

GUILD NEWS

Alabama

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President's Message

Fall is here and the long awaited football season and the **WEC is open!** Check the calendar on the web site to see who is supervising.

We had a good auction this past month and another one coming up this month thanks to a generous donation of tools from Kathy Shivers from her late husband Bill who was a long time member of the guild and always said he wanted all his tools donated to the guild.

The virtual annual show starts October 12 so look for an e-mail with a link to the You Tube channel. Look at the entries and vote your "people's choice". The winner will be announced at the monthly "virtual "meeting on the 17th.

Speaking of the virtual meeting, I encourage you to log into Zoom to keep up with what's happening at the Guild. I miss seeing everyone and hope we get back to "in person" meetings soon. Until then, take care and make sawdust.

-Van Phillips

Show & Tell

We know everyone has missed the show & tell portion of our general membership meetings. Well in this time of social distancing we have decided to bring back Show & Tell. Yes *really!* We are ***Virtually*** bringing back Show & Tell!

If you have an item you would like to highlight, contact Henry Raymond. He will meet you at the WEC and video your presentation. He asks that when your item is shown, you be present at the meeting (on zoom of course) to answer any questions.

October General Membership Meeting via ZOOM is Saturday, October 17th @ 10am. Check your email for your invitation and instructions to join this online meeting.

"A man who works with his hands is a laborer; A man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."~Louis Nizer (1902–1994)

Seeing 2020

It goes without saying that 2020 has been a challenge in far more ways than most people could even have imagined. Looking forward to 2021, I am optimistic that the Alabama Woodworkers Guild will still be here and providing our members with opportunities to expand their own skills as well as sharing their expertise with others.

But we also must acknowledge that 2020 has limited the number of income streams we have: classes, tool sales, and membership dues from a shrinking member base. Therefore, we must be realistic when setting the budget for 2021 since we cannot be sure that operations will continue to be somewhat restricted for months to come. I am asking our membership for your help as well as sharing any ideas you may have. Please consider the following areas:

- ◆ Membership dues provide about 60% of our annual income. Due to the early closure of our shop, our membership roles have dropped. We have no plans to change our dues structure, so it is critically important that we have a handle on how many renewals we have for 2021. It is human nature to put off that renewal for next year (I certainly have done that). But if we could get a significant majority of members to renew before the end of the year, we would have a far better idea how to plan another challenging year. You can do so right now, and it costs you nothing to do so early although it helps the Guild when you do.
- ◆ Help us save money. There are a hundred ways you can do so like taking care of our equipment, making sure guides are aligned, or sanding belts are cleaned, or expendable supplies are replenished. If you take advantage of our supplies (like glue) being available, that is fine. But consider donating replacements next time you visit.
- ◆ Spread the word. We found we lost a few members when our shop was closed. But when asked, most of those former members were not aware that we had re-opened. Some of them re-joined. Help us not only encourage people to stay, but also spread the word that we are here. I have personally made it a point to talk up the Guild when the opportunity presents itself. This has resulted in several new members. If every member were to bring in one new member a year, our financial position would be far more solid.
- ◆ Get involved. It's easy to think of the Guild as a service you paid for. It is. But if you believe in our mission of spreading the knowledge of woodworking to the next generation, step up and help. You probably have unique skills that you could share in a mentor session. Even if you are brand new to woodworking, participate in classes or join one of our special interest groups. The more involved you are, the more value you get for your membership.
- ◆ Visit us online. Our website is getting better every day. And since the COVID lockdown, our YouTube channel has exploded. There are more and more resources being presented in an online format. We have elected to not hold in person monthly meetings until COVID resolves, but those meetings are available via Zoom. Even after operations resume normally, we plan to keep making the Zoom option available. Our technology committee has been working overtime to expand our online presence. If you have ideas for other ways to do so, please share.

Our Guild is strong. We are truly fortunate to have a large base of active members who step up and pitch in any time they are needed. But any group operating in today's reality must take any steps we can to help eliminate as many uncertainties as we can. Please renew now! Please get involved and spread the word!

Terrance James



"Making Sawdust with a purpose"

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Education Committee



We are gearing up for 2021 Master Classes and workshops.

Tool Chest Master Class with Mike Pekovich. March 6 & 7, 2021. Those that signed up and paid for the March 2020 cancelled class will have their payment credited to the 2021 class.



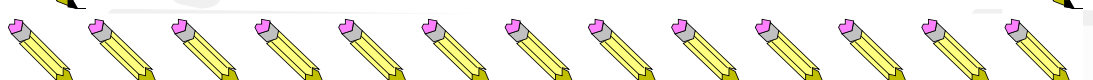
Alan Noel Wood Finishing Master Class. May 18 & 2, 2020



Janita Baker Inlay Wire, Alabaster & Mother of Pearl Master Class. July 17 & 18, 2021



-Terri Hjetland



2021 Class Schedule

Below is the schedule of offered classes for 2021. If you are interested in any of these classes, check the website under the "Classes" heading. There you will find a description of the classes, and you can also register and pay here.

