



# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

## *Guild News*

February 2021

**Have you been wanting to learn from the best? This is your opportunity to do just that for free from the best seat in the room. New to the Guild! Live Streaming Sessions! See page three (3) for all the details!**

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### Guild Officers and Directors

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### Presidents Message

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I hope this message finds you well. Have you had your vaccine? I'm hoping to get mine with this next roll out. I still practice social distancing and wearing a mask at the shop. It is open and people are slowly coming back to work on projects and catch up with woodworking friends.

What have you made lately? I finished this chair/step stool out of oak and walnut.



We've had some folks working on tables, a class making cutting boards, luthier group making guitars and ukuleles, hand tool group making tenon saws, toy group back at it making toys for hospitals, wood art group making Christmas ornaments.

Come back and join in on the fun.

Stay safe,  
Van Phillips

**"A man that works with his hands is a laborer. A man that works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman, but a man that works with his hands, his brain and his heart is an artist." - Louis Nizer (1902—1994)**

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

**The February Membership Meeting is on Saturday, February 20th**

**Meeting begins at: 10 am This will be a ZOOM meeting. Watch your e-mail for your invitation.**

## January Shop Usage Report

Total Hours: 774hr 38min

Job	Hrs(h:m)
8 - Personal Project	185:03
6 - Luthier Group	102:18
14 - Maintenance - Administration	31:52
7 - Wood Art Group	46:18
1 - Supervisor	114:18
4 - Toy Group	158:49
3 - Class	41:46
5 - Hand Tool Group	68:50
0 - Guild Membership Meeting	16:43
11 - Maintenance - Building	03:55
12 - Maintenance - Equipment	04:46

## Welcome New Members

Chip Brush	Tony Huntley
Tammy Brush	Liz Huntley
James Darden	Kristoffer Martinson
Advait Gode	Christina Ray
Shweta Kulkarni-Gode	Brady Ray
Charley Hager	Lynn Ray
Scott Harrison	Terry Ray

Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome these new members when you see them at the WEC.

## Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2021 are now due. These fees are the main source of revenue for the AWG. This is a real bargain! For \$100/year you have access to:

- Well equipped shop
- Woodworking Library
- Classes & presentations from nationally known master wood-workers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers



Deadline for payment is February 28, 2021. This is the last month your 2020 Dues Paid Decal will be valid and only a 2021 Dues Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC: On March 1<sup>st</sup>, if you don't have a 2021 decal on your badge your shop privileges will be terminated. An On-Duty Shop Supervisor can accept cash or a check for your dues or more preferably, you may renew online at our website: [Alabama Woodworkers Guild - Join or Renew](#).

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Guild's activities!

## Free to Members: Live Streaming Events!

### Basics of Photography and Videography using your Smart Phone

Mentoring Session with Mike Cunliffe, a videographer and post-production supervisor.

Mike has broad commercial and feature film experience and is known for his work with Southern Living, Cooking Light and Recipes.com. Mike will share his film making expertise with you so that you too can produce amazing videos of your fine woodworking projects.

The equipment of choice will be your cell phone camera. The first goal is for you to understand a cell phone camera's full video and editing potential. Also, you will learn how to highlight your project's features of interest while minimizing all video and audio distractions. Of course you can expand what you learned to family gatherings, children and grandchildren's sporting events and more.

Live Streaming of this event will be on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM before the start of the March Membership meeting. **This live streaming session is a benefit of membership and that means FREE! Links to join us on Zoom will be emailed before the meeting.**

### Welcome Back Marty!

Live Streaming 9:00 to 10:00 AM on April 17, 2021 Mentoring Session is Marty Schlosser, our very own visiting Canadian Master Fine Woodworker.

Many of you have been lucky enough to attend one of Marty's amazing sessions over the past few years. Marty and his wife are Snow Birds who visit Orange Beach every winter. About half way through their stay Marty goes into woodworking withdrawal. His solution was to find a group of woodworkers and AWG was the beneficiary of his search.

