

The Alabama Woodworkers

Guild News

January 2023



There will be a few auction items available at January

“Making saw dust with a purpose”

2023 Guild Officers and Directors

President: Jay Bagwell

Past President: Terrance James

Vice President: Rick Ford

Treasurer: Alden Snow

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Secretary: Sandra Smith

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Rick Wilson Patrick Murphy

Mike Key Julie Erwin

Bob Free Tom Hession

Linda Simcik Ken Blackwood

Mike Casey Tuck Kornegay

“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

President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone! With the turning of the calendar, we have a new Board of Directors that has already met with the goal to make this year our best ever.

As your new President, I wanted to give you some insight as to a few things we have planned this year:

- *We are continuing our commitment to improve the safety and required maintenance to our building and grounds of the WEC. Throughout the coming year, you will continue to see incremental improvements to the building, both inside and out. We are well on track to finish the stairs and entrance near the classroom, as well as efforts to make the WEC more accessible to those with disabilities. Our board is committed to making the WEC a first class facility, while also being good stewards of your member dues. Like any large financial decision, we have to balance “what we need” versus “what we want”. I would like to personally thank our shop manager, Gary Click, and Randy Hjetland for their time and efforts to improve the WEC.
- *We have numerous committees at the Guild that make the wheels turn everyday behind the scenes. We are renewing our efforts and streamlining a few areas with the standing committees. I would strongly encourage you, whether a new or returning member, to consider volunteering on one of the committees that make our organization run. Whether its Education, Technology, or Membership, even 30 minutes per month of your time helps more than you would realize. If you are willing, or even just curious about the duties, please don't hesitate to ask!
- *As you may recall, last year we began an effort to explore the possibility of a youth program at the AWG. This effort continues, and we hope to present our findings to the general membership very soon for a vote. Please note that great time and effort has been placed on member concerns about safety, and hopefully we can come to a consensus as a group that meets our goals.
- *We are dedicated to finding world-class talent to teach classes at the AWG. If you have a suggestion for a class, instructor, or program for a meeting please give us some feedback. As I've always said, its your Guild, and we want classes/programs that members are asking for.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the AWG. Each and every voice at the AWG deserves to be heard, so please don't hesitate to let me know if you have an idea or suggestion. My commitment to you is that I will listen with an open mind.

Respectfully,
Jay Bagwell

Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2023 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, 2023 but why wait? 2023 Fee Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC:



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](#). You can use the computer in the Library if you want to renew online while at the WEC!

Remember also that we need to have your Badge at the WEC in order for it to be updated with your 2023 Decal. For anyone who may not have noticed, each row of the “Badge Wall” is alphabetized to help with locating and returning your badge.

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



WE WANT YOU!



Price Reduction on ALL T-Shirts

Prices have been reduced on ALL t-shirts.

Short Sleeve was \$20 Now \$18

Long Sleeve was \$24 Now \$22

Don't forget we have insulated tumblers and hats.

