



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Guild News

March 2021

There will be Mentoring session with videographer Mike Cunliffe, just prior to the March meeting on March 20, 2021 @ 9AM. See more details on page 7.

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Presidents Message

March is a good time for spring cleaning. It's also a good time to start thinking about a project (or more) for the annual show in October. We're hopeful that we can once again have the show at the Hoover Library so get your ideas together and let's have the biggest show yet.

Classes are in full swing so sign up if you haven't already. They're a great way to meet fellow woodworkers and learn new skills.

Encourage a neighbor or friend to join the Guild and take a class with you. Woodworking with a friend develops a special bond that can last a lifetime.

What's a new trick or technique you've learned this year? Do you know about using painter's tape and super glue instead of double sided tape? You put down a layer of painter's tape on each piece and super glue the tape together. Works great!

Visit our Facebook page and share something you've learned.

Here's hoping you are having a great spring.

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 March Membership Meeting is on Saturday, March 20th: Mentoring session at 9am. Meeting begins at: 10 am This will be a ZOOM meeting. Watch your e-mail for your invitation.

Meet Our Youngest Member

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild welcomes a new member, who is also our youngest member--Sebastian Wymer.

He is presently a high school junior at Evangel Classical Christian School. The wait was finally over when Sebastian turned 18 on February 14th and the next day joined the Guild and the luthier group.



The only person more excited about it, was his father, Geoff Wymer, one of the leaders of the luthier group. For the last couple of years, Sebastian has worked alongside his father in their home shop where Sebastian made his first instrument in 2017-a "panjo"-a 3-stringed instrument constructed from a bread pan. This last year, he collaborated with his dad to build his first concert ukulele-made out of koa, padouk, black walnut, Brazilian cherry, and maple. The tool he is most looking forward to getting trained on is the lathe. He is excited to start turning things. Presently, he is working on 2 "panjos" for the daughters of a Shelby County teacher.

Welcome to the Guild-Sebastian

We look forward to many more young people taking an interest in the art of woodworking!



Mentor Program Revitalized

Hopefully by the end of the month the mentor program will be back in full swing. A survey was sent out to identify those that are willing to share their time and talent. As of this writing we have a lot of members who have agreed to mentor specific topics. We are working to create a drop down on the web site with the areas we have a mentor. If you didn't get the opportunity to complete the survey and would like to mentor there is still time to complete the survey or you can reach out to Henry Raymond (Henry15raymond@gmail.com). Special thanks to Matt Sullivan and David Erikson for their work on this.

Welcome New Members

Sebastian Wymer	Andrea Cheek
Nickolas Phillips	John Burch
Jamie Phillips	Jon Mitchim
Patrick Brundege	Phillip Burrow
Denise Brundege	Cari Oliver
Jeff Cheek	Bert Oliver

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

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.

Toy Group

Our merry band of toy makers have been hard at work. We had a slow start, but we are gaining momentum. Happily, many of our members have received their Covid vaccination and will return soon. If you want to be a part of this very worthy program, you don't have to be here on Tuesdays. We are always in need of copy paper boxes and any scrap wood you may have laying your shop. We are always appreciative of any donations we receive.

Education Committee

We are happy to announce that AWG has entered into 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 have been sent via e-mail. If you did not receive the e-mail please send an e-mail to: info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org

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. Come early or stay later. Everyone brings a project to work on while they are at the guild. On Fridays you see folks wood burning, carving, scrolling or turning. Want to perfect a skill or technique? Come on down and spend your time practicing. Want to learn a new skill or technique? Come on down and we'll find someone to teach you.

Project Christmas Tree

We are still collecting ornaments for the AWG Christmas Tree that will be displayed this fall at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. We have quite a collection of beautiful handmade ornaments – inlay, scrolled, wood burned, painted, carved and turned. We still need more ornaments. Come and take a look at the ornaments when you come by WEC. They are in the kitchen in the glass display case and on the metal rack. Get inspired and make an ornament or two or three or..... This is an important money maker for Children's Hospital. Children and their families benefit from people like us who donate their time and talent to decorate a Christmas Tree.

Note: We have had a lot requests for more ornament patterns. If you have any old holiday patterns you no longer use perhaps you can donate them to the Guild library.

Library

The library is open for business. It took a long time to cull the duplicate books and organize the remaining ones. There are many good books and DVDs you can check out. Here's how to do it. On the desk is a small box with index cards. On a card write

Your name

Book/DVD Title

Date Out

Date In (when you return the book/DVD)

File the card alphabetically by your last name. When you bring the book/DVD back put the date in on the card.

The library is always looking to expand its collection of woodworking books and DVDs. If you have some books or DVDs you no longer need then, please, donate them to the AWG library. Leave them on the desk and I'll shelve them in the correct category. If we already have the book then it'll go on the "For Sale" table so it can find a good home.

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 the Marc Adams and Connecticut Valley Schools of Woodworking and shares his experience with Woodworking Guilds throughout the USA. Doug has received the Vaughn Golden Hammer award for writing in woodworking several times. 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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Education Committee

AWG is proud to offer a great lineup of classes this year. Go on the website, click on “education” and then “classes” and check out the many classes offered. You can register and pay online.

Here are the classes offered in March and April.

3/20/21 Mentoring with Mike Cunliffe

Mike will teach us how to photograph our woodworking projects using our cell phones. He'll show us how to use the features on our phones as well as editing techniques. This class will take place the hour before our monthly meeting and is free to all members.

3/27-3/28 Turing With Carbide Tools with Angie Burbank & David Robinson

Angie and David will teach you how to operate a lathe and turn using carbide tools. You will also be certified to use the lathe during shop hours. In this class you will turn a snowman, a small bowl, and a small live edge bowl. Bring a face shield and carbide tools. All wood will be furnished.

4/10-11 & 24-25 Woodworking Fundamentals with Ray Ziegler

This is a popular class for beginning woodworkers as well as those who have made a few projects. This is a demonstration class. Ray will take you from design to finished project. This class is packed with tips to help you plan and execute a project of your own.

4/17/21 Mentoring with Marty Schlosser

Designing and Making Furniture

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<https://www.canadianwoodworking.com/author/marty-schlosser>

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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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