

May meeting in Homewood

Guild News



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Woodworking Tool Sale in Maylene at the WEC

This one is open to the public. We've already started advertising. Maybe someone out there doesn't already own all those tools you bought before you traded up! Bring your stuff, price it and sell it. You do the bargaining and collect the proceeds. (10% contribution to the Guild requested)

We have several loads of items which were contributed to the Guild as well as remaining Fred Baker Estate items to sell already. (Baker items have been marked down for clearance.)

The sale starts at 8:00 AM but plan on being early to get set up before the crowds arrive. (page 4)

President's Message

There's so much going on in the Guild right now that you need a road map just to keep up. In fact, we put a calendar on page 3 to help you do just that.

By the time you get this note, the ribbon cutting on May 2nd and public open house on May 3rd will likely be history. We're hoping you get it in time to remind you of the tool sale in Maylene at the WEC on May 10th. The Tool Sale is open to the public. Be sure and tell your family and friends.

Right behind the tool sale is our May meeting and the Glen Huey seminar. Thursday evening May 15th we'll meet at the Homewood Senior Center. This is our annual Hot Dog Supper and silent auction. Remember that the silent auction is not just tools but also includes items you have made. The next day after the May meeting is the first of two days of with Glen Huey down at the Maylene Woodworking Education Center. Have you seen his books or videos? We are lucky to have an opportunity to have a woodworker of his caliber in our midst. We are also blessed to have such a fine facility in which to host the event.

There is no way to list all the folks who have contributed countless man hours to making our dream of a woodworking center a reality. You know who you are and I thank you all again. I wish I had pictures from the erection of the dust collector at the WEC to share with you. We've had folks crawling around under the center to run conduit and wiring, others climbing up on the roof to hoist up the dust collector. There was a library to assemble, a sign to be built, grass to cut, and equipment to install. Meanwhile there was a website to update, newsletters to publish, programs to plan, classes to be taught, publicity to handle and food needed for our open house. We called on the same people over and over again. This Guild is based upon volunteerism. No one is getting paid. We are all doing this for self fulfillment and the joy of furthering the art of woodworking. To quote **Tina Hood** we're "Woodworkers building woodworkers."

May 15th Annual Hot Dog Supper & Silent Auction

We'll be cooking burgers and hot dogs in Homewood at the Senior Center. Come eat, shop, and visit.

We sell almost anything, tools, wood, projects but no kids or spouses! Place bid sheets (we'll have some for you) on your items with minimum bid amount if so desired. Look around, find stuff you want, and place your bids. If someone else has already bid just beat their offer. Watch out though, Michael Tomlin or Frank Jones may be sneaking in and bidding when you aren't looking! Make sure you get those items you really want.

At the end buyers and sellers get together and settle up. Then the seller gives 10% to Walter Barnett, our treasurer, for the Guild. Optionally, you can donate your item to the Guild and Walter gets to collect the money. Bidding is over at 7:30 PM. This is always a fun event.

Treat yourself and your spouse to a night out with dinner!



Harold Hall, AWG member, hosted Webelo Den 8 cub scouts of Cub Scout Pack 352 (which meets at Vestavia Hills United Methodist led by Elizabeth Myers) in his home woodworking shop in Hoover as they worked to earn their "Craftsman" pins. After a tour of **Harold**'s impressive shop, with his guidance and instruction, the boys each built a tool box based on Harold's design from wood he had already measured and cut.

The boys not only picked up an additional skill but gained an appreciation of the art of woodworking. Thanks to **Harold** for being a marvelous host and sharing his knowledge, talent and time...(another woodworker building woodworkers. Ed)

Clyde E. Wills

Buddy Finch writes:

I ask this ole boy where you been? He said I took in that shop in Maylene They took wood that was rough And turned it into some awesome stuff

They made cutouts, puzzles and toys
That are sure to brighten the eyes of girls and boys
You can be sure that many their praises sing
Because of all the happiness and joy they bring

The shop means different things to different folks. May each of us see reward and a feeling of success in our own particular interest area.

wood chips and sawdust from the old toy maker

Toy Program Donation

JoAnne Campisi - Sepp Leaf Products, Inc. read about our Toy Program in the article about Buzz and Nelda in Woodcraft Magazine. She sent a can of French Lilac and Mauve colored Palette Dyes to our group on Friday, April 11th.

