

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Guild News

September 2022

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President's Message

Annual Show

Our Annual Woodworking Show will be here sooner than you think. It's always been our goal to have every member of the Guild enter at least one item in the show. I fully understand that such a goal is likely impractical, but I'd like to see us get a much higher representation of our members' work in the show this year.

In some respect, our show has been a display of expert-level work. That's great, and I think the public viewing the show appreciates seeing work of such high quality. But this show is not supposed to be about our master craftsmen showing off their stunning work. This show should be about showing off that our Guild is a place where all woodworkers at all levels can learn new skills as well as refine existing ones. And that is why we have the various levels for judging. I certainly would like to see every entry to be one where you did your level best work, but I think it shows a lot about our group when we have entries in our show that represent all skill levels.

So, I highly encourage you to think about entering as many pieces of work as you can. They do not have to be museum-quality pieces to be worthy of being entered. Who knows, it could be the beginner-level entries that inspire a new member to join when they see that our Guild is not just for masters of the craft to show off their work.

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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

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

Special Announcements

Shop Usage Report

Mon, Aug 1, 2022 - Wed, Aug 31, 2022

	Hours	Individuals
Personal Projects	205	61
Luthier Group	277	37
Hand Tool Group	129	37
Wood Art Group	95	27
Toy Group	419	59
Class	274	68
Total	1399	289

Annual Art Show

Annual Show Hoover Library October 9th-15th
Applications on line.
Bring entry to library on Sunday, 10/9 between 2-5
Judging will take place Monday or Tuesday
Reception Thursday night 10/13 6-8pm
Pickup to be determined later...

Christmas Party

Friday, December 2nd 6:30 - 9:00 (Shop will be closed)

Elks Lodge in Pelham
1738 Morgan Park Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

Pot luck- Guild will supply meat, rolls and beverage

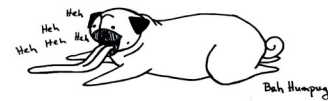
We will have gift exchange. If you bring a gift, you can select a gift.

Mentorship Program

Our mentorship program is new and improved! 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.

Dog Days of Summer



Shop not airconditioned?

Come and work in the cool and comfortable WEC

Hours: Friday 9am - 9pm;

Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm

Woodworking

Is one third planning, one third execution and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake you just made during execution



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We have re-worked both our categories and rules for the show to make the judging fairer. For example, Judges gave points for joinery but not all projects have joinery (like a turned bowl), so we have new categories for those projects that level the judging field. And although you can place your project in the category you like, the judging team may reassign your category if they feel like your project would be judged more fairly in a different one.

And as always, you have the option of entering a project that does not get judged. If you are a Master Woodworker, I would encourage you to enter projects that show your expert work but will allow those aspiring to your level of work to earn ribbons as they build skills.

I have tried to enter a project every year I have been a member. Each year I learned where I need to improve from the judge's comments. Each year I tried to work on my weak spots and bet better. It was not until the 2020 show that I earned my first ribbon. So don't get discouraged if your project does not win a ribbon; it's not about winning as much as it is about getting incrementally better each year. And that is our basic goal as a Guild, is it not?

See you at the show.

Terry James

Guild Members Serving Others

A tour in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, while serving with the United States Marines.

Twenty five years of service as a Special Agent with the FBI

—when my father-in-law passed away August 6th,
we wanted a special way to honor and remember him

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild to the rescue. Van Phillips stepped forward and offered his time and expertise to design and make a fitting memorial piece for Macon C Overton Jr.

Huge thanks to the guild and specifically Van for serving others as he helped us remember someone else's service.

That truly models a wonderful attribute of what the Guild is about





New Members

Jonathan Berryhill	Trent Carruth
Mark Ebersold	Amy Belt
Lannette Ebersold	Robert Shepherd
Dalton Smith	Kim Williams
Victoria Jauk	Helmut Jauk
Teresa Cannon	James Cannon

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

September Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022

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

Program: Harrison Henneberg from Yellow Hammer Tools will show us the latest and greatest tools they have to offer.



