

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Guild News

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"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

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President's Message

As we start a new year, I would like to challenge all of our members to step up their involvement in our Guild. That involvement might take many forms, though. If you have never entered a woodworking project in our annual show, this should be your challenge to do so in 2022. If you have never attended one of our Special Interest Groups, try to make it to one this year; it just might surprise you how much fun they can be. Look over our class offering and sign up for one. If you don't see one you want to take, then let me know. Chances are there are others interested in the same topics too and we are always looking for class ideas. If you are struggling with some aspect of woodworking or design, seek out our mentor program and we'll put you in touch with an expert in that aspect. That collaboration might be a long-term one or just meeting one time to solve a nagging problem; that's up to you and your mentor.

The primary focus of our Guild is to share knowledge. There is nobody in this Guild that I cannot learn something from and there is nobody in the Guild that I could not teach something to. We all have areas where we have deep knowledge (woodworking or otherwise) and we all have areas where we might struggle. As a community we have amazing skills available to be taught for the asking. But the Guild can benefit from your skills too even if they are not woodworking related. Are you a good organizer? Maybe you could organize a project we are involved with. Are you good with accounting or audio-visual technology or web design or security or inventory management? All of those skills are needed to make our Guild grow and succeed.

If you'd like to contribute in any way, please feel free to reach out to me any time and let's get you involved. And if you happen to pick up some woodworking skills along the way, well, I guess that's just a risk you'll just have to take. ;)

This is YOUR Guild. What you get out of it is directly related to getting involved in whatever form suits your situation. Let all pitch in and make 2022 the best year we've ever had.

Terry James



Welcome New Members

Steven Smith	James Ward
Jim Stasial	Benito Zavala
Ricky Eanes	Kristen Bachman
Patrick Bachman	Tim Taylor
Dennis Brink	Peter Seeds
	Amanda Seeds

If you see any new members at the WEC, please stop and make them feel welcome.

Annual Membership Dues

Annual \$100 dues payments for 2022 are now being accepted. Your dues 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 recognized Master Woodworkers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers

Deadline for payment is February 28, 2022 but you may join/renew beginning in October. Your Membership Badge should have one of these Dues Paid Decals for you to have access to the Woodworking Education Center:



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

January Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2022

SketchUp Class: 8am

Networking : 9am

Meeting: 10am

Program: Blue ribbon winners from the Art Show will be recognized.

Blue Ribbon winners, please bring your winning pieces for display.

New SketchUp Class

Jeff Branch is starting a new SketchUp project using **SketchUp Free**. It will be a simple cabinet. Those interested in attending should bring a laptop and a mouse.

Show & Tell

Have you completed a project you're especially proud of? Have you learned a new skill? If so, bring it to a monthly meeting for show & tell. We would love to see your creations

Shop Usage Report

Job	Hrs(h:m)
6 - Luthier Group	142:48
8 - Personal Project	144:00
5 - Hand Tool Group	64:44
7 - Wood Art Group	51:32
1 - Supervisor	79:02
3 - Class	02:39
14 - Maintenance - Administration	03:03
11 - Maintenance - Building	00:02
12 - Maintenance - Equipment	03:16
Total	491:06

Partner Challenge

The Partner Challenge is sponsored by the Wood Art Group and opened to all AWG members. This is a tabletop box project. One partner is responsible for constructing the box and the other partner is responsible for embellishing the box. Only traditional woodworking techniques can be used to construct and decorate the box. The box pattern is your choice. You can design your own box, use a magazine /book pattern, or use the patterns Bill Newman has designed for the challenge. The box must be finished and placed in the 2022 AWG Woodworking Show under the "Partner Challenge" category.

Partner Challenge Guidelines

*** Tabletop Box Challenge**

One person is responsible for box construction.

One person is responsible for box embellishment.

*** Traditional woodworking tools on box construction. No CNC router or laser.**

Traditional woodworking tools on box embellishment. No painting.

*** Box must have minimum of 1 drawer.**

*** Minimum size: 6 inches on any side (width or length)**

Maximum size: 16 inches on any side (width or Length)

*** Optional: lid and feet. No legs, must sit on a table.**

*** Finished boxes will be submitted in the 2022 AWG woodworking show in a special Partner Challenge category. Each box will be judged according to construction and embellishment.**

Toy Group

The Toy Group is up and running for 2022. In contrast to 2021, we have plenty of wood and boxes to get us off to a new start. That being said, please don't forget about us as you clean out your shop storage and walk by the copier at work. We can always use more wood and boxes. We need the standard copy paper boxed and 1" - 2" pine (2x4's are great).

