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President's Message

The Alabama Woodworkers' Guild is the place to be if you want to be involved in the art and craft of woodworking, particularly this fall. Don't miss our Annual Juried Show at the Hoover Library in October (*article page 4*) where some of our best efforts will be displayed to the public.

Of course, there is no free lunch. Hanging out with a bunch of terrific woodworkers in a top notch woodworking shop costs. At this time, our annual dues of \$50 are a real steal. To keep the dues that low, we have to have alternate sources of revenue and ways to cut expenses. Right now we are raising money through donations (*see article page 2 on Hardwoods of Alabama \$500 gift certificate drawing*), through classes taught by our talented members (*end grain cutting boards and dulcimers page 4*), and through the sale of items made by us at arts and craft shows (*starting with Art in Avondale Park on October 31st see article page 2*). We'll also be cutting back some on the climate control at the WEC and sending the Guild News via email when possible. We need everyone to step up and help us out.

Plan to be at the September meeting and stay after to help build sale items.

September Pre-meeting will be on sharpening all kinds of hand tools using different methods: **Ralph Hardwick** will be showing the "WorkSharp" machine; **Buzz Kelly** - "Japanese Water Stones"; **A. R. Bray** - "Scary Sharp" sandpaper system; **Bob Moore** - sharpening "Turning Tools"; and **Jeff Hood** - sharpening "Scrapers". If you have a dull tool you could bring it and see if one of these folks would sharpen it while you wait.

Next Meeting
Saturday,
September 19th
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after
Build after Lunch

**Don't forget your
Show & Tell**

Saturday, September 19th Presenting the Tannehill Woodcarvers

The Tannehill Woodcarvers are sending 4 club members to our September meeting to demonstrate woodcarving techniques, the tools they use, and to answer any questions we may have regarding wood carving.

This wood carving club meets in the historic Cane Creek Schoolhouse inside the Tannehill State Park. The club was chartered just a few years after the AWG in 1985 **for the purpose of promoting woodcarving in the area, acquainting the general public about woodcarving, and to bring back and preserve the almost lost art of woodcarving.** The Tannehill Woodcarvers meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the school house. They invite the public in general and the woodworkers in particular to visit and observe the work. Club members exhibit work at all meetings.

The second weekend of October is their **Woodcarving Show and Sale** inside the park at the Cane Creek Schoolhouse. The show culminates with the drawing for a "Christmas Tree" decorated with hand carved ornaments donated by Tannehill Woodcarvers members.

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Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$3 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.

Art in Avondale Park

Saturday, October 31st - 10am until 4pm

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc. will host a booth at the Art in Avondale Park event at 4036 5th Avenue South, Birmingham AL 35222 on October 31st. At this event we will have for sale items built by Guild members. Proceeds for items built at our Fund Raiser Builds will go directly back into the Guild treasury. You may donate items for sale or come and sell your own items and contribute 10% of the proceeds from your sales to the Guild. (When pricing items, prices should include an amount for sales tax.)

For more details about the event visit www.artinavondalepark.org. This art show and sale is planned around young people and should be good exposure for us. **Charlie Ard** has invited us to his place for breakfast before the event and a cook out afterward. Contact **Charlie Ard** for details.

Fund Raiser Build #2

On Saturday, September 19 we will have a work day after the regular monthly meeting. The purpose of the workday is to make objects to sell at upcoming shows. Proceeds from the sale of items go to the Guild.

Items we plan to make are: band saw boxes, plate holders and bird-houses. We will begin after the regular meeting and continue until construction is complete or until no one is left to work (3 to 4 hours).

We will have materials, plans, and instructions available at the WEC. I suggest that you bring your favorite sanding blocks, your favorite brand of sandpaper (we will have some also), safety glasses, ear protection, dust mask, an apron if desired and any other hand tools that you like to work with. We will have the basic hand tools available, but if we get a large turnout we may not have enough and you may be more comfortable with your own tools anyway.

