

# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

## *Guild News*

October 2021

**October General Meeting: Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**October Program**

**Networking and Wood Sale 9am—10am**

**Meeting Program: Rick Ford**

**Meeting 10am—1100am**

**Musical instrument Construction**

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### President's Message

It's finally here! The annual show is underway with many exhibits for your viewing pleasure. Thanks to all who brought projects to the library to share with the public. Sure wish more of you had entered a project but for those who did, your work is amazing! Be sure to come to the reception Thursday evening at the Hoover Library and see the projects for yourselves and enjoy some good snack food and fellowship.

Next year we need to double the number of entries so keep working.

We're working on planning for the holiday gathering in December. If you would like to help, let me know. We need someone to coordinate the overall event.

Hope to see you soon at the WEC!

Stay safe,

Van Phillips

### Guild Officers and Directors

**President:** Van Phillips

**Vice President:** Terrance James

**Treasurer:** Bob Watkins

**Secretary:** Laura Hession

### Board of Directors

David Erikson      Sandra McMillan

Matt Sullivan      Bob Baumgartner

Randy Hjetland      Linda Simcik

Jay Bagwell      Rick Wilson

**"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



**INGENUITY**

For the MacGuyver in all of us.



## Welcome New Members

George Boohaker

John Cruikshank

Amy Heerten

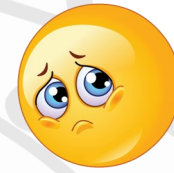
Michael Rowell

If you see any new members at the WEC, please stop to make them welcome.



## Sketch-Up Class

No Sketch-up class this month



## Shop Usage Report

Job	Hrs(h:m)
8 - Personal Project	141:07
3 - Class	235:48
6 - Luthier Group	145:13
0 - Guild Membership Meeting	125:15
5 - Hand Tool Group	102:56
7 - Wood Art Group	25:47
1 - Supervisor	86:46
4 - Toy Group	164:39
14 - Maintenance - Administration	05:06
9 - Special Events	06:58
13 - Maintenance - Landscape	02:25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1042:00</b>

## Annual Membership Dues

Annual \$100 dues payments for 2022 are now being accepted. Your dues 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 recognized Master Woodworkers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers

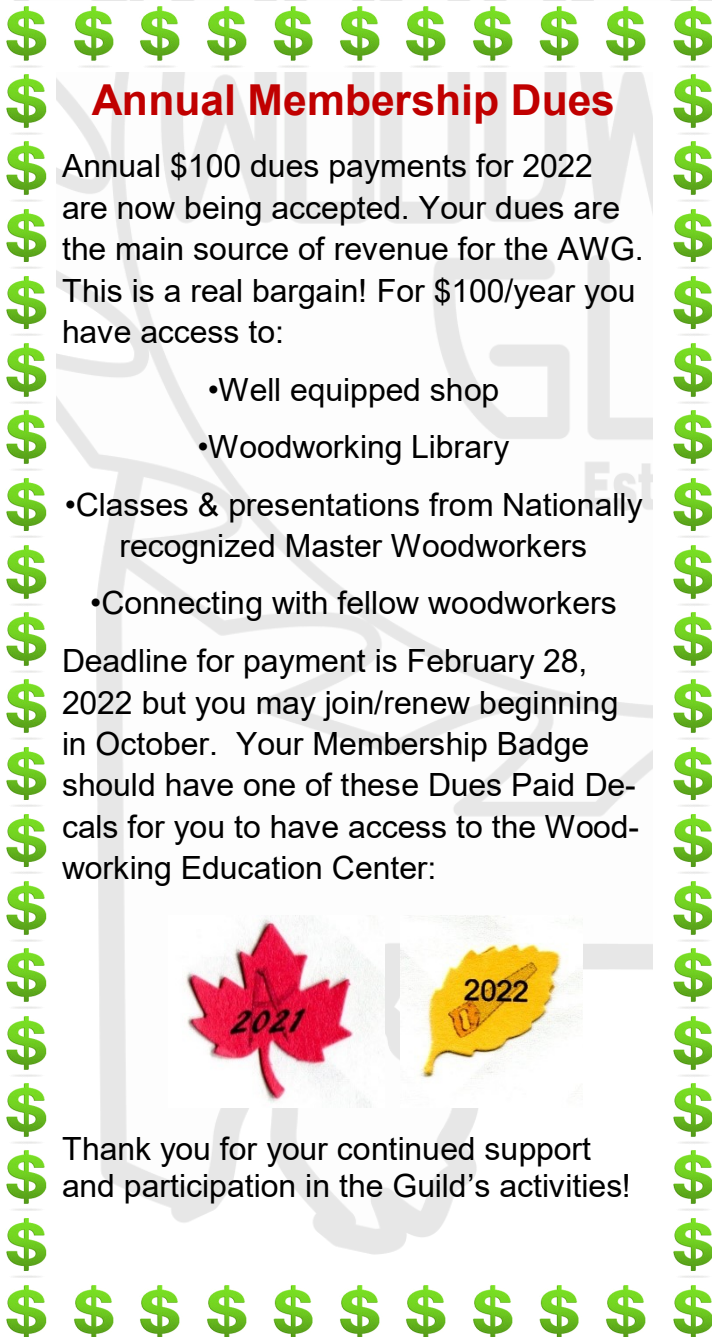
Deadline for payment is February 28, 2022 but you may join/renew beginning in October. Your Membership Badge should have one of these Dues Paid Decals for you to have access to the Woodworking Education Center:



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

## Show & Tell

Have you completed a project you're especially proud of? Have you learned a new skill? If so, bring it to a monthly meeting for show & tell. We would love to see your creations and get some inspiration from fellow woodworkers. You don't have to do anything special, just bring your creation to the meeting.