- **January 16, 17,18:** Cutting Board Workshop w/ Eddie Heerten
- **February 6 :** Wood Flower Workshop w/ Angie Burbank
- **February 13 & 14:** Beginning Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels
- **February 27 & 28:** Intermediate Woodturning w/ Cliff Daniels
- **March 6 & 7:** Tool Chest Master Class w/ Mike Pekovich
- **March 27 & 28:** Carbide Tool Woodturning w/ Angie Burbank
- **April 10,11,24,25:** Woodworking Fundamentals w/ Ray Ziegler
- **May 1 & 2:** Finishing Master Class w/ Alan Noel
- **May 8 & 9:** How to Wire Your Shop w/ Terry James & Bill Newman
- **May 29 & 30:** Bandsaw Box Workshop w/ Bill Newman
- **July 17 & 18:** Inlay Master Class w/ Janita Baker
- **August-December:** Cabinet Building for Habitat for Humanity



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Toy Group

Because of a combination of Covid-19 & the repair of the toy closet roof & ceiling Toy Group will not be meeting again until January 5, 2020.

We have been able to distribute the toys we had in storage to Birmingham, Atlanta & Nashville Childrens' hospitals. So the shelves are empty and the wood rack is full! It will be a good start for Toy Group next year.

Special Announcements

“Christmas Gift” from your AWG ...

We usually don't have master classes in December, but this year “bonus” master class that is FREE to all members. This online ZOOM class will be taught by Cindy Drozda.

Cindy is an internationally known wood turner. The topic is “Fabulous Finials”. Cindy will show us how she turns her very slim finials without breaking. It is free to all guild members. The zoom presentation is December 19 at noon. Save the date. You won't want to miss this.



The details on how to register in November's news letter.



Boxes needed! Toy Group will be starting up in full force in January. We need your help. We use copy paper boxes (10 ream size) to pack toys for distribution, and are low on boxes.

If you happen to have access to these boxes (from work, copy shop, etc) please drop them off at the WEC at your convenience. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Special announcements continued

Annual Art Show

Don't forget, the annual art runs October 12th—16th. This is a virtual show as the Hoover Library is not hosting any public events. Also the show will not be judged this year. However, you will be able to vote for you favorite piece for the best of show award. Voting ends on 10/16 and the winner will be announced during the October membership meeting.

The show can be viewed on our youtube channel that can be accessed through the guild website.

Bill Shivers Shop Auction

Bill was a long time and well known member. He passed away earlier this year. His family has graciously donated the contents of his shop to the AWG for auction, with the proceeds going to the guild.

The virtual auction can be accessed through our website

<https://wp.awwg.info/>

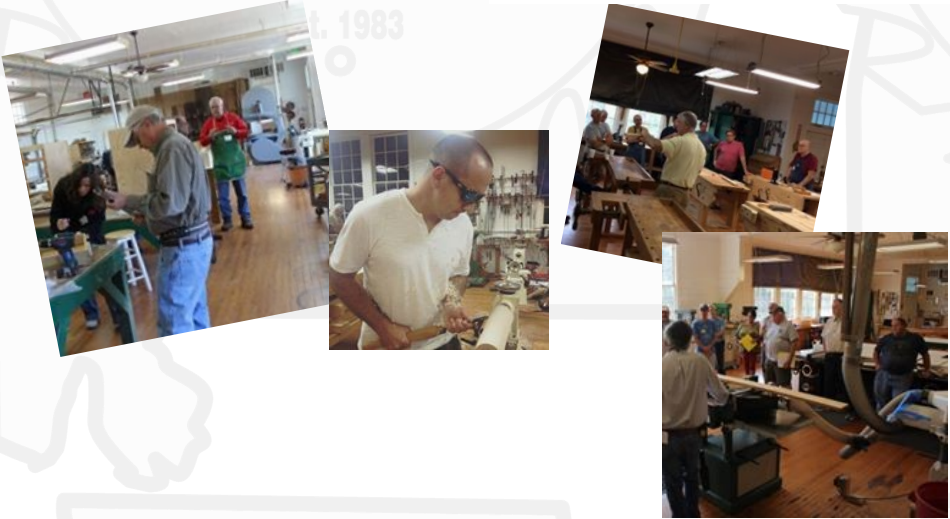
Christmas Party

Because of the social distancing and health department guidelines, we are sad to say that we will not have a Christmas Party this year.

The leadership is hoping to host a celebration for all members after the restrictions have been lifted



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About Us

Since 1983

We are an organization of woodcrafters with skills ranging from beginner to master craftsmen.

We meet at our Woodworking Education Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month 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.



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

The Annual Show

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. Members enter projects they have worked on all year and make



Alabama Woodworkers Guild

10544 Highway 17

Maylene, AL 35114

Easy to find and plenty of free parking.

From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance.



ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

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Membership

Come check us out and become a Guild Member,

Only \$100 a year!

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild offers:

- Monthly meetings
- A fully equipped woodworking shop
- Mentoring for new techniques
- Teaching new and old techniques and use of tools
- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

Join

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

(Cell) _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____

Please mail this form and a check for \$100 to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

or go to <http://wp.awwg.info/join/>