2022 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm

No cost to members
See website for details

August 27th—early December Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Class

October 1-Picture Frame Sled Class 9am-5pm

See website for details on all classes

The education committee is considering adding another turning class, depending on interest. If you would be interested, contact Jay Bagwell or Terry James. Also you can contact them for any other suggestions for classes.

Art Show forms and instructions

ENTRY FORM ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD ANNUAL JURIED SHOW

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

SKILL CATEGORIES	NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Boxes With Joinery			
Furniture			
Musical Instruments			
Scroll Saw - Intarsia, Fret Work, Etc.			
Wood Turning			

OPEN CATEGORIES	OPEN
Boxes - Bandsaw, Scroll Saw	
CNC - Router, Laser	
Pyrography	
Tools & Jigs	
Toys	
Wood Carvings	
Miscellaneous	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Guild Challenge</div>	

OTHER FOR DISPLAY ONLY	CRITIQUE	NOT CRITIQUED

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: _____

WOODS USED: _____

ENTRANT'S COMMENTS: _____

DESIGN: Own Reproduction

IS THIS ITEM FOR SALE? _____ PRICE \$ _____

AWARDS:
 SKILL CATEGORIES 1st, 2nd, & 3rd IN EACH CATEGORY AND SKILL LEVEL
 OPEN CATEGORIES 1st, 2nd, & 3rd IN EACH CATEGORY

Entry # _____

**JUDGE'S FORM
ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD
ANNUAL JURIED SHOW**

SKILL

CATEGORIES

- Boxes With Joinery
- Furniture
- Musical Instruments
- Scroll Saw - Intarsia, Fret Work, Etc.
- Wood Turning

NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED

OPEN CATEGORIES

- Boxes - Bandsaw, Scroll Saw
- CNC - Router, Laser
- Pyrography
- Tools & Jigs
- Toys
- Wood Carvings
- Miscellaneous
- Guild Challenge

OPEN

OTHER

FOR DISPLAY ONLY

CRITIQUE	NOT CRITIQUED

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: _____

WOODS USED: _____

ENTRANT'S COMMENTS: _____

DESIGN:

Own
 Reproduction

JUDGE'S EVALUATION (PLEASE CIRCLE)

DESIGN: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10

Comments: _____

JOINERY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10

Comments: _____

FINISH: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10

Comments: _____

DIFFICULTY: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10

Comments: _____

TOTAL POINTS:

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COMMENTS

In an effort to help determine what category a project should be entered into, the following the following comments have been listed below

- 1.) All projects in which the lathe was the primary equipment used should be entered into the "Wood Turning" category.
example: Bowls, turned vessels with lids, and candle sticks.
- 2.) A project which contains work done by a CNC Router or CNC Laser should not always be placed in the category "CNC - Router, Laser".
A project should be entered in the "CNC - Router, Laser" category if the main attribute of the project was done using a CNC.
example: Lithophanes from photographs
The project should not be entered in the "CNC - Router, Laser" category if the CNC was just one of the tools used to make the project.
example: The use of a CNC to make a part in a piece of furniture.
- 3.) The "Toy" category is intended for those projects which are made with the intent they will be played with.
example: A delicate model of a tall ship which was made to sit on a shelf and admired is not considered a toy and should be entered in the "Miscellaneous" category.

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MAKE YOUR PROJECT MORE INTERESTING AND HELP THE JUDGES EVALUATE YOUR PROJECT

Since you are entering your project into this Annual Show, I am sure you are proud of the project you have created. If those looking at your project are like me, they will like to know more information about it. The following is some of the things you could tell about your project. I am sure there are more.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- 1.) Start with a simple description of the project to ensure the forms are with the correct project.
- 2.) What is unique about this project?
- 3.) Did you use any special techniques? Judges will want to know about this.
- 4.) How many pieces are there? This is especially applicable for intarsia pieces
- 5.) What finish did you use? Judges will want to know about this.

WOOD USED:

- 1.) List the species of wood used. (i.e. Walnut, Maple, etc.)
- 2.) Is there a back story from where this wood came from?
- 3.) Was this wood repurposed?

ENTRANT'S COMMENT:

- 1.) Did you make this project for any special reason?
- 2.) Is there something about this project that you are particularly pleased with?
- 3.) Was there something that was particularly challenging in making or finishing this project?



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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



Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking