

# GUILD NEWS

## Alabama Woodworkers Guild



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### Officers

**President:** Van Phillips

**Past President:** Ray Ziegler

**Vice President:** Henry Raymond

**Treasurer:** David Erikson

**Secretary:** Jeff Branch

### Board of Directors

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Patrick Murphy

Matt Sullivan

Bob Baumgartner

Terrance James

David Robinson

Bob Watkins

Randy Hjetland

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Frank Higgins

Randy Hjetland

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik



“A man who works with his hands is a laborer; A man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist.”~Louis Nizer (1902–1994)

### A Message from your



It's that time of year again...time to approve nominations and elect 2021 officers and the board members that are filling positions for current board members that have completed their three-year term.

### Officer Nominations for 2021

President Van Phillips

Vice-president Terrance James

Treasurer Bob Watkins

Secretary Laura Hession

All of these nominees will serve a one-year term unless a waiver is given.

### Incoming Board Members

Jay Bagwell Term expires 2023

Linda Simcik Term expires 2023

Rick Wilson Term expires 2023

**The vote will occur at the November 21 Zoom meeting.**

### Returning Directors

Bob Baumgartner Term expires 2022

Jeff Branch Term expires 2021

Randy Hjetland Term expires 2021

Sandra McMillan Term expires 2021

Matt Sullivan Term expires 2022

Please take a moment to review this slate and thank those who have served and beginning their terms.

**November General Membership Meeting via ZOOM is Saturday, November 21 @ 10am. Check your email for your invitation and instructions to join this online meeting.**

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## Education Committee



We are gearing up for 2021 Master Classes and workshops.

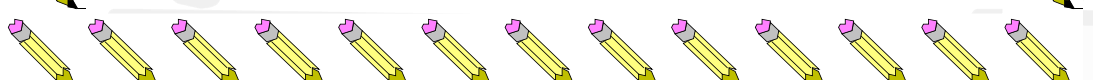
**Tool Chest Master Class with Mike Pekovich. March 6 & 7, 2021.** Those that signed up and paid for the March 2020 cancelled class will have their payment credited to the 2021 class.



**Alan Noel Wood Finishing Master Class. May 18 & 2, 2020**



**Janita Baker Inlay Wire, Alabaster & Mother of Pearl Master Class. July 17 & 18, 2021**





**Don't Forget!**

“Christmas Gift” from your AWG ...

We usually don't have master classes in December, but this year “bonus” master class that is FREE to all members. This online ZOOM class will be taught by Cindy Drozda.

Cindy is an internationally known wood turner. The topic is “Fabulous Finials”. Cindy will show us how she turns her very slim finials without breaking. It is free to all guild members. The zoom presentation is December 19 at noon. Save the date. You won't want to miss this.



No need to register on the AWG website.

A ZOOM meeting invitation will be sent to all members via email (just like the meetings).

This class is made possible in part by:



## 2021 Class Schedule

Below is the schedule of offered classes for 2021. If you are interested in any of these classes, check the website under the "Classes" heading. There you will find a description of the classes, and you can also register and pay here.

- **January 16, 17, 24:** Cutting Board Workshop w/ Eddie Heerten
- **February 6 :** Wood Flower Workshop w/ Angie Burbank
- **February 13 & 14:** Beginning Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels
- **February 27 & 28:** Intermediate Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels
- **March 6 & 7:** Tool Chest Master Class w/ Mike Pekovich
- **March 27 & 28:** Carbide Tool Woodturning w/ Angie Burbank
- **April 10,11,24,25:** Woodworking Fundamentals w/ Ray Ziegler
- **May 1 & 2:** Finishing Master Class w/ Alan Noel
- **May 8 & 9:** How to Wire Your Shop w/ Terry James & Bill Newman
- **May 29 & 30:** Bandsaw Box Workshop w/ Bill Newman
- **July 17 & 18:** Inlay Master Class w/ Janita Baker



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## Toy Group

Just a reminder, Toy Group will start up again on **January 5th 2021**.

We have a lot to catch up on. The wood shelves are full and the toy closet in the kitchen is empty. So we have a lot of work to do. Everyone is welcome back, if you choose. We will follow mask guidelines and social distancing as much as possible. We will start with half days (9-12) and go from there.

Another exciting development, the roof over the toy room has been repaired and the ceiling replaced. The light fixture has also been replaced with a REALLY bright light & the walls have been painted white. Now we can easily see in there.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

PS: we need copy paper boxes, spread the word!

## Habitat for Learning

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild has a long and productive relationship with Habitat for Humanity. As most of you know we offer a cabinet building class each year and these cabinets are installed on one of the December Habitat houses. These homes are a blessing to the families that receive these homes. But happens when the children in these families need a place to study? With more schools opting for distance learning during the pandemic a place to study has become more important.

