



GUILD NEWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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“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)

President's Message

In 1972, fresh out of college and newly married, my wife and I moved into our tiny one bedroom apartment with hand me down furniture, the kind you get from Salvation Army. We did have a 10" TV that she won in a bridal show. I wanted to make a piece of furniture that would hold the TV and be our entertainment center (like we had a need for entertaining). I didn't know much about woodworking so you can imagine what it looked like, pine 1" x 12" boards, cut with a handsaw, nailed together and stained dark, but it was functional. I didn't know about edge jointing, dovetails, or mortise and tenon joints but I was still proud of what I'd done.

We wanted more furniture and I guess I was too naive to think building it was above my skill level. I ordered plans for a grandfather clock from Emperor Clock Company and used my circular saw (I upgraded from a handsaw) and my wood of choice at the time, pine and built it. It's amazing that we still have it in our house today some 47 years later.

I learned everything by trial and error with no help from a non existing You Tube!

Looking back at my woodworking journey I think, how fortunate I would have been to have the guidance and support from a group of folks like we have at our guild. Our classes would have put me miles ahead in developing my skills and the quality of my work.

May I suggest to all of you that you learn from each other and from our classes, find some young person who's interested in woodworking, mentor them and get them involved in our guild so they can have the advantage I didn't have and maybe you didn't have either.

I look forward learning and growing with you in 2020!

Van Phillips



2020 Annual Membership Dues

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's that time of year to renew your Annual Membership Dues! You may renew with cash, check or better still... PayPal from our website: <https://wp.awwg.info/join/>. Don't let time slip by and miss out on all of the new classes coming up.



(Also, it's hard to update your badge if it's at home and not hanging on the wall 😊)

Toy Group

We started off 2020 with a great first session. Thank you to all who came to give your time and skills. Also welcome to new members.

Our goal this year is to exceed 12,000 toys. We did well last year, but it couldn't have been done without the dedicated support of all of our volunteers.

If you want to be a part of the feeling of joy and accomplishment serving needy and sick children, please join us. We meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm. If you can't make it by nine or can't stay the whole session, that's OK. We welcome any time you can give.

Oh, and by the way bring your lunch. We gather in the kitchen at 11:30 to eat lunch and socialize.



Wood Art Group

The Wood Art Group is back in full swing. This month's new skill to learn is the scroll saw. If you can use a sewing machine, then you can use scroll saw! At our first meeting we all got a lesson and everyone did great!

January's "make and take" will be a simple scroll saw project. There is a fee of \$5.00 to pay for materials.

Any ladies in the guild are welcome. It's a great way to get introduced to woodworking and find out why your husbands spend so much time at the WEC. Also, the men folk are welcome to tag along.



Ladies can be woodworkers too!

January Guild Meeting Saturday January 18 , 2020

8:00am—9:00:am

The first quarterly class of 2020. This class will cover the extreme basics of Sketch-Up Free. Those attending should bring a laptop and a mouse.

9:00am—10:00am: Mentoring Session

- * Networking
- * Show & tell
- * Focus on band saw use & maintenance
- * 10am—12noon General Meeting:

January's program will be presented by the Toy Group

December Recap

Instead of a membership meeting, the Guild held it's annual Christmas Party at Riverchase United Methodist Church. Special thanks to Bob Watkins for pulling it all together.

Unfortunately, your newsletter editor was unable to attend due to an unexpected family situation. But I am sure a great time was had by all.

If anyone has any pictures or great stories of the party, send them to news@alabamawoodworkersguild.com and I will include them in February's edition.

Upcoming Classes

January 11,12 & 25,26 : Woodworking Fundamentals w/ Ray Ziegler (in progress)

February 8th: Beginning Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels

February 29th: Intermediate Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels

March 14th: Stool Class w/ Matt Sullivan & Ken Blackwood

April 4th & 5th: Tool Box Seminar w/ Mike Pekovich

April 11th & 25th: Hollows and Rounds w/ Randy Hjetland

May 2nd: Daisy Box Class w/ Bill Newman

May 9th: More Hollows & Rounds w/ Randy Hjetland

June 27th: Floating Tabletop Class w/ David Erikson

Note: A cabinet making class will begin in August. Details to follow.