Activities that we will undertake include the use of the table saw, scroll saw, band saw, miter saw, pneumatic nailing tool, drum sanders, router tables and a few other items. Those members who have an interest in learning more about band saw boxes will especially enjoy making the basic boxes that we will undertake.

Win a \$500 Gift Certificate From Hardwoods of Alabama

We have obtained a \$500 gift certificate from Hardwoods of Alabama. We are planning to give this gift certificate away to one lucky person. We will choose that person at random in a drawing from persons making a donation to the Guild of \$5 or more. Be sure to make your donation and get in on all the fun.

New Projects for Children's Hospital

Buzz Kelly, our Toy Chairman, met with Chantel Jones and Carrie Clifton from Children's Hospital recently. The hospital has a need for some developmental devices for children between the ages of one and three. Devices include a ladder stander, a chair, a corner chair, and a floor ladder. These items will be used by the therapists who travel to the homes of their young patients to provide at home therapy. The Friday Group at the WEC are turning their attention toward the building of the devices requested by the hospital.

Buzz Kelly says "This may mean that we will make fewer toys this year, but we KNOW that what we are building is needed and useful."

Welcome New Members

**Jason Burns
Raymond Maples
Samuel Hassell Marcus, Jr.
Alan Stanton**

A short note about the Library:

The Library at the W.E.C. is up and running. Most of the books, and magazines have been recorded and the list is on the computer in the library. For anyone who does not know the process for checking out books, I will be glad to help.



We have added a good number of turning books. So I have added a second section on turning. We have the largest collection of different woodworking magazines we have ever had.

Hope to see you in the library soon.

Eddie Heerten,
AWG Librarian



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Comfort Bucket

There's a bucket sitting on the sign in table at each of our meetings. ***That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet.*** Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!



AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1:00pm - 5:00pm Dan Langford					11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore 5:00 - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	7:59am - 1:00pm . Jeff Hood 9:00am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting (WEC) 10:00am - 12:30pm Monthly Guild Meeting (WEC) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore Fund Raiser Build
20		21	22	23	24	25	26
1:00pm - 5:00pm R Hardwick					11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9:00am - 1:00pm .M. King 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00 - 5:00pm Troy Stroud 5:00 - 9:00pm .Tom Surtees Cutting Board Class	9:00am - 1:00pm . Brian Stauss 1:00 - 5:00pm Monta King Cutting Board Class 9am
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1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers				6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm .Dan Langford 5:00 - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	9:00am - 1:00pm Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Newman
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>

Woodworking Education Center

The last door class is planned for the end of September. The new doors will be installed at that time.

The first "Thursday at the WEC" meeting on Aug. 20th had good attendance. We decided to make items to sell at Art in Avondale Park on Oct. 31.

The WEC will be closed on Oct. 31 so that ALL members will have an opportunity to attend the fund raising event at Avondale Park (page 2). Please plan to be there and to contribute items for sale. A build day for the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, following our meeting. **Bill Newman** will direct the build of several items.

In our first build day on August 29th, we created cars, duck pull toys, tropical fish treasure boxes, and oak treasure boxes. Unlike the items we build for Children's Hospital, a finish is put on the sale items.

Paul Owens reports 16 people signed up (but have not yet paid the \$25 fee) for his dulcimer class, enough for 2 classes. Dates are undecided. Paul is working that out with the people who signed up. The classes will be held in the next month or so. The dulcimers will be donated to the Guild fund raising effort. Contact **Jim Caldwell** or **Paul** to be placed on the waiting list.

We also had enough people for **Eddie Heerten's** cutting board class to fill two classes (\$25 for 3 sessions - Friday evenings or Saturday mornings). Friday classes will meet 6 to 9 pm (earlier if all participants can make it) and Saturday's 9 am to noon.

A reminder to all class participants - PAY at the September meeting or mail a check to **Jim Caldwell** prior to the class start date. **Jim** will be at the next meeting to collect any payment for all the classes.

