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Next Meeting July 19th, 2007

Pre-Meeting at 5:30
Meeting 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

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President's Message

One of the most successful segments of our Guild is the Friday PM Group. Thanks to **Buddy Finch** and all the rest of the group for their pre-meeting demo on our toys projects. Thanks also to **Fred Sandlin, A. R. Bray, Cliff Daniels** and **Mel Brown** for showing us their favorite jigs at the June meeting. I didn't know **A. R.** was such a comedian!

I want to welcome all of our new members including the six who joined in the past month!! (see list page 2)

At our last meeting it was great to announce that we had reached an agreement with Habitat to use the Maylene School Building. That was before we met with the Officials of Alabaster and found they wanted us to have a sprinkler system in the building, which is cost prohibitive.

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Pre-Meeting Presentation with Ed Snow

There's a new sharpening system on the market that you have just got to see. They're showing it at ALL the woodworking shows and it's drawing a crowd! The Jool Tool is cool...no really it IS cool, it doesn't heat up the metal. **Ed Snow** (woodcarver, Woodcraft employee, pastor, and our program speaker from March of 2006) is going to put the Jool Tool through its paces at our July meeting. You'll be talking about ninjas all week. Be sure and thank Ed for visiting us again.



Tuning up Your Tools, July 19th

So you bought all the latest and greatest tools and your brand new Laguna band saw still doesn't resaw as well as your buddy's 40 year old Craftsman, your table saw blade burns and your cutoff saw doesn't give you a square cut. Maybe it isn't the tools but the set up. Don't give up on the tools...or worse yet, the woodworking.

Get help from a pro. **John Lawson** is going to tell us how to tune up those tools and get the best performance out of them. You'll want to be there for this one!

Shop Visit: We're going to WoodCraft!!!

It's the annual demo day at Woodcraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham on Saturday, July 21st. Come on out and join in the fun. Set up for participants is 10 AM. There'll be hot dogs for lunch and clinics by the Freud tool representatives, as well as our demos.

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Your overwhelming response to the Maylene School was particularly rewarding and I know that in due time we will be successful. In the meantime we are back to looking for a place to establish our shop until we are able to erect the building **Harold Hall's** grandson has donated to us. We need your help in finding that temporary building as well as a building site.

If you are an architect or if you have knowledge of the fire and other codes related to operating a woodworking shop as an educational environment, we could sure use some help to guide us as we develop our facility. Please contact me if you can assist us.

Please plan to participate in our annual demonstration at Woodcraft Saturday, July 21st. It's always fun and again, Woodcraft will cook hot dogs for lunch plus Tom is offering a 10% discount to Guild members on their purchases. As an added bonus this year, Freud will have their display trailer on site for all to see plus they will conduct clinics on saw blades – maybe others. Tom has asked that we plan to start setting up about 10:00 AM. Please make your plans to be there to demonstrate or to support those who do.

Also, make your plans to participate in our demonstration at Vestavia's "I Love America" celebration on August 25th at Liberty Park. If you want to demonstrate please call me for more information. My number and those of the other officers are, as always, on the front of the Guild News

Have you marked your calendar for November 16th and 17th when Kelly Mehler will be here?? Have you been making any toys? **Buddy Finch** and gang (see article page 4) are working really hard but we should each be doing our part by contributing to the efforts. And last, but not least, are you working on your pieces for the show in October – you should be.

The nominating committee for our Officers and Board members for next year has been named – **Jim Caldwell, Glenn Phillips** and **Troy Stroud**. Make your desires known to them.

Remember, bring a friend who is interested in woodworking to our meetings and get him to join the Guild.

Take time to work safely,

Bill

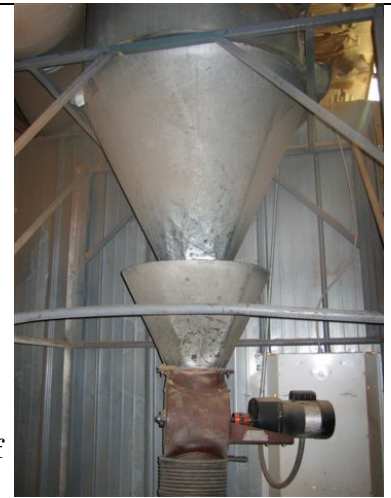
Michael Tomlin's Shop Visit

We got two visits for the cost of one (which is quite a deal because the first one was free anyway!).

We visited **Michael's** place of business in downtown Cullman and then drove caravan style over to the school house where he has lumber stored. Those of you who missed it, missed a terrific opportunity. I hear that there were some very good deals made on some great wood as well! Several Guild members were seen driving trucks full of wood back down I-65 to Birmingham.

Michael has a business where he makes many architectural gems but mostly big elaborate doors. He has some huge equipment you won't see just anywhere. Both buildings were full to the brim with interesting stuff to see.

The Guild Photographer, **Monta King**, was particularly impressed by the largest dust collection system he had ever seen anywhere (pictured above).



Looking to Buy

A friend of **Harold Phillips** is looking to buy a used 14" or larger bandsaw. Needs to be able to resaw up to 12" boards. Contact Jim Bilbro, 4017 Panorama Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801 (256) 534-6245

Welcome New Members:

Jim Burt, Tuscaloosa
Kevin Melancon, Indian Springs
Gregory S. Gauger, Hoover
Paul Gooden, Helena
Dewey Pruviss, Birmingham
Grady Smith, Cullman

Stuff New Members Should Know About the Guild

For our new members, twenty-three since March, it seems proper that we should recap our activities and opportunities for members.

Our Guild's purposes are to expand the skills of our members in the art and craft of fine woodworking, use our skills to serve our community and to enjoy the fellowship of others who have similar interests.