Visit the guild website <https://wp.awwg.info/> for more information on these classes as well as fees and registration.





Project Christmas Tree

Wanted: All Woodworkers

Every year organizations and businesses decorate a Christmas tree at Children's Hospital in Birmingham as a fundraiser for the hospital. Alabama Woodworkers Guild wants to decorate a tree for Children's Hospital in 2020 but we need a lot of help. We need people with a variety of woodworking skills to work on Project Christmas Tree. If you can make wood ornaments, finish ornaments and even donate wood to the cause then you are needed. For more information contact Terri Hjetland at 270-705-7661.

Announcing

Woodworking Fundamentals Class with Ray Ziegler

January 11-12, 2020

January 25-26, 2020

This is a demonstration class that will provide an introduction to woodworking. This class will certainly help beginners, but will also be of value to all woodworkers that want more information to improve the results of their projects.

This demonstration class is based on a Fine Woodworking article and video by Michael Pekovich, "Making a Table from One Board". We will follow his concept and expand upon it to suite our needs.

The class will include:

- Design concepts
- Wood selection for the parts the project
- Stock preparation, Re-sawing
Getting the stock square 4 sides
Sticking
- Final sizing
- Joinery - I will be demonstrating several joinery techniques to attach the aprons to the legs including, Pocket screws, Dowels, Domino, and Mortise and tenon.
- Shaping Techniques, Tapering Legs using the table saw, band saw, and joiner
Beading the apron
Cutting a curve on the bottom of the apron
- Table top glue-up
- Assembling the table

The projected schedule:

Class 1 - Saturday, January 11, 2020

Class 2 - Sunday, January 12, 2020

Class 3 - Saturday, January 25, 2020

Class 4 - Sunday, January 26, 2020

(Note: you must be an AWG member to sign-up. Check out our website for more information: <https://wp.awwg.info/education/>)

Upcoming Seminar With Mike Pecovich

April 4th & 5th

CLASS: Tool Chest with Mike Pekovich

While a wall-mounted cabinet is a great way to store tools, it's not always the most practical solution. If you haven't set up shop yet, or need to frequently move your tools, then a tool chest might be a better way to go. A while back I had made a travel chest to take along when I teach, and it has become a home-away-from-home for me. While protecting your tools is a big concern, a tool chest should also act as a work station allowing fast, easy access to the tools you need when you need them.

Over the weekend, I'll demonstrate:

- Sizing a tool chest for the tools you have (and the tools you want).
- Tips for dovetailing larger case parts.
- Accurate no-math layout for through mortise-and-tenons.
- Sawing and chopping through mortise-and tenon joinery.
- Strategies for square, gap-free case glue-ups.
- Making a frame-and-panel lid at the tablesaw.
- A fast method for hinging the lid.
- Making a simple lid stay.
- Sizing and making a dovetailed drawer.
- A no-headache method for installing locksets.
- Organizing tools with partitions
- Simple shellac and wax finish



Bio

Mike Pekovich, author of the best-selling *The Why and How of Woodworking*, spent his college years studying furniture making, fine art, and graphic design, and he's been putting those skills to use designing and building furniture ever since. He also stays busy as a teacher and author, as well as the art director at Fine Woodworking Magazine.

There is a consistent theme in Mike's furniture making, teaching and writing: While there are fundamental woodworking skills and techniques that you have to know in order to do good work, there's more to building furniture than just that. How you put those skills together into a logical step-by-step approach to building will determine the success you have in the shop as well as how enjoyable the time you spend in it. Mike's focus is on helping you to determine the roadmap that will get you to the end results you're striving for as easily and and as stress-free as possible.

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.

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Woodworking
is not merely a profession
for carpenters.

It can also be a fulfilling
hobby for
everyone else.



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



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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/>