

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Guild News

April 2021

There will be Mentoring session with Master Woodworker Marty Schlosser, April 17, 2021 @ 9AM. See more details on page 3.

Marty is an old friend of the Guild, so you don't want to miss this!

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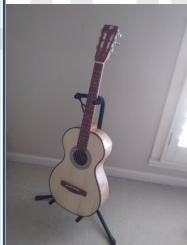
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Presidents Message

April showers may bring May flowers but April also brings a lot of excitement at the Guild. Check out the mentoring opportunities to grow your woodworking skills. You can request a mentor for a number of different skills simply by requesting one through our web site. Our Free Live Streaming Workshops are in full bloom. Classes are being held and we're waiting for you to return to the WEC to work on your projects.

I've posted, on our Facebook page, a couple projects I've completed and I'd like to see some of the things you've completed or even



things that you have in progress. Remember, we are having the annual show this year in person at the Hoover library and we want to have the largest collection of projects ever! As always, you can enter a project in one of multiple categories and multiple skill levels.



Stay Safe and keep making sawdust,
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

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

The April Membership Meeting is on Saturday, April 17th: Mentoring session is at 9am. Meeting begins at: 10 am This will be a ZOOM meeting. Watch your e-mail for your invitation.

The WEC is fully open for “Business”

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

Effective 4/9/2021 and based on the Governor’s “Safer Apart” order, the wearing of mask are no longer required at the WEC but as Governor Ivey stated, “people are still strongly urged to continue their use while in public or in close contact with others”. Exercise personal responsibility to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you.

Effective 4/9/2021 all areas of the WEC are open for use by members including the kitchen.

Effective with our *May general meeting 5/15/2021 the meeting will be held in person at the WEC for those wanting to attend and also will be presented as a Zoom meeting.*

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.

Approved by the Board of Directors

Welcome New Members

Stephen Millstead	Perry Stowe
Terri Millstead	Chuck Wood
Shane Turner	Susan Palmer
Tony Carroll	Don Erwin
Nathan Kelly	Craig Ramsey
Mike Kelly	

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

Shop Usage Report

6 - Luthier Group	128:05
14 - Maintenance - Administration	14:22
5 - Hand Tool Group	53:35
3 - Class	83:32
8 - Personal Project	122:10
7 - Wood Art Group	43:18
1 - Supervisor	78:27
4 - Toy Group	182:31
0 - Guild Membership Meeting	20:06
12 - Maintenance - Equipment	08:24
11 - Maintenance - Building	02:10
13 - Maintenance - Landscape	01:18
Total	737:58

Please remember to clock in and out when at the WEC. Also make sure you select the correct reason you are there (class, personal project, etc.) An accurate accounting of hours the WEC is used helps us qualify for grants.

New Members' Orientation

We will be hosting New Member Orientations directly following the Monthly Guild Meetings. These orientations are a great opportunity to learn about the Guild, the special interest groups, mentoring programs, classes, our scholarship program and more. We will review additional information for shop usage, clocking hours, the annual show and other opportunities to participate in Guild activities. This orientation is in addition to the equipment certification required for each member, but also a great opportunity to get your equipment certification and waiver completed with the supervisor on duty. New members will receive an invitation by email. The orientation is not mandatory, however we hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about the Guild.

Thank you,
Laura Hession, Chair
AWG Welcome Committee

April Meeting Preview

ZOOM meeting Saturday, April 17 2021

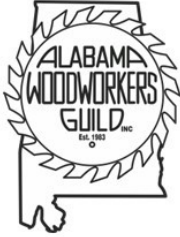
In addition to an outstanding mentoring session before the general meeting, Terry James has lined up a great meeting program for us. A live demo by Ed Bullock.

As of now, the topic will be using a Horizontal Router Table to make highly precise Mortise and Tenon joints. He did a presentation a couple of years ago about a Horizontal Router Table design from Fine Woodworking. This presentation is about two jigs he has designed for that router table. One does a mortise and one does a tenon. They are exceptionally simple in design, keep your fingers safe from the router bit, maintain precise control of the work piece, and produce remarkably precise joinery. Its a short demo of the use of the jigs and he will be doing so live during the meeting. This is going to be a real treat! He will also bring a music stand he built with this setup to illustrate how precise this technique can be.

