

March meeting at the Senior Center in Homewood

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President's Message

In case anyone has not heard, the members voted at the February meeting to change our regular meeting date to the third Saturday morning each month and meet at the Maylene shop. We already had a speaker scheduled for the March meeting at Homewood so that meeting will be there. Beginning in April, we will meet at the Woodworking Education Center in Maylene at 9:00 AM.

We did this once before when we were at Bo Thuston's 10th Avenue shop, I disremember the year, and we had a good time with it. As I recall, grills were fired and wonderful aromas drifted through the shop, urging the speaker to wrap up his sermon. I also seem to recall doughnuts and coffee, though that might be another time. Perhaps we can revive some of these traditions.

Speaking of Bo Thuston, he has offered to loan us a display of some of his fine old tools for the shop if we can find room for them. It's nice to see how things were done in the past. See you at the meeting.

C. Ard

Stafford Router Seminar is Saturday, March 21st. Please make your reservation and pay by the end of our meeting on Thursday, March 19th. We will be confirming a count for lunch on Friday based upon the number of paid reservations. You're welcome to come on Saturday without a reservation for the same price but you will need to bring your lunch.

***Next Meeting
March 19th
in
Homewood***

***Pre-meeting 5:30
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell***

Router Workshop Guy,

Jim Stafford to Speak at our March Meeting

Jim Stafford will give us a preview of the Router Workshop topics from his seminar upcoming on Saturday, March 21st. Jim operates a one man shop - By-Jiminy Solid Custom Furniture - in Roswell, GA. He has been a woodworker for over twenty-five years. Jim builds custom pieces focusing on Arts and Crafts built from American and exotic woods. He specializes in the router and has taught his Routercraft series of classes over 60 times at the Woodcraft store in Roswell where he also teaches Table Saw Basics and Intro to Woodworking. He is a regular teacher at the John C. Campbell Folk School and at the Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking. He is a member of the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia and the Furniture Society. He tutors at his own shop and his websites are: www.byjimeny.com and www.routercraft.com

His topics for our Thursday evening meeting will include:

- Router and bit selection
- Router Safety
- Building the world's simplest router table

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Children's Hospital Toy Needs

We met with the Darlene Oldham and Faye Kelly from Children's Hospital to talk about how we could be of the most service to them in 2009. They told us that the children love puzzles, boxes, and birdhouses.

They can use seasonal shapes, letters, numbers and plaques all year long. When he heard this, **Bill Snipes**, went home and cut out 220 bunny shapes in various sizes for this upcoming Easter.

Darlene told us that it would be terrific to have boxes full of cut outs related to a season or holiday that could be pulled out and used when the season arrived. Many of their children are there for prolonged periods and need new and different crafts to work on along the way.

Of course, the children love the cars and helicopters and all the toys we make. Items with strings are not allowed because they pose a hazard to small children. If you make pull toys leave the strings off. The parents of the children can add the strings if they want or the toys can be push toys.

We have a big toy drive in November and devote our November meeting to the Toys Program but the Children's Hospital uses toys all year long. Your Toy Chairman, **Buzz Kelly**, will make sure that those seasonal items get there early if you make them. Just let him know. Remember making toys is a Guild Project and we're all in this together.

Welcome New Members

Steven Daugherty
John Harris
Wilbur Holaday
Lamar Powell

Phillip Seales
Ed Snow
Larry Taylor

Items for Sale

3hp Chicago Electric plunge router..\$50.
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WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

Several members have worked a lot of hours in the past couple of weeks on completing the kitchen island. All the drawers (13 in all), drawer fronts, and doors have been completed. The cabinet should be ready for finish spraying in the next few days. After that we will start on the top.

The Walker-Turner band saw has been repaired mechanically. We will replace the missing blade guard, paint it, replace the blade and tune it up to ready it for service.