Coming Soon: T's with pockets



TYPES OF NAILS

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this one



this other one



that one

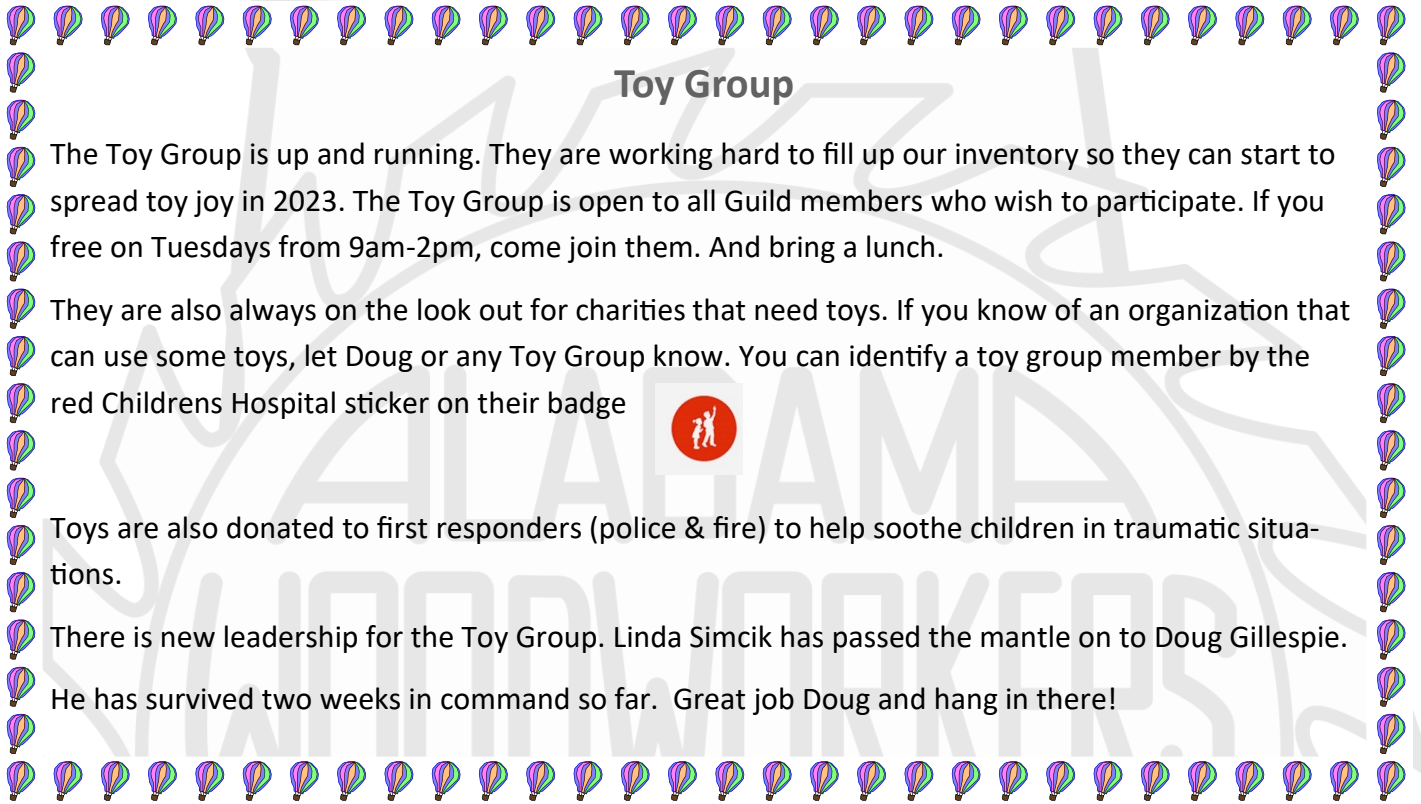


one your dad gets annoyed by when he says "Hand me a nail."



another one (might be the same as the first one)

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Toy Group

The Toy Group is up and running. They are working hard to fill up our inventory so they can start to spread toy joy in 2023. The Toy Group is open to all Guild members who wish to participate. If you free on Tuesdays from 9am-2pm, come join them. And bring a lunch.

They are also always on the look out for charities that need toys. If you know of an organization that can use some toys, let Doug or any Toy Group know. You can identify a toy group member by the red Childrens Hospital sticker on their badge



Toys are also donated to first responders (police & fire) to help soothe children in traumatic situations.

There is new leadership for the Toy Group. Linda Simcik has passed the mantle on to Doug Gillespie. He has survived two weeks in command so far. Great job Doug and hang in there!



Project Christmas Tree

Even though Christmas is barely behind us, we are planning for Childrens Hospital Christmas Tree fundraiser. CHOA invites area businesses and organizations to decorate a tree that will be on display in their lobby. In November the trees are auctioned off at their annual fundraiser gala. We participated in this activity in 2021 and are pleased that our tree raised \$30,000!

Sadly, we were unable to enter a tree in 2022. But this year we are back! We are asking all guild members to participate by making at least one ornament. It doesn't matter what technique you use or how experienced you are. We just need your help. Bring your ornament to the WEC in a bag or box with your name & Christmas Tree on it and set it on the island in the kitchen. All ornaments are needed by October.

Contact Alan Welbaum if you have any questions (he's in the book!)

Do You Shop on Amazon?



Shop Usage Report

This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	352
Members Participating	26.76%
Members Not Participating	78.41%

Total Usage Comparison

Thu, Dec 1, 2022 - Sat, Dec 31, 2022

Hours	659
Visits	220
Individuals	76

Usage Comparison by Program

Thu, Dec 1, 2022 - Sat, Dec 31, 2022

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	235	89	53
Luthier Group	193	54	22
Hand Tool Group	81	31	22
Wood Art Group	13	3	3
Toy Group	0	0	0
Class	16	4	4

Mentorship Program

Do you have a desire to connect with someone that is proficient at a skill that you would like to learn? Check out our mentorship program on the website.

On the home page click on the "Mentoring" tab. There you will find an extensive list of subjects for you to choose from. Click on the skill you want to develop and fill out the needed information. You will be paired with the person that can help you. You will be contacted by the selected mentor to get started. Some folks may meet you at the WEC while others may prefer to work in their personal shop.

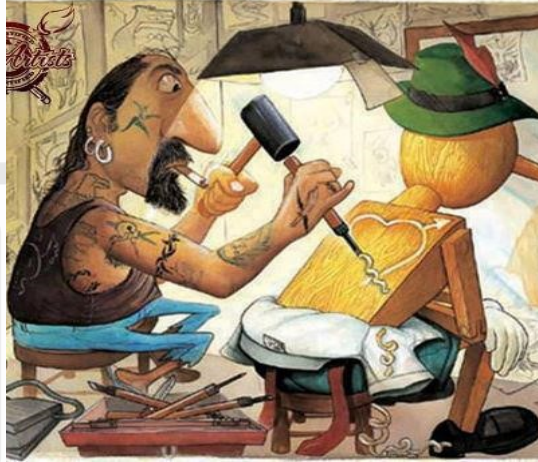
Don't hesitate! This a great way to learn a new skill and develop friendships with fellow woodworkers.

January Membership Meeting Saturday, January 21, 2023

Networking: 9:00am Meeting: 10:00am

Program: Red and White Ribbon Winners show & tell

NOTE: There will be a few items up for auction at this month's meeting



2023 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm No cost to members A different subject every week. Check the WEC calendar for details.

Woodcarving Master Class with Randy Walters

Friday, January 27th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, January 28th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, January 29th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm,

Cost \$150.00 for Guild Members; \$175.00 for Non-Members

See website for details and registration - **Class is FULL**

Spray Finishing Class with Marty Schlosser

Friday, February 24th, 2023 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday, February 25th, 2023 - 8:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, February 26th, 2023 - 8:00am - 12:00 noon

Cost \$200.00 (Includes all materials)

Class size is limited to eight participants.

See website for details and registration - **Class is FULL**



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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 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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