

Meeting in Maylene April 18th

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President's Message

I'm looking forward to the April meeting at the shop. We will have more time on Saturday morning for talk and demonstrations. We will be able to make chips if we need to and all the tools for a hands-on program are there. To mark this first Saturday meeting we will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers after the program. If anybody is still there after the speaker is finally through, it should be a good lunch. See you at the meeting.

C. Ard

Toy Workshop April 18th at the WEC 1 to 5 PM. We need as many helpers as possible. We'll be making "Dan boxes", bird houses, cars and plaques. Plan to stay and help out!

Big Day Planned for April 18th Plan on Making a Day of It!

As you know, the membership voted to change our meeting date, time, and place beginning on April 18th. We will hold our regular monthly meeting at the Woodworking Education Center in Maylene on the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM, (pre-meeting 8:00 to 9:00 AM).

On this inaugural meeting, how fitting that our program will be presented by our own President, **Charlie Ard**. **Charlie** will share his latest boating creation with us. Over the years, **Charlie** has designed and built a number of boats. His presentations are always informational and entertaining.

After **Charlie** finishes his presentation, we have plans for breaking in our new kitchen island, cooking lunch and enjoying some fellowship. Bring along a dessert and plan on chipping in a little donation so we can afford to cook often.

Once we have our stomachs full, we can mosey back into the shop and set some sawdust to flying. Our Toy Chairman, **Buzz Kelly**, is going to have the supplies and materials all set up for us to make a bunch of toys for our Toys Program.

Talking, eating, woodworking...what more could one want?!?

Welcome New Members

Jordan Jones
Charles McCormick
Paul Varden
Michael Wilson

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The guys are working hard. Here's hoping our kitchen island is ready in time!



Harold Hall, Dan Browning, Troy Stroud and Cliff Daniels went to the St. Clair County Boys Ranch on March 18th and taught the boys (and several of the adults) how to make Bluebird houses. They made 16 of the houses that day and loved every minute of it. The lumber for the houses was donated by member **Dr. Robert Sherrill**.



Building High Quality Doors with Michael Tomlin

We have 10 people signed up for the Door Class. The first class is Saturday, April 25, at 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The second meeting on Saturday, May 9. The class will decide on subsequent sessions after a review of the progress through May 9. The fee is \$85.

The plan is to build new doors for the Woodworking and Education Center.

The Class Roster as of April 6: **Brian Burke, Brian Stauss, Paul Lesueur, Cliff Daniels, Todd Moon, Al Willis, Robert McClure and John Lawson.** We have a couple of slots still available.

Any questions contact **Michael Tomlin**, michael-tomlin1@mac.com or **Jim Caldwell**, k4jpm@bellsouth.net or 205/967-0415.

You're Invited to Dogwood's Annual Turning Day May 2, 2009

Turning Day, set for Saturday, May 2, will once again be hosted by the Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking in Alpharetta. **Turning Day at Dogwood** will feature **well-known turners demonstrating their techniques.** Among them is **Nick Cook** who will demonstrate turning pieces longer than the lathe bed -- such as bedposts and lamps.

There will also be other demonstrations of woodworking techniques other than turning. Barbecue will again be the food of choice and served for a nominal fee. Ice cream will also be provided, compliments of Woodcraft.

The customary **"Tailgate Tool Swap and Sale"** will be highlighted with plenty of room to display any tool, wood, or just about anything for swap or sale and there is plenty of space. Bring those old tools that you no longer use! **A display area will be made available for those who wish to "show and tell"** some of their projects. Please encourage individuals of all levels of expertise to bring those treasures to share with other craftsmen.

They will also have an **area designated for beginners** who would like to know more about woodturning or woodworking. Several craftsmen will be available to answer questions, demonstrate and allow potential turners try their skills on the mini-lathe. Information about the different guilds will be displayed.

Directions are available at:
www.dogwoodwoodworking.com.
Or call 770-751-9571 or toll free 1-800-533-2440.

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

The kitchen island has been sprayed with lacquer and assembled in the kitchen. The lumber for the top has been purchased and partially glued up. We hope the island will be completed by our first meeting at the WEC on April 18th.

Remaining work on the Walker-Turner band saw are the blade guard (several designs have been tried) and painting. Hopefully these will be done shortly.

The large 36" band saw was worked on at **Charlie Ard's** shop on March 28th. The motor mount was fabricated and installed with the motor. Wheel covers have been fabricated, thanks to **John Lawson**, and the lower one installed. We need to get the upper wheel cover and the belt drive unit installed and the saw moved to the "WEC".

We will need a lot of help when this saw is moved because it is extremely heavy. This thing was built back when things were made out of thick cast iron. The estimate is it will weigh about 2000 pounds.

We continue **"Tuesday at the WEC"** with good attendance. Our project is a "Side Table" designed by Kelly Mehler (nationally known woodworker). We had 10 members present last meeting and encourage other members to attend.

Thanks to the donation from **Glenn Phillips** (a former member that moved away) we have a projects bin at the "WEC". This is for storage of members' in progress projects. Projects can be stored in this bin and not have to taken home and then brought back.

Cliff Daniels







Fridays at the WEC

The Over the Hill Gang that meets for lunch on Fridays at 11:00 will be concentrating their efforts on toy making in April and May. They are making rabbit hangers, bird houses, cars and plaques. Any and all help and participation is welcome. This is the right place to start if you are a beginner. If you just want to hang out and make sawdust, that works too.

In June the guys are planning to work on projects for a while. They plan to make two tone picture frames.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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May 16th

Silent Auction & Hot Dog Dinner

June 20th

Meeting at Hardwoods of Alabama

September

2009 Annual Juried Show

November

Officer Elections

Fred & Elsie Baker Memorial

Toy Program

December

Christmas Party

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.

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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**

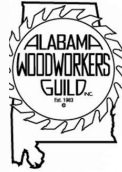


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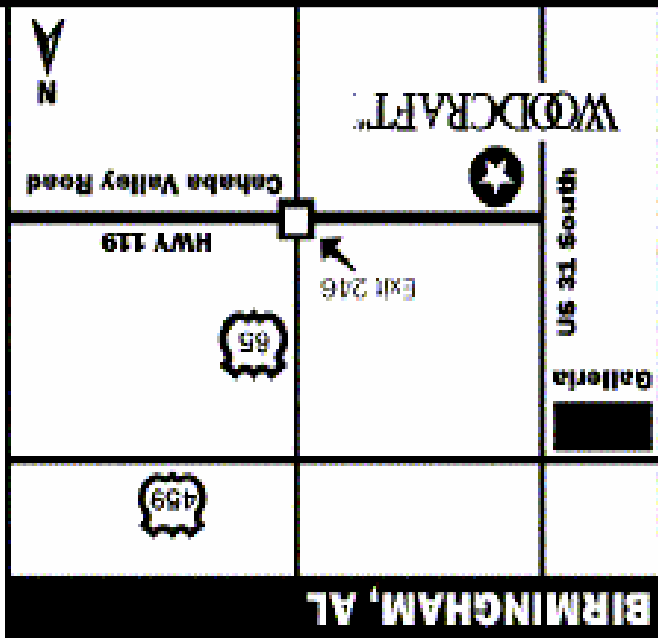


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