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President's Message

Hello, everyone, and Happy New Year! I want to begin by acknowledging the contributions of several key leaders in the Guild that helped make 2009 such a great year. First, of course, is **Charlie Ard**. Charlie, THANKS! for serving as our President. We have come a long way! Under Charlie's administration the Guild obtained a new heat pump for the Woodworking Education Center (WEC), which paved the way for our subsequent move to the WEC for our monthly meetings. This move allowed us to actually make some sawdust during our monthly programs. Among many other accomplishments we obtained a large dual drum sander and a wonderful Walker-Turner band saw (which Charlie rebuilt for the shop).

A.R. Bray, our Vice President, coordinated some of the finest pre-meetings and programs anywhere. We not only enjoyed many fine woodworking sessions, but we learned how to fine tune our chainsaws, and do woodcarving. Some of us even learned how to build the world's best squirrel cage. Just ask A.R. about it! **Tom Surtees** is our new Vice President and already has a fine list of programs scheduled for this year.

Buzz Kelly has served as our Toy Chairman and has led the Friday Group in not only making over 3,600 toys; they also have constructed several therapeutic devices for Children's Hospital. Buzz's leadership and attention to detail has been a blessing to the Guild. **Ralph Hardwick**, winner of the Best of Show for his amazing wooden tractor/trailer and bulldozer toy, will be our Toy Chairman this year.

Jim Caldwell has served as the Guild's Education Director bringing us a fantastic *(see page 2)*

Next Meeting
Saturday,
January 16th
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

January Pre-meeting: Each year, Minwax® honors select organizations that have demonstrated a dedication to the betterment of their community through exemplary achievements in woodworking. Individuals and organizations across America get nominated for the Minwax® Community Craftsman Award, designed to reward outstanding community service through woodworking. For the first time, the AWG submitted an application for the \$5,000 first prize. Tom Surtees will use our pre-meeting time to go through the application process and the information we presented. Minwax® will announce their selection in the Spring.

Bulletin Board

Atlanta Woodworking Show January 29th-31st
<http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/Home/AtlantaGA129131/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

Phil Colson Presentation at WEC on February 27, 2010. See Page 4 of this newsletter for details. Fee of \$75 includes lunch. See www.philcolsonwoodturner.com

Member needs a ride to meetings. Don Blackburn, 3376 N Wildewood Drive, Pelham needs a ride to the guild meetings. Please contact Don at 664-1347.

Shop Tools For Sale. Bob Ross is selling his woodworking tools. Bob lives in Mountainbrook. You can contact him at 967-2326.

Membership Dues. Please pay Walter Barnett ASAP. Dues are still \$50 per year.

Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$5 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.

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router seminar along with several classes taught by our own guild members including a door building class, a cutting board class and a dulcimer building class, just to mention a few. **Robert McClure** will be leading the Guild's educational programs for 2010 and has already been working along with Jim to bring the Guild a Turning Seminar scheduled for February.

We also owe a great debt of gratitude to **Nelda Kelly** for serving as the Guild News editor for many years. Nelda has made a group of dusty ole woodworkers sound somewhat intelligible when most of us knew better. She has truly been the brain behind the newsletter's face to the Guild. Nelda, thanks for a wonderful job. **Bill Newman** is taking over as the Guild News editor and is already rolling up his sleeves and learning a new computer program and polishing up his linguistic skills. I have a feeling he is not going to coddle us like Nelda did.

As we move into 2010 our vision for the Guild is for all of us to have fun and enjoy the craft of woodworking and enjoy woodworking with each other. Toward that end we have several exciting programs and educational opportunities planned. What is your role? Glad you asked. Get involved. You get out of anything commensurate with what you are willing to put into it. So as we move into a new year, immerse yourself in some of our many activities and you will be greatly rewarded for your involvement.

