

# GUILD NEWS

## Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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### President's Message

## Proposed plan for reopening the Guild

In response to The Governor's Safer at home order your Board of Directors has implemented the following reopening plan for the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC):

1. Effective 5/11/2020 Special Interest Groups (SIG) consisting of Luthier Group, Toy Group, Hand Tool Group and Wood Art Group, can resume meeting with the following safety rules followed :
  - 1.1. Only 10 members including 1 or 2 required Supervisors – 1 for SIG 2 for Saturday) will be allowed in the WEC at one time. This is an initial starting point for reopening. That number will expand to 50% of WEC capacity once the Board of Directors has assurance that all conditions are being followed.
  - 1.2. Members will maintain social distancing of 6'.
  - 1.3. All individuals will provide their own face coverings and wear them at all times while inside the WEC. The Guild has always encouraged the use of PPE, the only change is that the face covering or mask will now be required at least until the protective order is lifted.
  - 1.4. All touched surfaces (door knobs, on off switches, assembly tables, common use tools) must be wiped down hourly with denatured alcohol or more frequently if needed.
  - 1.5. Individuals are encouraged to bring their own disinfecting wipes (and/or hand sanitizer) for their personal use as these will not be provided by the Guild.
2. Additionally, regular open days for the WEC will start by opening on Saturdays only following the same safety rules as in #1. Once the Board of Directors has assurance that safety rules are being followed, the WEC will be opened at 50% WEC capacity for all regularly scheduled days until the protective order is lifted.
3. Regular monthly meetings will remain cancelled as social distancing cannot be maintained.
4. Classes remain cancelled for the month of May.

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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)**

We encourage you to check with the supervisor or special interest group lead, posted on the calendar, prior to mntinuedeeding at the WEC to be sure participants are not at the maximum allowed. Also please limit your time at the WEC to allow others to attend.

Safety has always been our highest priority. The challenges we are facing due to the pandemic have just added some additional layers to that. We greatly appreciate the cooperation all Guild members have shown in support of this safety focus.

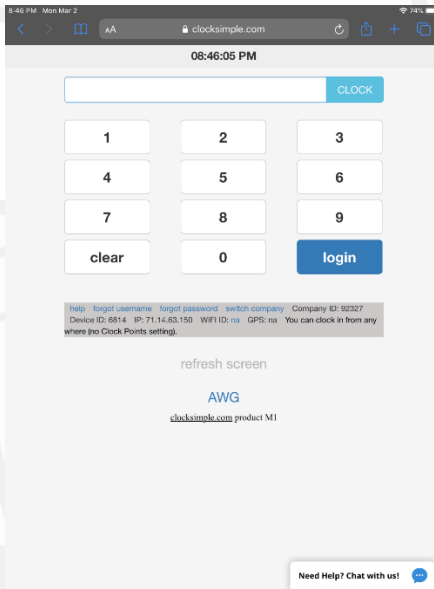
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Stay tuned for additional emails with updates

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Toy Group

**Toy Group will be resuming soon. Members, look out for emails from leaders. We will work in small groups and rotate weeks. An email was sent last week. So far only 12 members have replied. A schedule is being developed with those who have responded positively. When you are ready to return let Linda know via email or text and we will fit you in.**



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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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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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