We held our 1st "Tuesday at the WEC" on 3/3/09 with eleven members present. We had lunch of chili, cornbread, slaw and pie and a good discussion on what those present wanted to learn from these sessions. Afterward we had a demo on how to sharpen lathe tools using the Wolverine System. We had a short demo on basic turning on the lathe and concluded by turning a pen. We assisted one member with a personal project. It was voted to have these sessions each Tuesday. We will start each time at 11:00, bring your own lunch, and then have discussions and/or demonstrations. We will announce prior to each session - via e-mail - what the subject will be. All Guild members are of course invited to attend any of these sessions and bring any potential members with you. Hope to see some new faces next time.

The organizing of the shop is moving along nicely. Most every thing is in place and the non-operative tools have been cleared from the main shop. Our procedures have been developed, tested, revised and re-revised to better meet our needs. Our supervisors are doing a great job and their education continues. Your input is welcomed as you see opportunities to improve things. *Cliff Daniels*

Fridays at the WEC

Our Over the Hill Gang continues to meet on Fridays at 11:00 AM to eat lunch and make some sawdust just as they have been doing for years, now at the WEC. In March we continue to alternate between toys and our recipe box project.

Despite popular belief, the Fridays group does much more than making toys. In the past couple of years this group has made many more toys than most of the rest of the membership put together. We will concentrate efforts from mid March to mid April on toys and then start a new project in mid April.

We're hoping that several of the guys will have boxes to share in show and tell at the March meeting. We made boxes out of the cherry that the Guild has for sale at the WEC with ambrosia maple tops and bottoms. *Did you know that the Guild had beautiful cherry for sale at \$3 a bf?*

See page 5 for announcement about upcoming door building class.





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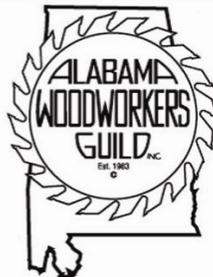
Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!!

With Jim Stafford



Saturday, March 21, 2009
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
\$75 admission fee *includes lunch*

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March								2009	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
15 1:30pm - 5:30pm, Bill Shivers	16	17 Tuesdays at WEC 11:00 AM 	18	19 5:30pm - 6:30pm Monthly pre-meeting (Homewood Senior Center) 6:30pm - 8:00pm Monthly Guild Meeting 	20 9:00am-1:00pm, Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:30pm-5:00pm, Bob Moore 5:00pm-9:00pm Bob Moore	21 Jim Starford Router Workshop 			
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POTENTIAL CLASS AT THE WEC

Michael Tomlin is willing to teach a class on making frame and panel doors if there is enough interest. Class participants will pay to learn to build exterior doors. Class tuition will be \$85 per person and classes will cover several Saturdays. Class members will build and install exterior doors for the WEC. **Michael** is a professional woodworker who makes wonderful hardwood doors in his shop in Cullman.

Class size will be limited so let our Education Chairman, **Jim Caldwell** know if you're interested. k4jpm@bellsouth.net or 205-967-0415

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.

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

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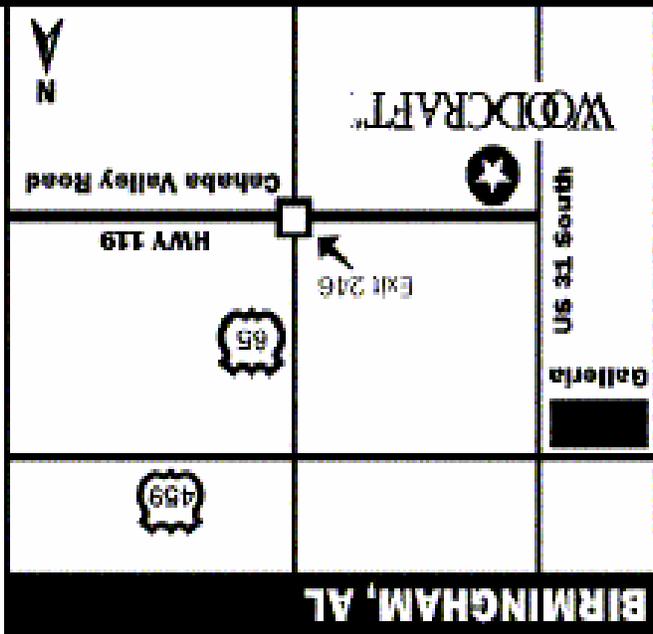


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