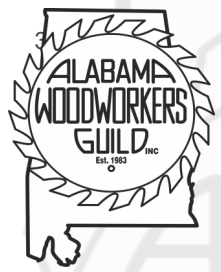


March 2020



GUILD NEWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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President's Message

Spring is almost here and a good time to be thinking about cleaning out the workshop and dusting off tools that haven't been used in a long time or those where you have 3 or 4 of the same one. When April rolls around we'll have the annual Member's auction where you can sell them and, of course, buy some new ones. But for now, sharpen the blades on those planes and make some curls.

Do you have a favorite project that you make over and over or with variations? "Show and tell" is a good time to share with the rest of the group and point out some of the tips and tricks you have learned. If you've drawn plans we can share them on our web site under the education tab. As a guild, learning from each other is one of the main reasons we exist. Well that and just hanging out with a bunch of like minded folks.

Make some sawdust, be safe, and as my wife says every time I go to the shop, "don't get hurt".

Van Phillips

Special Announcement

Due to concerns regarding the spread COVID-19 (aka corona virus) the following activities have been cancelled:

TOY GROUP will NOT meet on March 17 & 24. Later we will re-evaluate the situation and decide when to resume. Call Linda Simcik with questions and concerns: 205-401-3429 or email :simciksl@yahoo.com

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Saturday March 21 is CANCELLED

"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

Toy group is chugging along making toys to bring joys. Because of all the great group of makers we have, we are running through our supply of wood really fast. We rely on donated wood from H4H (cut offs from door frames, etc) Karate schools (break boards used during testing is perfect for puzzles) and other places. If you have any pine you no longer need or know of someone willing to donate, please let us know. We plane, cut and joint the wood ourselves, so no need to worry about th condition.

We are also in need of boxes for packing toys. The copier paper boxes are perfect. If you come across any empty boxes at your work place please think of us.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

WAG is going strong. We have 15 wonderful members and continue to add more to the group as word gets around. To date we have done two Make It/Take Its. We have wood burned ornaments and cut out (on the scroll saw) an Oven Buddy. In between these projects we have had many working meetings where we learn new woodworking skills, get certified on various machines and work on individual projects. Our next Make It/Take It project will be March 6. Angie is going to teach us how to make wood flowers. We meet every Friday from 10-2. Ladies, if you have an interest in woodworking come and join us. You'll meet a group of terrific women, learn new woodworking skills and have a blast!

Ladies can be woodworkers too!



Project Christmas Tree

Ornaments continue to come in that will decorate the AWG Christmas tree at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. Thirty eight ornaments were completed by guild members in January. Fourty three ornaments have been turned in during the month of February. That's a total of Eight one ornaments so far! An eight animal train set and one game that will sit under the tree have been completed in February as well. Don't forget all completed ornaments can be turned in to me, Terri Hjetland, on Tuesdays, Fridays or at the monthly Saturday meetings. All ornaments are displayed in the glass cabinet in the kitchen. When you are at the guild stop by the display case and look at all the beautiful ornaments. Get inspired and make a few for Children's Hospital. It's a worthwhile cause!

March Guild Meeting Saturday March 21 , 2020

No Sketch-Up class this month

9:00am—10:00am: Pre-Meeting

Silent auction of the Shivers shop equipment.

10:00am—12 noon: General Meeting

The program is the making and use of Story Sticks by Bill Newman



February Recap

The pre-meeting program was presented by Randy Hjetland concerning the “care & feeding” of the drill press. Pages of the operation manual for the Jet drill press are posted on the wall behind the drill presses. Ask the shop supervisor if you have any questions or need additional training.

The general meeting program was presented by the Luthier Group. Each member of the group shared their journey in creating their musical instruments.

Upcoming Classes

March 14 & 15: Stringed Instrument Building w/ Jason Burns

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: Cabinet making class begins August 22, 2020 and will meet every other Saturday thru November 7th.

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



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.



CliffsNotes

February was a busy month for Cliff Daniels. He conducted two wood turning classes! A beginners class and an intermediate class with the help of Lynn Smith. Here are some pictures of the fun!



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild presents

Stringed Instrument Building with Jason Burns

March 14th & 15th, 2020

9:00am - 4:00pm

Jason is an accomplished instrument builder and the “go to” person for setting up an instrument.

He will be demonstrating the finer aspects of instrument building such as fretting a fingerboard, making the nut and saddle, getting the proper neck set angle to name a few.

Jason recently had a guitar on display at the Alabama Council of the Arts location in Montgomery. To see some of his work, check out the web sites below:

<https://www.jrburnsrepair.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/burnsbanjos/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Burns-Stringed-Instrument-Repair-206871812680232/>

Cost \$100.00 for Members; \$150.00 for Non-Members

For non-members \$50 will be applied to their membership should they choose to join the guild.

Visit: <https://wp.awwg.info/education/> To sign up for the class.



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The Alabama Woodworkers Guild presents

Tool Chest Seminar with

Mike Pekovich

April 4 & 5, 2020

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 make 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, he will 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*. 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 as stress-free as possible.

Cost of the Class for Guild members is \$175.00 and \$225 for non-members. \$50 will be applied to their membership should they choose to join the guild.

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AWG Shop Usage Report -February, 2020

Number of Hours Worked				
Total	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities
1661.5	318	100.5	265.5	986.5
% of				
100	19.1	6.1	15.4	59.4

Number of Shop Visits				
Total	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities
465	75	19	100	271
% of				
100	16.1	4.1	21.5	58.3



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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

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