Marty is locked up in Canada this year but he will join us live on Zoom. That means you can see him, hear him, make comments and ask questions while he tells us all about his latest project, two corner cabinets for a small dining room. As always, you can expect Marty to take us from beginning to end of the project. He will focus on pre project functional and artistic design decisions and the many woodworking techniques used to produce beautiful cabinets.

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### It's Not Just a Box!

Live Streaming 9:00 to 10:00 AM on June 19, 2021 Mentoring Session with Douglas Stowe, one of the best known decorative box makers in America.

If you have ever been in one of Bill Newman's box classes, you have heard of Doug Stowe and his many publications. Doug teaches at Marc Adams and Connecticut Valley Schools of Woodworking and shares his experience with Woodworking Guilds throughout the USA. Doug is a several times winner of the Vaughn Golden Hammer award for writing in woodworking. His latest passion is teaching woodworking to kids that exemplified by his latest publication.

During the Live Streaming session Doug will share his thought process as a master woodworking artisan as design considerations are made. Doug will return to the Guild in August for a two day face to face demonstration Master Class on decorative box making. The participant will learn skills that will increase speed, accuracy and craftsmanship in fine woodworking. The skills essential to making beautiful boxes.

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## Annual Art Show

Planning is underway for our Annual Art Show in October. At this time we don't know if it will be a live, in person or a virtual show. Only time will tell.

So, everyone start working on that special project you want to enter. We have remarkably talented members and it's always fun to see our best efforts. This year we are expanding the toy category to include Christmas ornaments. Expert or beginner, we want to see your creations! More info to come later.

## Education Committee

We are happy to announce that AWG is working on a partnership with Highland Woodworking. This will be a perk of AWG membership. Highland Woodworking offers live online workshops and streamed workshops for \$49. Our members will be able to purchase the live and streamed workshops for \$22.50 through May. That's almost a 50% savings! All details will be sent through Mail Chimp when details are completed.

## Toy Group

Our merry band of toy makers have been hard at work. We had a slow start, but we are gaining momentum. We have just finished a request for 60 wood muskets for the American Village. They will be used in their education programs for school students visiting the village.

We also want to give a **BIG** thank you to **Alden Snow** for donating wood to our program. Alden, we are glad you cleaned out your shop!

## Wood Art Group

We meet every Friday from 10 – 2. The Wood Art Group is open to all members, although activities are geared more to arts & crafts. During the meeting you can be certified on various tools and learn woodworking techniques. Feel free to come earlier when the guild opens or stay later as long as there is a shop supervisor on duty. Bring a wood project to work on and be prepared to have fun.

## Project Christmas Tree

Here are the new guidelines for ornaments.

1. Use medium to light color wood. Dark woods, such as walnut, are beautiful but don't show up well on a lighted tree.
2. Ornaments should be less than 4 ounces. Anything heavier weighs down a branch.
3. We need ornaments of various sizes from 3 to 6 inches.
4. Put a finish of your choice on your ornaments.

## Cutting Board Class with Eddie Heerten

Another successful cutting board class with Eddie Heerten! Over three days participants learned the process as well as the benefits of building an end-grain cutting board. Eddie began the class with a discussion about choosing the best type of wood, creating a basic design and reviewing the initial process of preparing the pieces for glue up.



Eddie with his son Chris Heerten as an assistant guided the class utilizing shop tools and equipment including the: chop saw, joiner, planer, table saw, band saw, drum sander, as well as some equipment and jigs Eddie brought from home



Eddie Herrten, Laura Hession, Tom Hession, Angie Burbank, Chris Heerten



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## About Us

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

Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently conducting our monthly meetings virtually via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM.

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.

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL. The WEC is open Friday-Sunday for the membership and for visitors to drop by to see what we are all about. Please, before dropping by, check the WEC Calendar on our website (<https://wp.awwg.info/calendar/>) and make sure a Supervisor is scheduled to be on-duty

## 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



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