



# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

## *Guild News*

November 2021

**October General Meeting: Saturday, November 20, 2021**

**Sketchup Class: 8am-9am \* Networking, Show & Tell, Wood Sale: 9am—10am**

**\* Meeting: 10am—11am - See page # 4 for meeting details**

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### 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

### President's Message

The annual show was a great success! Over 80 exhibits, all of exceptional quality from beginner skill level to master skill level. I hope you got a chance to see it. I was impressed with the judging. Two judges spent over 6 hours reviewing each item and making notes to provide feedback. I found the feedback to be helpful and plan to use it to improve my projects in the future.

The year is drawing to an end and I still have Christmas presents to make! On top of that I've started thinking about the "Challenge" that the Hand Tool Group has thrown out to make a tool attaché case. Check out our web site under the Hand Tool Group Blog for the rules and an example of one that was in "Fine Woodworking". <https://wp.awwg.info/category/handtoolgroup/>

The wood art group is coming up with a challenge as well. This one is a 2 person challenge where one person makes a box and the other does the traditional embellishments (inlay, banding, stringing, etc.)

Get in on the fun and challenge and let's learn from each other.

Jay Bagwell is still looking for what you want to see in classes for next year. If you have a suggestion for a class you think a number of members would be interested in taking, let Jay know. Also, if there is a class you would like to teach and share your knowledge, let him know that as well.

Don't forget to renew your membership!! Invite someone to join and let's grow our membership this year. Think of ways we could reach more folks that might be interested in learning woodworking and/or sharing their knowledge with the rest of us.

We're still planning for the holiday banquet in December. It will be on Thursday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Riverchase United Methodist Church. The main dish will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Also, if you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring a gift/get a gift.

Hope to see you soon at the WEC!

Stay safe,  
Van Phillips



# Welcome New Members

Helen Cruikshank  
Kathy Fell  
Holden Simoneaux

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



# 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:



# Sketch-Up Class

## Sketch-up is back!

The SketchUp workshop at the WEC on 11/20 at 8:00 am. We will continue to create a simple but stylish box in SketchUp. Those who wish to attend should bring their laptop and a mouse.

# Shop Usage Report

Activities	Number of Hours	
3 - Class	235.800	
0 - Guild Membership Meeting	125.250	
5 - Hand Tool Group	102.933	
6 - Luthier Group	145.217	
14 - Maintenance - Admin	5.100	
13 - Maintenance	2.417	
8 - Personal Project	141.117	
9 - Special Events	6.967	
1 - Supervisor	86.767	
4 - Toy Group	164.650	
7 - Wood Art Group	25.783	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>1042.001</b>

# 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.



## November Meeting Agenda

We have a lot going on at this month's meeting.

Starting off with Jeff Branch and the **SketchUp class** beginning at 8am. You will continue to create a simple but stylish box in SketchUp. Those who wish to attend should bring their laptop and a mouse.

Next is the **Mentoring/networking hour** from 9am-10am. **During this time we will recognize the red and white ribbon winners. If you have won a red or white ribbon, please bring your winning entry to "show and tell"**. Blue ribbon winners will be recognized at the January meeting.

At 10am the **general meeting** begins. There will election of officers and directors for 2022. The slate of nominees is listed below. The program is Creative and Unique gifts from your shop.

**Note:** Instead of a Saturday meeting in December, there will be a Christmas Party on December 9th. Details on page 3

## Election Day

**Don't forget, we are electing new officers and directors at the November 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 # 8 Keep your blades sharp

Dull tools such as chisels, blades, planes, scrapers and gouges don't cut cleanly. They tear at the wood fibers resulting in a fuzzy, uneven, unprofessional look.

Tools that have been chipped or nicked require grinding. A bench grinder, wet grinder, even a belt sander can be used.

Avoid letting your tool get too hot when using a bench grinder or belt sander to prevent it from losing temper. Dipping in a pan of cool every few seconds will help.

After grinding, proceed to honing using either a flat wet stone or oil stone. A wet stone is preferred when doing fine woodworking.

The final step is polishing using a fine wet stone, a stropping wheel or leather.

Tools with sharper blades make woodworking easier, more efficient and safer.

Achieving efficiency in your shop won't just improve your productivity and help you work faster and easier, it'll also make you feel accomplished and more satisfied.

**Editor's note:** I hope you have enjoyed this series of articles and have found some useful tips. If anyone has any ideas for articles or want to contribute one of your own please send an email to: [news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

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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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