Looking forward to a wonderful year, **Monta King**

January Program: BEDS, BEDS and a TABLE

Have you ever thought about making a couple of beds that must pass inspection of an interior designer and a customer with an eye for detail? What about making a 24-foot long conference table to go into a board room at a bank? During this last year, our own John Lawson and Brian Burke not only faced both of these major assignments, waged a war

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Fund Raising Activities in 2010

*One of the conditions of having a great shop to work in is that we need to raise money to pay for the operating costs. These operating costs, along with the other costs of operating the Guild, have been exceeding the income from dues and other sources. It is critical to the continued operation of the WEC that we increase our income.. We need more people to work on producing items for sale. Several people made items for the Avondale event, but they can't be expected to make items for every sale. The fund Raising Committee, led by **Troy Stroud**, has selected several events for participation by our Guild. We need to make items for sale at the events. Please make some items for sale at the events listed below.*

<i>Montevallo Arts Festival</i>	<i>April 10, 2010</i>
<i>Helena Buck Creek Festival</i>	<i>May 7 & 8, 2010</i>
<i>Alabaster, City Fest</i>	<i>June 5</i>
<i>Art in Avondale Park</i>	<i>October (Dates to be set)</i>

Win a Starrett Combination Square

Starrett tools are the industry standard for excellence. We have obtained a Starrett combination square set and will give it to the lucky person whose name is drawn at random from persons making a donation to the guild of \$2.00 or more. Be sure to make your donation and get in on all of the fun!

**Welcome
New Member**

John Davis

Habitat Holiday House

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild completed the installation of the "Home for the Holidays" House kitchen cabinets on Saturday, December 12th. Several Guild members also hung doors throughout the house. This is an annual event sponsored by the Guild. It was a rewarding experience to be able to help someone live in her own home by Christmas. **THANKS!** to all who worked so hard to prepare and install these cabinets.

**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

January/February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10[2] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore	11	12	13	14	15	16
17[3] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Newman	18	19	20	21	22	23
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>

Woodworking Education Center

The "Thursday at the WEC" group began assembly of the cabinets for the Habitat house and they were installed in December. We have not decided on the projects for this group yet, we will be discussing this during our first meetings in January. We also plan to discuss expanding this group some. If you would like to join us or have ideas for projects please come down and join us.

A Powermatic Shaper was donated by a former member Angus McQueen. It runs good but needs some work before it is usable.

There still is not a firm schedule on completing the front doors. Our instructor (Michael Tomlin) has been extremely busy with his business but hopefully he will have some time in January to complete this project.

We will continue our efforts of making and or teaching how to make things for our fundraising events.
Cliff Daniels

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against the obstacles they encountered along the way, but passed the tests with flying colors.

John and Brian will take us through the process of designing the furniture from a picture or just an individual's concept to selecting the finish that adds so much to the final product. This is not John's first time to make a presentation to our group. Additionally, he has taught classes for the Guild and currently serves on our board of directors. To go along with his woodworking skills, John has many years of experience in manufacturing, primarily for companies supplying parts to the automotive industry. Brian served in the Navy as a pilot after graduating from the US Naval Academy. After the Navy, Brian has started a career in woodworking. Don't miss this program.
Tom Surtees

Annual Christmas Celebration

Carolyn Key, Eddie & Pat Heerten and Jeff & Tina Hood, along with sons Jared and Jamison, did an excellent job of coordinating the event and ensuring that all had plenty to eat and enjoyed a time of satisfying fellowship. Many fine door prizes were awarded...most of which, surprisingly, went to couples.



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Teaching

He has taught classes at J. C. Campbell Folk School, Highland Woodworking, for various clubs and one-on-one in his studio.

Demonstrating

Demonstrates for various clubs and symposiums around the Southeast. While he can demonstrate basic turning with projects such as spindles, bowl turning, natural edge bowls, and lidded boxes and vessels, he loves to demo Fantasy turning. Fantasy turning is about learning how to create by playing at the lathe and being able to say, "What If".

For additional information see www.philcolsonwoodturner.com

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Turn right on CR17
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