Toy Group

Great news Toy Makers! Your Board of Directors has approved loosening Covid restrictions. This means we can expand Toy Group hours . Beginning **Tuesday May 4th** we will now meet from 9am—3pm. And bring your lunch!

Of course if you do not want to stay the full day, that's OK. We are happy to have whatever time you can spare.



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"Making saw dust with a purpose"

Free Live Streaming Workshop

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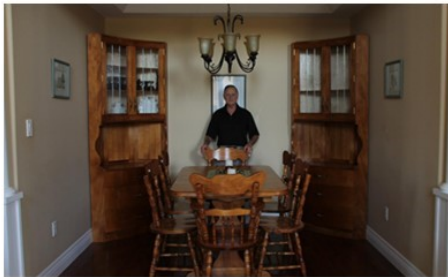
Our favorite "Canuck" is back to educate us on:

Designing and Making Furniture

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.

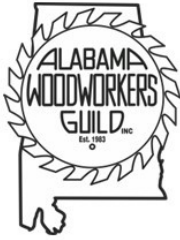
<https://www.canadianwoodworking.com/author/marty-schlosser>



ADDED BONUS : At the end of the presentation there will be a drawing for a special door prize donated by Marty. You must attend the **entire session** to be eligible for the drawing.

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"Making saw dust with a purpose"

Finishing Master Class with Alan Noel

When: May 1 & 2 2021

Where: Alabama Woodworkers Guild Wood Education Center

Cost: Member: \$175

Non Member: 225.00—The extra \$50 for non-members will be applied toward Guild membership should you decide to join the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

Choosing and applying a finish can be a bewildering task, starting with the dizzying array of product choices and ending at times in disappointment once they are applied. In this Class you'll learn the how's and why's of top coats, what's compatible, what's not, and the pros and cons of spray finishing, versus brushing or wiping. So come ready with pad and pencil plus all of the questions you can think of for this two day seminar cram packed with information, demonstration and most of all, clarity to the "mysteries of finishing".

I am Alan Noel, the proprietor of Noel's Woodworx here in Atlanta Ga. and have been a professional restorer for over 35 years. I have extensive experience in a wide range of finishing and restoration techniques. I have also written columns for Finishing and Restoration, Professional Refinishing, Home and Gardens Wood Magazine and Highland Woodworkings' monthly Wood News Online for the last twenty plus years and I teach a series of classes there throughout the year. I have also taught my skills throughout the Southeast and have served as a finishing consultant for various cabinet and furniture manufacturers throughout the Southeast.



See additional info by going to our website :<https://wp.awwg.info/education/>.

You may pay using the PayPal button below to reserve your place in the class. Please respond via email at education@alabamawoodworkersguild.org with your name if you plan to take the class.

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Free to Members: Live Streaming Events!

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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.

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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Class Schedule

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 for the rest of this year.

April 17 Mentoring with Marty Schlosser Designing and Making Furniture Live Streaming 9:00 to 10:00 AM

May 1 & 2 Finishing Master Class with Alan Noel

May 8 & 9 Workshop Wiring with Terry James & Bill Newman

May 29 & 30 Bandsaw Box workshop with Bill Newman

June 19 Mentoring Session with Doug Stowe — Live streaming before general meeting

June 24-25 Inlay Class with Jack Smoot

August 21 & 22 Decorative Box Making with Doug Stowe

August 28 thru early December Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class

Eight Woodworking Tips to Boost Your Efficiency

taken from an online blog by Ron Smith

Tip # 1: Sanding Made Easier, The Sanding Block

“Sanding woodwork by hand may seem like a chore, but with special tools and high-quality sandpaper, you’ll get excellent results that often outshine a power sander. Besides, it’s quieter, doesn’t produce clouds of dust and may get into places power sander can’t.

Use a sanding block for faster, more efficient results. It distributes sanding pressure more evenly and maintains a flatter surface than merely folding a piece of sandpaper. Also, change the sandpaper often.

Sand with the grain of the wood, especially for the final grits. To remove deep scratches and stains, angle across the grain of to about 45 degrees for the first sanding. Before moving to the next finer grit, sand with the grain to remove all cross-grain scratches.

For sanding painted surfaces, buy clog resistant sandpaper. The paint will build up slower than on standard sandpaper.”—Ron Smith

This is tip number 1. See next month’s issue for tip #2! I will run a tip monthly from now thru November. If you have a tip or trick you would to share, send it to: newsletter@alabamawoodworkersguild.org.



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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



Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking