



# GUILD NEWS

## Alabama

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### President's Message

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

This is the time of the year we start thinking of replacing the board members whose term is complete. Sandra McMillan is heading up the nominating committee again this year. She and the other members of her committee will be contacting some members of the guild to consider volunteering to fill a board position.

Being a board member is an opportunity to be involved with the future direction the guild takes toward achieving its mission. Which is: ***To promote and administer programs which will benefit the woodworking community and advance the art and craft of woodworking.*** With the board's direction we have made improvements in the operation and function of the workshop. I know there are many members with many good ideas and if you are interested in being considered to be involved with the decision making for the future of the guild please let Sandra, a member of the board, or a supervisor know.

Thank you,

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

Things are heating up in the shop on Tuesday mornings. Not just because of all the toys that are being made. It's just plain HOT. But the heat does not bother us. We just keep on sawing, drilling and assembling. We have completed well over 5400 toys so far this year. We have also picked up some new hospitals that receive our donations.

If you are a new to the guild and are free on Tuesdays we would welcome your participation. No experience needed. In fact working with toy group is a great way to learn and practice new skills.



## Amazon Smiles on AWG

Who doesn't shop on Amazon? I know I do a lot. But did you know that when you shop on Amazon you can also support the AWG? By accessing Amazon through **Amazon Smile** and selecting AWG as your designated charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchase back to the guild. It's an easy and effortless way of supporting the guild while you shop.

So please, the next time you shop on Amazon, please go through the Amazon Smiles site. You can get there by going to [amazonsmiles.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) or you can go to our website and click on the bright yellow button on the home page.

## SAPFM Mid-Year Conference by Steve Stutts

At the end of July 2019 (26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>) I was able to attend the Mid-Year Conference of the SAPFM (Society on Period Furniture Makers) hosted by the Greenville Woodworkers Guild in South Carolina. I've been a member for close to 2 years. The site chosen for the conference was very interesting. The GWWG has the largest guild shop in the nation. They gave the AWG (Alabama Woodworkers Guild) much needed advice and encouragement 12-13



years ago when our guild began planning for our WEC. There are many stories of them sharing copies of their Liability Waiver, 501c3 application and the Shop Supervisor System. These are all prominent features of our AWG system of operation which we adapted to regulate the program which is in use today and makes our guild one of the best in the nation. (BTW, I believe that the AWG has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest guild shop in the nation)



SAPFM began in 1999 to address the needs of amateur and professional cabinet makers who specialize in furniture of America's past. There are 22 chapters across the US and Canada. This year there were only 90 registration slots for the chapters and 30 slots for the Greenville folks. With the instructors and the support staff we had around 150 people at the event. I applied in early May and I took one of the few remaining slots. Registration was closed by the end of May

The Mid-Year Conference featured classes and lectures from many well known and well published woodworkers and craftsmen. Friday and Monday featured bus trips to the prominent historical cities of Pendleton and Clemson with many woodworking exhibits of Period Furniture from the history of this nation. Friday afternoon there were guided tours of the GWWG, we had a cocktail hour and supper which was prepared and served by the local Cooking and Chef School. Then, after supper, we had a lecture by Daniel Ackermann who is the Curator of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem, NC. He explained how curators look at and rate antique fine furniture for their museums.

I can only touch the surface of the schedule for Saturday. There were many renowned lecturers on Period Furniture. I had to pick through the many sessions that were available. We had presentations by Curtis Buchanan, Bob Stevenson, Bob Van Dyke, Mike Mascelli, Daniel Ackermann, Chris Schwartz, Brian Weldy, Jim Journigan, Tod Herrli and Sam Rhodes. They all are highly published in woodworking periodicals and teach in schools of fine woodworking.

Sunday Morning and early afternoon was various demonstration classes. I attended classes on inlay, plane making and using a draw knife. I purchased a DVD on *Classic Plane Making "Hollow and Rounds"* by Tom Herlli for the Hand-Tools group and I intend to demonstrate "How to use and sharpen a Drawknife in Furniture Making" at a future meeting.

Sunday Evening we were all invited (all 150 of us) to a cookout at the shop of Bobby Hartness in Greer, SC. He and his wife fed us and entertained us for the evening. His shop and museum of old tools was a huge surprise and treat. His shop was written up in *Woodcraft Magazine* in a 12 page article in 2007. I plan to write a follow-up article for our newsletter in the future on the Hartness Shop. This was truly a special experience.

## Boxjoint Jigs and Use

***On September 28 Bill Newman will present a class on box joints.*** The class will be held at the WEC and will begin at 9:00AM.

The topic will be the construction and use of jigs to produce box joints (also known as “finger joints”)

Bill will demonstrate the construction of a simple, two board jig that uses the miter gauge as the carriage for the jig. This jig can be built quickly and can be thought of as a single use (one project) jig.

He will then explain the construction of a more versatile jig that has its own sled. This type of jig has an adjustable fence and a sacrificial backer board. The sacrificial backer board enables the jig to produce box joints that are virtually free of tear-out.

Bill will explain and demonstrate the mitered box joint. This joint can be used to construct a joint that will conceal a rabbet. This is useful when making a box that has a glued-in lid or bottom.

The attendees will have the opportunity to practice cutting box joints and can construct a small box if they would like.

The fee for the class will be has yet to be determined..

**August Guild Meeting: Saturday, August 17 2019**

**9am-Noon**

**8:00am—9:00am Sketch Up Class :**

**NOTE: SketchUp Workshop is back to it's normal time, 8:00am**

This month, the SketchUp Workshop will focus on the web based free version of SketchUp and we will have a basic class on how to get started with SketchUp, drawing simple boxes and discussing how to move them in a 3D environment.

**9:00am—10:00am: Mentoring Session**

Networking, show & tell, special auction

**10am—12noon General Meeting**

The meeting program this month will be presented by Terrance James. He will be speaking on the care and use of various types of hand planes.



**Program Notes**

If you have an interest in seeing a program on a specific topic, drop me a note. [Van.phillips@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:Van.phillips@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

**Upcoming Classes**

**August 24, 2019**

This class is a great way to learn a lot of different wood working skills. The end product is a complete set of kitchen and bath cabinets for one of the Habitat for Humanity December "Home for the Holidays" houses.

**Please check the website for exact dates and registration.**



**September 28, 2019**

**Boxjoint and Jig Class—Bill Newman**

## July Meeting Recap

July's meeting program was presented by Randy Hjetland on trying wood. He talked on what happens to wood during the drying process and also showed different ways to dry wood. He also addressed storing wood.

## Shop Notes

Christmas came early to the WEC with the **anonymous donation** of three new Laguna band saws and two new Jet drill presses.

The machines were assembled by the Hand Tool Group. Cliff Daniels, Frank Higgins and Randy Hjetland installed the blades and fine tuned the band saws.

The surplus equipment will be auctioned at the meeting on Saturday. Unclaimed wood from the project storage rack and other items will also be auctioned on Saturday.

***Thank you to our generous donor for the brand new equipment. Your gift will help the guild pursue our goal to promote the art and craft of fine wood-***



### 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.**



- **A special auction** of surplus equipment will be held at the general meeting on Saturday, August 17th.
- **The H4H cabinet build class still has openings.** This is one the most important projects the guild takes on every year. You will learn about cabinet making & installation while helping great cause.



- **Don't forget** our annual art show is fast approaching. The dates are **October 6-13**. Less than 2 months to get your project ready!



## 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

10544 Highway 17

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.



## ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

“Making sawdust with a purpose”

### Membership

Come check us out and become a Guild Member,

**Only \$100 a year!**

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild offers:

- Monthly meetings
- A fully equipped woodworking shop
- Mentoring for new techniques
- Teaching new and old techniques and use of tools
- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

### Join

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and a check for \$100 to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

or go to <http://wp.awwg.info/join/>