Well, Lynn Smith and friends have found a solution for these families in need.

Lynn heard about desk donations in the Midwest from a friend, Lynn contacted Habitat for Humanity to see if there is a need here in Birmingham. Habitat polled it's homeowners and found that approximately 60 families could use desks.

Lynn being Lynn, jumped into action. Habitat agreed to pay for the materials if AWG would build the desks. A friend of Lynn's, Dennis Wilson found and downloaded plans for a simple child's desk from Wood Whisperer. Materials were purchased and Lynn made "kits" with enough material for one desk. Each desk would approximately one hour to build.

The word was spread and three AWG members; Lynn Smith, Alden Snow and Steve Simcik along with friends Dennis Wilson and Joe Dixon got to work. This is the result.



On Thursday, November 5th fifty six desks were delivered to the Habitat for Humanity warehouse. More will be delivered when completed.

Thank you guys for doing good.



L-R Lynn Smith, Alden Snow, Steve Simcik, Dennis Wilson, Joe Dixon

**Editor's Note: If you have a story that you would like to share, send it to the newsletter: [news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)**

# Announcements

## Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2021 are now being accepted. 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 woodworkers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers

Deadline for payment is March 1, 2021. If you don't have one of these on your badge by then



your shop privileges will be terminated. Thank you for your support and participation.

## Show & Tell

We know everyone has missed the show & tell portion of our general membership meetings. Well in this time of social distancing we have decided to bring back Show & Tell. *Yes really!* We are **Virtually** bringing back Show & Tell!

If you have an item you would like to highlight, contact Henry Raymond. He will meet you at the WEC and video your presentation. He asks that when your item is shown, you be

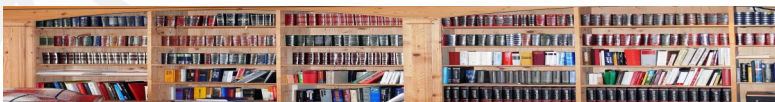
## Library Notes

The library had lots of duplicate copies of books. The duplicates were put out on the table in the workshop for sale.

Thanks to everyone who bought the duplicate books.

A lot of time has been spent cleaning and organizing the library.

More information will be coming at the next monthly meeting regarding the library and how to check out books.



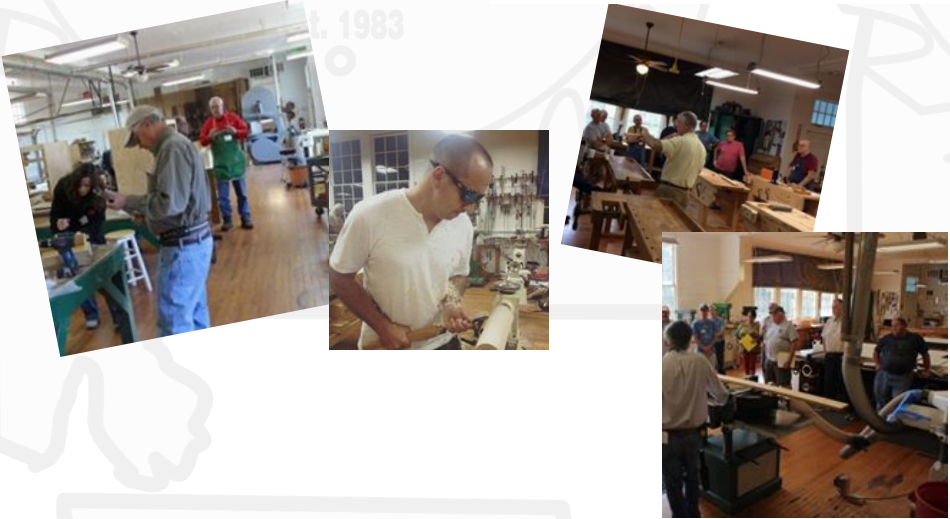
## Christmas Party

Because of the social distancing and health department guidelines, we are sad to say that we will not have a Christmas Party this year.

The leadership is hoping to host a celebration for all members after the restrictions have been lifted



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### About Us

Since 1983

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

**We meet at our Woodworking Education Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month 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.



### 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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# The Annual Show

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. Members enter projects they have worked on all year and make



## Alabama Woodworkers Guild

10544 Highway 17

Maylene, AL 35114

**Easy to find and plenty of free parking.**

**From I-65**, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance.

### ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

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#### Membership

Come check us out and become a Guild Member,  
**Only \$100 a year!**

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild offers:

- Monthly meetings
- A fully equipped woodworking shop
- Mentoring for new techniques
- Teaching new and old techniques and use of tools
- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

#### Join

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and a check for \$100 to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

or go to <http://wp.awwg.info/join/>