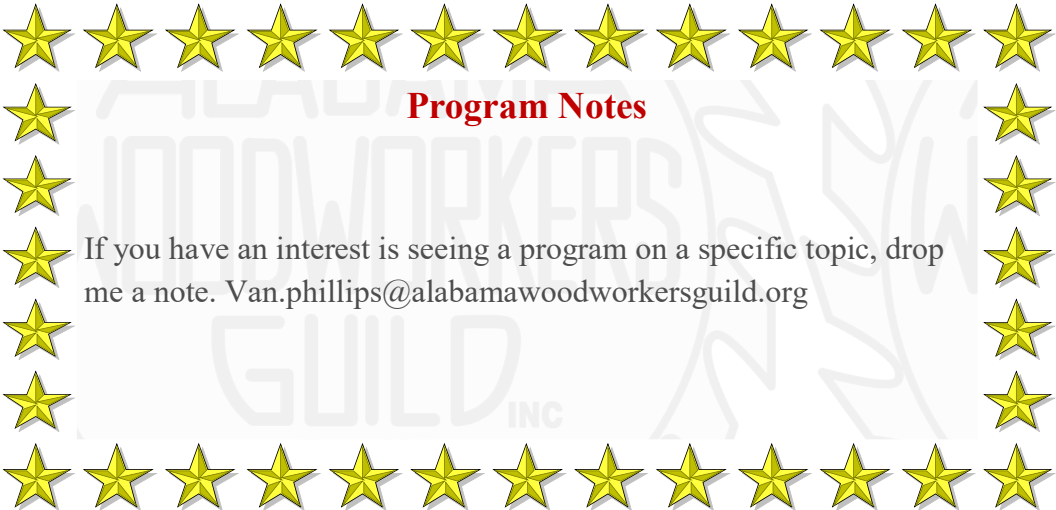
8am-Noon

8:00am-9:00am Sketch Up Class :

Since the May Guild meeting will be at City Hardwoods, the SketchUp Group will not meet this month. We will return to the normal schedule in June

9:00am –12:00pm Meeting

This month’s meeting will be held at City Hardwoods. The guest speaker is Tom Monahan from General Finishes. He will give some great information on finishing our projects. We will also get to see City Hardwood’s new facility. Lunch will be provided.



Program Notes

If you have an interest in seeing a program on a specific topic, drop me a note. Van.phillips@alabamawoodworkersguild.org

Upcoming Classes

- May 11th & 25th—Shaker Wall Clock with Ray Ziegler



- June 8th—Daisy Box with Bill Newman



Check the website for details and registration

April Meeting Recap

The April meeting was our annual tool silent auction/swap meet.

There were a lot of good deals to be had and a lot of happy bargain hunters.

The auction raised \$724 for the guild.

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Regular Shop Hours:

Friday 9am-9pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 1pm-5pm

Note: These hours are subject to change. Please visit the guild calendar on the website to confirm. If calendar has no supervisor scheduled then the shop is closed.



- The board is exploring the possibility of certifying all supervisors in CPR and First Aid. If there are any members with CPR and First Aid training experience and want to help, contact Ray Ziegler.



About Us

Since 1983

We are an organization of woodcrafters with skills ranging from beginner to master craftsmen.

We meet at our Woodworking Education Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00AM. Our members share woodworking tips, bring projects to show and tell, hear guest speakers, and see live woodworking demonstrations at every meeting. Our free library contains books on techniques, videos, and project plans .

Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL.

Community Involvement



In Addition to monthly meetings the Guild also has a group of dedicated woodworkers who meet at the WEC to make toys and various wooden therapeutic devices for Children's Hospital and other deserving organizations.



The guild also constructs kitchen and bathroom cabinets each year for Habitat for Humanity



Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking

The Annual Show

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. Members enter projects they have worked on all year and make



Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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Maylene, AL 35114

Easy to find and plenty of free parking.

From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on 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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- A fully equipped woodworking shop
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- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

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