This gives the guys an opportunity to experiment with some color on the toys. The Liberon dyes are: Water Based, Toy Safe, Have a grain raising inhibitor, Have very concentrated colors - can be thinned with water, are fully colorfast (actually made from pigments). What we call Stains, the English call Dyes. People think the Liberon Palette Dyes are made with Aniline dyes, but they are actually made from fade resistant pigments.

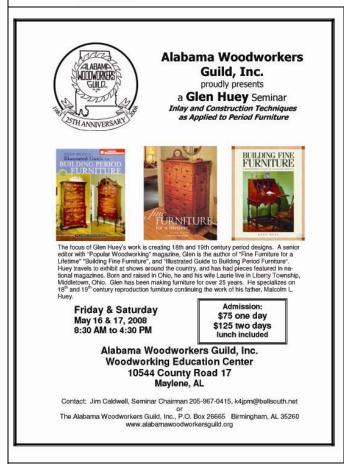
It'll be interesting to see what the guys come up with. Join us on Fridays and check it out.

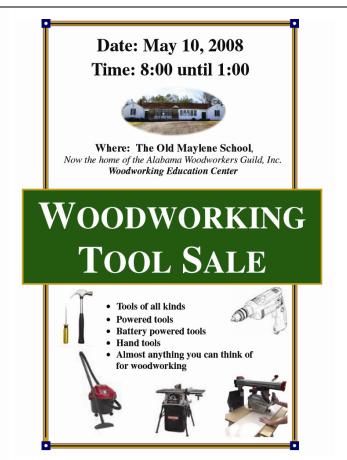
Have trouble remembering our web address? You can also find us at www.awwg.info

May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WEC Board Meeting	2 WEC Ribbon Cutting Media Event 2-4 PM	3 WEC Public Open House 9-4
4	5	6	7 WEC Shop Hours Scheduled 4-9	8	9 WEC Friday Group 11-3 Shop Hours 4 – 9	Woodworking Tool Sale 8 -1
Hostetter Nantucket Basket Class John's shop 1-5 PM	12	13	14 WEC Shop Hours 4-9	Homewood Hot Dog Dinner & Silent Auction Senior Center	16 WEC Glen Huey Seminar 8:30 – 4:30	17 WEC Glen Huey Seminar 8:30 – 4:30
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Upcoming Programs

A.R. Bray, our Vice President and Program Chairman, reports that we have the upcoming programs. In June, **John Morgan**, a professor from Auburn, will talk to us about **Kinetics in Wood, Wood that Moves**.

Then in July one of our favorites, **Kerry McCalla** will be visiting with us back from Tennessee. An antique tool collector, I bet Kerry will bring along some terrific tools to share with us.

Coming in August, Ron Peyton of the Dogwood Institute in Atlanta will be talking with us.

In September we'll hear from our own John Lawson.

In October our own **Michael Tomlin** will be telling us about making doors. If you saw the stunning walnut door he had in our show last year, you won't want to miss his talk.

Of course, our November meeting is always dedicated to the Fred and Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program and then there we are at Christmas with our Christmas Party.

Directions to AWG Woodworking Education Center

From I 65 South
Take exit 238 for US31 toward
Saginaw/Alabaster.
Turn right at US31 N,
Turn left on AL 119/Montevallo Rd
Turn right on CR12
Turn right on CR17
Look for school house on your left

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

From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 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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Woodcraft The Woodcraft franchise in Pelham, AL is independently owned by Tom and Kathy Nequette. It is a local business and Tom's full time occupation. It depends upon its well being by fostering and maintaining as high a level of relationships as possible with all of our customers. Beyond that it is imperative for the store to enhance and promote woodworking in all of its forms. The Alabama Woodworker's Guild is an integral part of these goals. Not only do we value the members as customers but we value what the Guild represents and brings to our community. We believe in supporting the Guild, its growth and its members. We thank you for your patronage and your friendship. (see our ad page 6)

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Troy Stroud, 205-670-9267, tandr41@sbcglobal.net

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Mel Brown has DVDs available at www.bama4u.org/video.htm. A wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget the details by the time we get home. Guild members get a special price for only \$10 each DVD including postage.

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.



Directions
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Take Highway I19 West (Cahaba Valley Road)
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