



# The Alabama Woodwork-

# Guild News

April 2023



## 2023 Guild Officers and Directors

**President:** Jay Bagwell

**Past President:** Terrence James

**Vice President:** Rick Ford

**Treasurer:** Alden Snow

**Asst. Treasurer:** Steve Simcik

**Secretary:** TBD

### Board of Directors

Rick Wilson                  Patrick Murphy

Mike Key                      Julie Erwin

Bob Free                      Tom Hession

Linda Simcik                Ken Blackwood

Mike Casey                 Tuck Kornegay

## President's Message Jay Bagwell

As your President, I am reminded everyday of all the little (and BIG) things our volunteers do behind the scenes to keep the shop running smoothly. Whether it's working overtime to fix equipment failures, keeping our website updated, administrative duties that are essential, or cutting the grass, there is literally not a day that passes without something being done to better the Guild for you, its members. To all who work tirelessly behind the scenes, a huge thank you!

I am proud to announce that the Board of Directors recently approved making the CNC/Laser Group an "official" Special Interest Group at the Guild. CNC/Laser woodworking has become quite popular, and we have several members already who use them frequently. No CNC experience is required to be involved in the group, and they will be meeting monthly just prior to our AWG general meetings every 3rd Saturday of the month. For additional information please contact Henry Raymond, or Van Phillips.

Last month, I mentioned that the AWG is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. We have some incredible limited edition merchandise (T-shirts and tumblers) that were designed and produced by our own members! They look wonderful, and I would like to thank Linda Simcik and Henry Raymond for making this happen! We are planning for a catered luncheon this fall after our September general meeting, as well as an "open house" for members of the community and potential members. More details to come on this very soon.

Finally, please consider donating your unwanted tools and equipment to the auction we have planned this month. It's a win/win for the Guild and our members to clean out your shop, allow new members to find tools at a great price, and a portion goes to keep the AWG running!

See everyone on Saturday!

**"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

# Announcing AWG

## Annual Silent Auction

**Spring Cleaning your shop?** Before you get rid of unwanted “stuff”, bring it to the auction.

**Setting up your shop on a budget?** Check out the auction. You can get some great deals.

**When: Saturday April 15, 2023**

**Where: WEC**

**Bidding begins at 9:00am**

**Pay with: Cash, Check, Credit Card**

### New Members

Chip Brown	Phillip Ogle	Aaron Allen
Stacey Brown	Melissa Ogle	Windy Allen
Marc Anthony	Corey Pinkney	Jim Beckner
Kaysie Anthony	Cameron McLain	Nannette Beckner
Howard Hendrix	Brandon Mallette	

## The Comfort Bucket



There's a bucket sitting on the Kitchen Island at each of our meetings. Its concept dates back to the days when the Guild met at the Homewood Senior Center. That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet. Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!

## Coming Soon!

You may have noticed on page one that this is the 40th year that the AWG has been in existence. To commemorate this milestone some limited edition merchandise will be available. T-shirts, hats, mugs are some of the items you can order.. Since these are limited edition, the Guild will be taking orders. So, be on the look-out for ordering information on the website and on the t-shirt case in the WEC kitchen.

We will also be looking for help from all of you to plan this year's activities. After all, the Guild is here for the members and we want your input. If you are interested in helping send an e-mail to [info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org), contact any board member.

# ONCE UPON A TIME

STEVE STUTTS

**O**nce upon a time, a long, long time ago I made two game boards in our WEC. I asked the wood guild in the next county (WAWA) to make a third. Then the Alabama Woodworkers Guild Scroll Saw Group made three sets of chess men and it all eventually went to my sister Dr Rose Marie Stutts, founder of Freedom Chess Academy. Everyone who worked on the project signed the boards on the back. I took the boards to an Atlanta woodworking show and Mr. Steve Good was there. Steve is well known scroll artist and runs his blog [Scrollsaw Workshop.com](http://ScrollsawWorkshop.com) We met for him to sign the boards. We all signed around the Official AWG electric Branding Iron with a large label for AWG and WAWA on the boards. The chess men had no special marks. Yes, I took the board made by WAWA to Tuscaloosa and their participating members signed that board too. I told Dr. Stutts that I wanted for her to use the sets in Formal Chess Tournaments. Crown the winner with a photo in front of our sets for the news media. I wanted her to sell or auction the sets at the end of the tournament to finance the 501c3 for her club or general fund.



## Shop Usage Report

### This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	278
Members Participating	46.13%
Members Not Participating	52.88%

### Total Usage Comparison

Wed, Mar 1, 2023 - Fri, Mar 31, 2023

Hours	1428
Visits	448
Individuals	131

### Usage Comparison by Program

Wed, Mar 1, 2023 - Fri, Mar 31, 2023

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	267	110	67
Luthier Group	222	66	35
Hand Tool Group	115	43	35
Wood Art Group	67	22	19
Toy Group	190	44	33
Class	159	42	39

# 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.

**Box Class with Bill Newman and Gary Crosson –class is full**

Saturday, May 6th, 2023, 9:00am-5:00pm

Instructor - Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Cost \$45.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

This is a “build it” class. You will build a 8 x 5 x 3.25 box.

**Pen Turning Class with Cliff Daniels**

Saturday, June 24th, 2023, 9:00am-1:00pm

Instructor - Cliff Daniels

Cost \$70.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

**Cutting Board Class with Eddie Heerten**

Saturday, July 15th, 2023, starting after the General Membership meeting; Sunday, July 6th 1:00pm,

Sunday, July 23rd, 1:00pm

Instructor - Eddie Heerten

Cost \$50.00 PLUS Material cost.

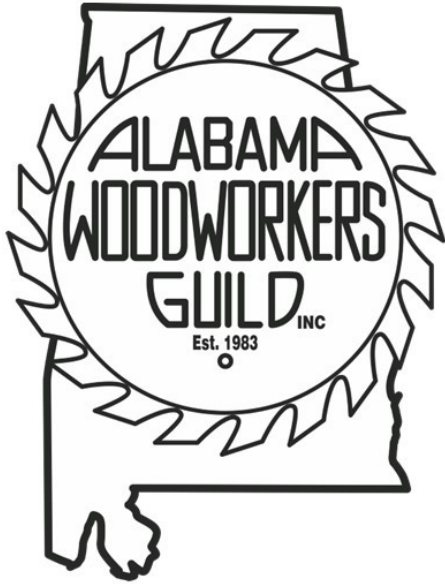
Class size is limited to 6 participants.

**Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class**

August 26th, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

Cost \$100.00



# Save the date!

## **ANNUAL ART SHOW**

**October 14 - October 20 2023**

**Hoover Library - Lower Level**

Start planning your entry ***NOW!***

It will be here sooner than you think.

The show is open to all members—no matter your skill level!

Enter EVERY year to show how your skills have improved!

More details to come...

## Annual AWG Woodworking Show

For those that are new to the Guild, here is some basic information you need to know:

**WHO:** For all guild members

All skill levels (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced)

**WHAT:** A woodworking project that hasn't been entered in the show regardless of date of completion

Any woodworking project completed in a class either at the guild or outside the guild

**WHERE:** Hoover Public Library

**WHEN:** October 14 – October 20, 2023

**WHY:** To show the public that woodworking is alive and well

To inspire current members to continue woodworking and learn new skills

Get critiques from the judges to improve your skills

**HOW:** 1. Make something to enter in the show

2. In October, print and complete application that will be on the website

3. Bring entry and application to the Hoover Library on October 14







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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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