

GUILD NEWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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President's Message

All we're hearing and seeing on TV is COVID-19. We've learned a new phrase, "social distancing". Publix now has senior hour for shopping. And on top of that we've closed the WEC. I hope you understand it is out of concern for all of our safety until this clears up.

It might be a good time to get some things done at home. I've seen text messages from several folks with pictures of their recent shop organization/ reorganization. I am trying to finish a couple projects I started some time back. Keep in touch with each other by phone, text or email and share pictures of your work on our closed group Facebook page.

Since woodworkers often have dust masks available, consider sharing them with health care professionals. Jefferson County Health Department is accepting them as well as homemade face masks. Below is a link to the Jefferson county health department with the information and a drop off location. Anything we can do to help would be appreciated.

Stay safe.

Van Phillips

<https://jcdh.org/>

Special Announcement

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

- * **The WEC is closed until further notice. (excludes maintenance visits)**
- * **This includes all special interest groups.**
- * **April MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Saturday April 18th 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)



Stay home

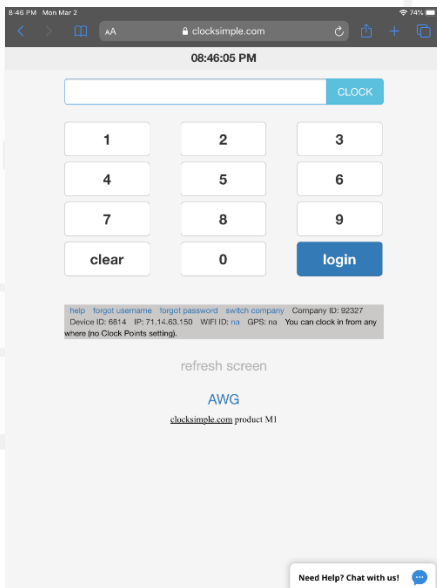
Stay safe

Stay healthy

SHOP UPDATE

There is a New Way to Check-In to the WEC

While it may still be a while before we can get into the WEC, when we can get back in, there will be a new way to “Check In”!



Effective April 1st, a new scanning system: Clock Simple; was installed. This system will allow members to come into the WEC, get their Badge and scan the barcode on the back of their Badge. All of the current members who left their Badge on the Badge Wall in the kitchen have had the barcodes affixed to back of the Badge. Those of you who take yours home or leave them in your vehicle will have to see the On Duty Supervisor to learn your badge number before you can Check In. Please leave your Badge next visit so it can be updated.

Once the WEC is open again to the Membership, Supervisors will be available to help you during this transition. Your Board of Directors has approved this updated check in process in order to help track the number of WEC visits and time spent in different activities of the shop. This data is used to help support our requesting of grants and other contributions from outside donors.

March 2020 Shop Usage Report

Category Worked	Number of Visits	Hours
Toy Group	50	203
Supervision	7	43.5
Woodworking	30	86.5
Other Activities	106	351

2019 Habitat for Humanity Home for the Holidays

Cabinet Build Class

On Saturday, December 16th members of the 2019 Habitat Cabinet Build class met up at the Woodworkers Educational Center to load and transport the completed cabinets to the 2019 Holiday Home in Bessemer. This was the final step in the full Cabinet Build project which began by building face frames and carcasses back in the heat of August and culminated with the last drawer slide, door hinge and handle driven home just before Thanksgiving.



Upon arrival at the Home, members had a blank canvas with which to work as the home's sheet-rock had just been completed the day before. They found the floors and walls in really good shape with very little adjustments to make the cabinets fit perfectly!



Staging the cabinet bases in the correct alignment per the building plan was critical and following the plan the members began to secure the base cabinets to the walls, providing a solid foundation for the kitchen for many years to come.



As with any installation, one of the tricks or challenges is custom fitting the cabinet to pre-existing plumbing and electrical work.



Lot's of wood chips and sheet rock dust later, the team came together and completed not only the Kitchen Cabinet installation but successfully finished off both Bathroom Vanities as well!



It's been a long but satisfying journey since August. Some pretty good Football Games were missed, after all this is Alabama, right?!? Friendships were made and skills were shared. A long term project such as this is what makes the Guild Great! This team will have memories to last a lifetime, some may even try their hand again in the 2020 Class! Won't you join them?



Toy Group

Well, there is not much new with the Toy Group. Along with the special interest groups, our sessions are cancelled until further notice. All of us are looking forward to getting back to work when the threat of COVID- 91 is over. In the mean time, we will continue social distancing and stay healthy.

Project Christmas Tree

Ornaments continue to come in that will decorate the AWG Christmas tree at Children’s Hospital in Birmingham. Since many of us are experiencing a lot of home time this is a great time to work on ornaments. Send pictures of your creations to Terry Hjetland.

March Guild Meeting Saturday March 21 , 2020

The March Meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.



Also known as:

quar-  COVID-19 antine!

Upcoming Classes

April 4th & 5th: Tool Box Seminar w/ Mike Pekovich—**This class has been rescheduled for March 2021**

TBD: Hollows and Rounds w/ Randy Hjetland—**May 2nd:** Daisy Box Class w/ Bill Newman

TBD: 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.



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About Us



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

Since 1983

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

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(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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