# Christmas Party

## *You Are Invited*

**When:** Thursday, December 9, 2021

**Where:** Riverchase Room

Riverchase United Methodist Church

The Riverchase Room

**Time:** 6:00pm—9:00pm Dinner will be served at  
6:30pm

Meat and beverages will be provided by the Guild. We ask that each member bring a side dish or desert to share.

We will also have a gift exchange. Everyone that brings a gift will receive a gift. Something related to wood-working, preferably one of your own pieces of art such as a bowl, pen, ornament, or box. If you can't craft an item, consider a gift certificate, or wood working tool, any related item is welcomed.



## Election Day

Everyone is thinking about preparing for the upcoming holidays. However, it is also that time of year when we select new leadership of the next year. Below you will find a slate of nominees for 2022. The election will be held at November's meeting.

2022 Slate of Officers and Directors (terms end 12/2022)

President – Terrence James  
VP – Jay Bagwell  
Secretary – Laura Hession  
Treasurer – Bob Watkins  
Past President - Van Phillips

Members at Large:

Mike Kelly 1/2022 – 12/2022  
Mike Casey 1/2022 – 12/2024  
Rick Ford 1/2022 – 12/2024  
Bob Free 1/2022 – 12/2024  
Alden Snow 1/2022 – 12/2024

Your 2021 nominating committee: Gregg Oliver, chairman  
Sandra McMillan  
Cliff Daniels

## Eight Woodworking Tips to Boost Your Efficiency

taken from an online blog by Ron Smith

### Tip # 7 Keep a Well Lit Shop

Pay special attention to lighting. You should have consistent and ample illumination on all work areas so you can work from any angle without casting shadows. This ensures safety and productivity.

#### Consider:

Overhead lighting

Focused Lighting

On-tool lights



## A Sincere Thank You

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild has been very fortunate this year to have received a number of donations which have allowed us to have several silent auctions at monthly meetings. I want each of the donors to know that we very much appreciate their generosity and that the donated items will continue to serve the general woodworking community for years to come. But let me specifically thank the following:

Steve Jordan, of Calera, stopped by the shop and spoke with Mike Betke about donating his late father's woodworking tools. Those tools, however, were in Huntsville. Mike took it on himself to go to Huntsville and pick them up and bring them to the shop. Many thanks to Mr. Jordan for thinking of us with this generous donation.

Patricia Large contacted me last fall regarding the donation of tools from her late husband, LeRoy's shop. As she prepared to move, we arranged a good time to come pick them up. Van Phillips and I brought two truckloads of very nice equipment to the Guild. When the Larges lived in California, LeRoy was a member of a local Guild there. When they moved to Chelsea, he donated many of his tools to that Guild and bought new tools here. But he let it be known that he also wanted to donate those at the proper time. Patricia has honored that wish and I want to assure her that we will honor LeRoy's memory for year by keeping his tool in active use making beautiful things and learning new skills. Thank you, Patricia!

Lynn Cunningham of Childersburg contacted me a while back about selling a table saw. I helped her find a new home for it. But she contacted me more recently about donating a few Water Oak slabs that her late husband, Bill, had milled from a tree in their yard. We were in the process of building two new workbenches at the Guild so the timing was right. Frank Higgins helped me bring a trailer load of slabs to the Guild. I want to thank Lynn for her generous donation. As a side note, both Lynn and Bill are retired from the Air Force. Both achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel! We owe them a debt of gratitude both the donation we received as well as their service to our country. We will honor Bill every time those benches get used.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to remember Jay Carrigee. Jay was not only an active member, but he was our past Treasurer. It was his wish that his entire shop contents be donated to the Guild. His wife, Carrie, made sure that happened. It took a large crew and many truckloads to bring those to the WEC! There were many nice tools and specialty jigs and carts in that mix. I cannot adequately express how much we will miss Jay as a fellow woodworker and active member. I hope anyone who ends up with one of his tools can honor his memory with their own commitment to the woodworking community. We miss you, Jay!

We had so many donations in a short period of time that we did not have room to set up a sale and keep the shop open! So, we spread the sale over two months' meetings. 100% of the sale proceeds will go into the Guild general fund and will go a long way toward supporting our education mission as well as keeping this WEC shop running.



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When you select the AWG, a small percentage of your purchase is donated back to the Guild. Every little bit helps.



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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 for those who can attend and also virtually via Zoom on 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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