Our monthly meeting is on the third Thursday of each month at the Homewood Senior Center. Most months there is an informal gathering at 5:30 where someone demonstrates a particular skill as we enjoy coffee and conversation. At 6:30 we have a business meeting followed by an educational program. At each of these meetings we have "Show and Tell" to share our projects with other members.

On each Friday, about noon, there is a gathering at the local Woodcraft Store Shop. Bring a sack lunch, talk woodworking, make some toys or enjoy an instructional session.

Our community service effort is expanding! In the last two years we made and donated over eight thousand wooden toys to children in need in our community. We have built dining tables, beds and are currently building desks for the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch. The Friday PM group is building game boards for Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind; we built kitchen cabinets for Habitat last year and plan to do the same again this fall. We need your help!

We have a scholarship program, to reimburse one half the tuition (up to \$200) when one of our

members attends a recognized woodworking school. Our library has over five hundred books, videos and magazines available for checkout before and after our monthly meetings. The library is located in the game room at the Senior Center.

Watch your newsletter for our fall in-house classes and for our fall seminar – Kelly Mehler will be here November 16th and 17th. Agreements are being made for seminars to be offered in 2008. Earlier this year fifteen of our Guild members attended when we were invited to a seminar presented by the Greenville South Carolina Woodworkers Guild featuring Sam Maloof.

October 20th is the start of our annual juried show at the Hoover Library! In the past we have had about one hundred items entered in the show. The show lasts for one week and exhibits items from beginning to masters in a broad range of categories. Get your projects ready and plan to win a ribbon!!

About six times a year, mostly during the summer on Saturday mornings, one of our members will open his or her shop for visitation. It is very helpful to see how others have their shops set up and to discuss the pros and cons.

Space does not allow me to tell you about our campaign to build our own Woodworking Center with a shop and meeting facilities or about our Patron's Program... we're excited about both! We currently have a limited use shop facility. Join our fund raising campaign currently under way by making a pledge to the building program.

We conclude our year with a great Christmas party. Again, we invite you to join and be part of our group.

Ask any of your Guild officers or board members about these opportunities!

Who is Kelly Mehler?

Kelly Mehler lectures throughout the United States for woodworking guilds and as part of The Woodworking Shows. He is the author of [*The Tablesaw Book*](#) (1992/2002, Taunton Press). Kelly is featured in two *Fine Woodworking* videos, [*Build a Shaker Table With Kelly Mehler*](#), and [*Mastering Your Tablesaw*](#). Kelly has contributed numerous articles to *Fine Woodworking* magazine, and has been published in *Wood* magazine (Better Homes and Gardens), *American Woodworker*, *Popular Woodworking*, *Woodworker's Journal*, *Custom Woodworking Business* magazine, and in the *Time / Life* woodworking book series.

Kelly's experience as an instructor and his extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques make his teaching useful to participants at all levels of woodworking expertise. See for yourself. He is visiting us in November!!!

Keep Your Tools Sharp!

Fred Sandlin, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at (205) 663-7524 to coordinate pick-up & delivery.

Fridays at Woodcraft Gang, Over the Hill Club, Buddy's Bunch



**BUDDY FINCH, TOY
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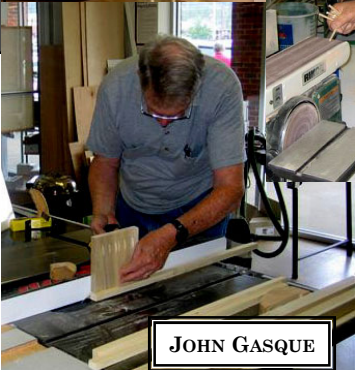


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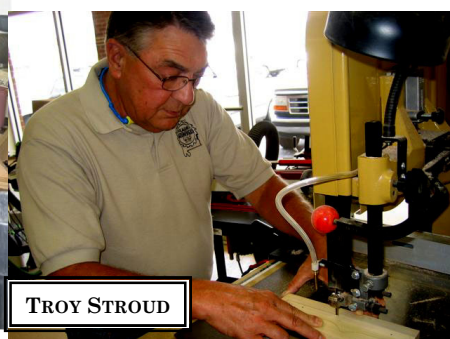
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Most of you know **Buddy Finch**, the driving force behind our Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program. **Buddy** is passionate about making toys for children. Just ask him. He'll wind up clock-like and tell you all about it!

Recently we found out that not only is **Buddy** coordinating the efforts for the Fridays at Woodcraft group but he is even assigning homework!

Major wood contributors for the program are **Michael Tomlin** and **Glen Phillips** (Dixie Pacific). **Lee Beadles** stores the wood and brings it in each week. The Friday group mills the wood and sends it home with **Paul Owens**. **Paul** draws off the patterns (whatever fits the best and makes the best use of the wood) and brings it back.

Paul LeSueur drills holes for wheels and such while **Troy Stroud** band saws the cut-outs. **Lee Beadles** takes the cut outs home and rounds over the edges on his router. Next week the group installs wheels (**Bill Snipes, John Gasque, Lee Michaels, Jack Grove, Buzz Kelly** and others) while **Buddy Finch** and **Barron Bartlett** lay out plans for the next week.

The group is averaging making about 50 cars a week. They have also been working on the game boards for the Helen Keller School and several other toys. These guys could teach Henry Ford a thing or two about assembly lines!

Guild Patrons

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Join the Over the Hill Gang Fridays, 11:30 at Woodcraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham. We'll eat lunch and tell some lies. Then we will make some sawdust!! It's a good time and place to get to know your fellow Guild members.

Currently we are building several different toys for the Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program as well as some game boards for the Institute for the Deaf and Blind. Come and join in on all the fun!!!

Meeting Directions:

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road **Homewood, AL**

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

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