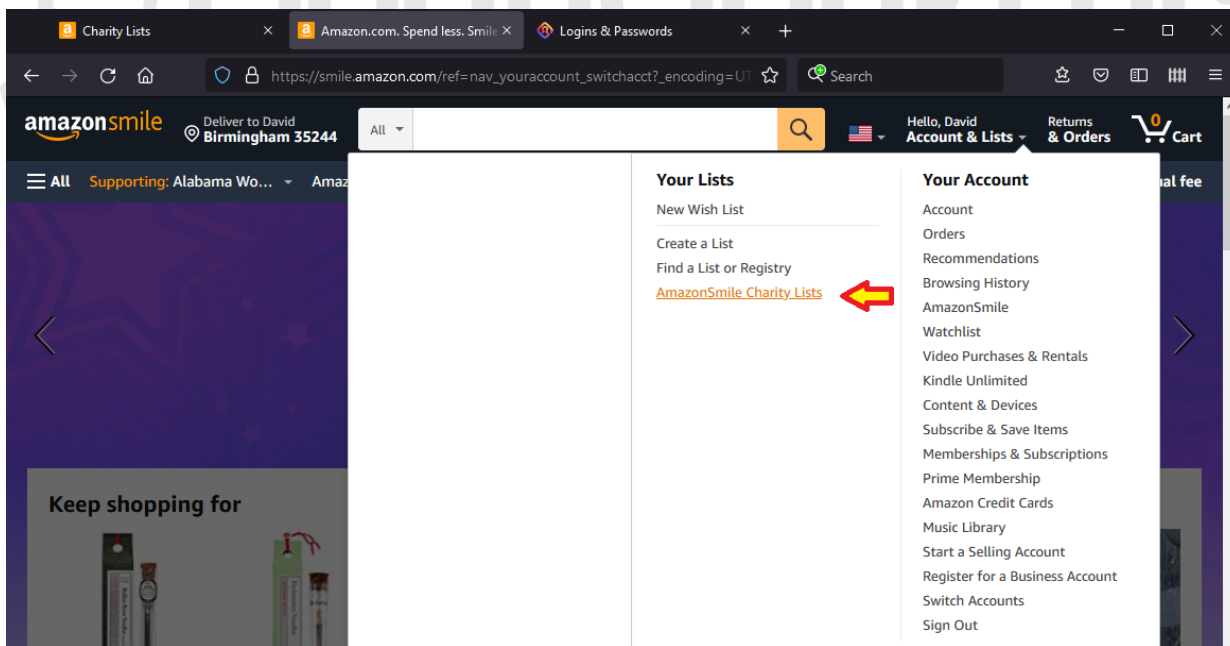
At February's membership you will get to see the magic that happens turning 2x4's into the toys that bring joy to a lot of children that are hospitalized, undergoing treatment or whose lives have been affected by devastating situations.

Thank you for your support.

A New Way to Give Back

Are you looking for a way to support the Guild? Well, it just got easier. For several years the Alabama Woodworkers Guild has had an Amazon Smile account. Amazon gives the Guild ½ percent of the cost of any eligible items that you buy from the Guild's Smile.Amazon.com webpage. The price you pay is the same, but you are helping the Guild.

Now we have stepped it up a bit by adding a Charity List to our Smile account. When you log on to the Amazon Smile account and select our Guild as your Charity to support, you will have access to our Guild Charity List. By hovering your mouse over "Accounts & Lists" at the top of the page, and then clicking on "AmazonSmile Charity Lists", you will be displayed the Charity List for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. This list contains items that Guild members use on a continual basis. From paper products to adhesives, sandpaper to coffee. Consumable items the Guild purchases every month that members use.



Anything you purchase from this list, will be sent by Amazon to a Guild member who has agreed to deliver the items to the Woodworking Education Center on a weekly basis. Plus, the Guild still gets ½ percent of the purchase price of the Charity List items too.

So next time you are ordering from Amazon, use the Charity List and order something for the Guild too. Just add it to your shopping cart and Amazon will get it to us and you will get whatever you ordered as well.

H4H Cabinet Class

The 2021 Cabinet Building class wrapped up in early December by installing the cabinets in a Habitat For Humanity "Home for the Holidays" home. Here are some pictures of the installation.



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& **You Tube**



About Us

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

Our monthly meetings will be conducted at the WEC for those who can attend and also virtually via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM. Be sure to check out the mentoring sessions that start 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.

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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