Juried Show is Fast Approaching - Get your Entry Ready

Brian Stauss

By the time you read this newsletter, the Guild's Annual Juried Woodworking Show will be three weeks away. There is still time to get the final coat of finish on that special item (or in my case, I still have 3 coats of varnish to go on that porch glider..). Or whip out a cherry and rosewood keepsake box, or turn a peppermill from that interesting chunk of wood in your scrapbox. The Show is open to all Guild members and only Guild members. *Everyone is encouraged to enter one or more items.* I have been a member of the Guild since May, 2002 and have had an entry in every show. Some of those items weren't my best work, but I still entered them and welcomed the feedback from the judge to help improve my skills.

The Show will be held October 3rd through the 11th at the Hoover Library. Check-in is on Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 10:00am. There is a loading area in the rear of the library, up the steep drive on your left after you drive under the catwalk. The Show is open to the public Sunday the 4th through Saturday the 10th during normal library hours. Take down is Sunday, October 11th beginning at 2:00pm.

Items can be entered in four categories - **Traditional Furniture, Contemporary Furniture, Wood Turnings and Small Objects/Miscellaneous** (any objects that don't fit in the other three cate-

gories). Each category has three skill levels - **Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.** There are also three open categories: **Wood carvings, Shop Tools/Jigs and Toys** as well as a **Display Only** category for items that have won ribbons in past Shows or items you do not want to enter for competition. A registration form must be completed for each entered item. This form will be available at check-in and is on the AWG website homepage if you'd like to fill it out in advance.

Volunteers are needed for check-in and take down. We must also have a **Guild member present in the Gallery during library hours each day.** **A significant amount of manpower is needed for the Show to be successful.** Please consider **taking a shift or two.** Contact **Brian Stauss** (wk - 408-5450, hm - 987-9997) or **Walter Barnett** (wk -933-9207, hm-426-9083) or email us to sign up for one of the shifts below.

Finally, we host a reception in the Library Gallery on Monday evening, after the judging is completed. The reception starts at 6:00pm and all Guild members and guests are welcome. **Volunteers are needed to organize and run the reception. Please call or email Brian or Walter to help with the reception.**

Juried Show Shifts:

		9am - 12pm	12pm - 3pm	3pm - 6pm	6pm - 9pm
Oct 3	Sat	10am-12pm	x	x	
Oct 4	Sun			2pm-6pm	
Oct 5	Mon	x	x	x	x
Oct 6	Tue	x	x	x	x
Oct 7	Wed	x	x	x	x
Oct 8	Thu	x	x	x	x
Oct 9	Fri	x	x	x	
Oct 10	Sat	10am-12pm	x	x	
Oct 11	Sun			2pm-6pm	



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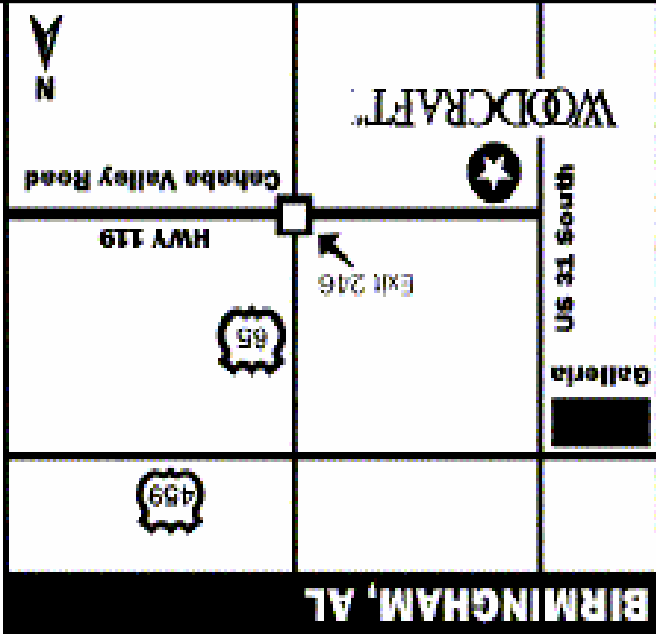


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