

Happy
Thanksgiving

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News

November 2022

November Membership Meeting: Saturday November 19, 2022

Christmas Party: Friday December 2, 2022-details inside

Guild Officers and Directors

President: Terrance James

Vice President: Jay Bagwell

Treasurer: Bob Watkins

Secretary: Laura Hession

Board of Directors

Bob Baumgartner **Rick Wilson**

Mike Kelly **Rick Ford**

Matt Sullivan **Bob Free**

Linda Simcik **Alden Snow**

Mike Casey

President's Message 2023

It's not quite end-of-year yet, but the Board has begun the process of preparing our Guild for next year. Our Nomination Committee has a recommended slate of candidates to fill all Board of Directors vacancies as well as all Leadership positions. Although I am stepping aside as President, I will be on the Board as Past-President for one more year. Looking back, I feel like we have made some real progress this year. But there is still a lot of unfinished business facing the new leadership. I challenge each of you to reach out and get involved in SOMETHING in 2023. That could be serving on a committee, teaching a class, acting as a mentor, or volunteering to help maintain the workshop. If you have any skills to contribute, please speak with your leadership team and we'll put you to work.

One of the most challenging tasks we face preparing for 2023, however, is establishing a budget. And since the majority of our funding comes from member dues, it's always a guessing game as to how many members we can expect to have starting our new year. This is one very simple way you can help us enormously: **PAY YOUR 2023 DUES NOW**. Easy. When we have that solid funding foundation under us early, the next year can launch strongly. So, if you have the ability to pay now, please do so.

At our November meeting we will be voting on our new leadership and Board candidates. Please attend if you can. And to be very open, just because the Board has recommended a person for a role, any member can put their name in the hat for any role. So, if you think you'd make a good Officer, let Henry Raymond know (he's of Nomination Committee Chairman).

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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

Shop Usage Report

Usage Comparison by Program

Sat, Oct 1, 2022 - Mon, Oct 31, 2022

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	157	79	53
Luthier Group	278	74	22
Hand Tool Group	73	25	22
Wood Art Group	15	5	5
Toy Group	263	67	36
Class	297	73	51

Special Announcements

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

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.

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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I have proudly served the Guild in a variety of leadership roles for quite a few years now. As much as I will look back favorably on that time, it's time for new ideas, new faces, and new leaders. I still plan to teach, to serve on committees, to pitch in when my services might help. But I am very happy that the coming year holds the promise of continued progress under strong new leadership.

It's Thanksgiving season, so it's appropriate to be thankful for the many hours our member continue to offer each year and for a Guild that continues to grow and get stronger.

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Terry James

2023 Officer and Director Nominees	
Officers	Directors
President: Jay Bagwell	Patrick Murphy
Vice President: Rick Ford	Tuck Kornegay
Secretary: Sandy Smith	Ken Blackwood
Treasurer: Alden Snow	Mike Key
Asst. Treasure: Steve Simcik	

Long Sleeved T-Shirts Now Available

The long sleeves have arrived just in time for cold weather. The cost is \$25.

We also have insulated coffee mugs and tumblers and hats.

Easy to purchase, no waiting for an order. You can buy anytime, just ask a supervisor for access to the store. Just follow the instructions posted.

The "Company Store" is located in the glass display case in the kitchen.



New Members

This month we welcome six new members:

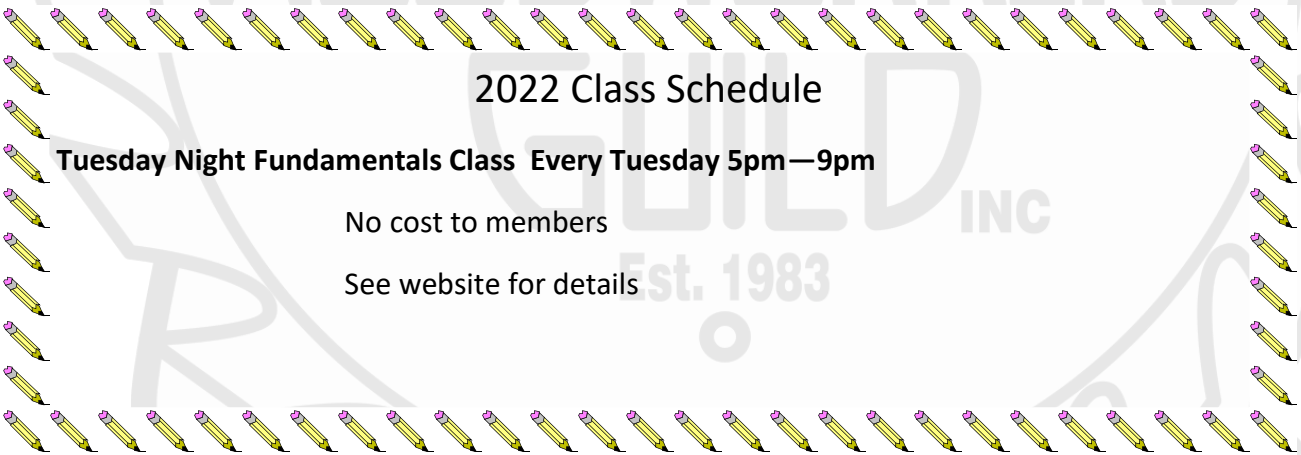
Jonathan Dunn	Sherri Dunn
Robert Thompson	Sarah Thompson
Dell Pickett	Rhonda Pickett

November Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 19, 2022

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

Election of officers and new directors for 2023

Program: TBD



2022 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm

No cost to members

See website for details

Do You Shop on Amazon?

The next time you purchase that hard to find drill bit or supply please check out Amazon Smile. If you select the Alabama Woodworkers Guild as your charity Amazon donates 1/2 percent of your total purchase. Doesn't sound like much but every little bit helps. A link to Amazon Smile can be found on our website's home page.





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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