



Phil Colson Turning Demo Coming in February!

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President's Message

Our January meeting was an outstanding beginning to 2010. **Tom Surtees**, the Guild's Vice President and Program Chairman, presented the members with a comprehensive overview of the many activities of the Guild in the form of a grant application to Minwax for their community involvement award. We should hear the outcome of Tom's application in the spring. **John Lawson** and **Brian Burke** described how they worked with sub-contractors and applied their own woodworking skills to craft 4, four-poster beds and a twenty-four-foot long conference table for a bank in Tuscaloosa. It was an extremely inspiring presentation!

We had several visitors at the January meeting with 9 people becoming new members. This brings our new member total to 13 already this year. We want to welcome all our new members and encourage you to roll up your sleeves and become involved in the many activities at the Woodworking Education Center including the upcoming **Phil Colson wood turning seminar on February 27th**.

Lastly, to ensure your name is included in the 2010 Membership Directory, your 2010 membership dues can either be mailed to the AWG or you can see **Walter Barnett** at the February meeting. We plan to publish the Directory by the end of February.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting where our own **Cliff Daniels** will teach us all how to turn wooden pens on the mini lathe.

Monta

Next Meeting
Saturday,
February 20th
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

February Pre-meeting: Even though our monthly meeting does not start until 10:00, many of our members show up early so that they can socialize with their friends. This is certainly encouraged and we also have other things going on. For the next several months we will highlight individual pieces of equipment at our Woodworkers' Education Center prior to our regular meeting time. Come join us for this informal gathering of woodworkers.

Tom Surtees

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Bulletin Board

Phil Colson presentation at WEC on February 27, 2010. See January newsletter for details

Membership Dues: See Walter Barnett ASAP. Dues are still \$50 per year

Montevallo Arts Festival: April 10, 2010. The Guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

Helena Buck Creek Festival: May 7&8, 2010. The guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

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.

Learn to Build a Windsor Chair

Have you ever looked at a beautiful Windsor chairs and wished you could build one? Here is your chance to learn how!

Beginning Saturday March 6, 2010, the Alabama Woodworkers Guild will hold a series of classes on Building a Windsor Chair. Guild members **Eddie Heerten** and **A.R. Bray** will lead the classes with **Eddie** doing most of the demonstrations and **A.R.** standing by as a consultant. The entire program will probably require six sessions of approximately six hours each. The classes will be held on Saturdays in March, April and possibly May depending on the future class dates chosen jointly by the class participants.

This is a hands-on class. The project takes you from a rough log to a finished product. At the end, you will take home a continuous arm Windsor chair you are proud to present. You will learn to use some old fashioned techniques as well as applications for modern equipment. You will steam bend parts for the chair back and hand carve the seat.

Many hand tools will be used including a drawknife, spokeshave, brace & bit, scorp, inshave, adz, bevel gauge, compass plane, travisher, froe, chisels and many more. **A.R.** will even loan us his carving horse for participants use. The more of these tools you have and could bring, the better, but don't let a lack of these tools stop you from participating. A discussion of this class and tool needs will be held following the February Guild meeting.

All classes will be taught at the Guild's Woodworking Education Center. The cost of the program is only \$85.00. All the wood will be provided. If you need to purchase the chair legs, that cost is \$58.00 unless you decide to make them yourself.

This class is limited to the first 12 people who sign up at the next AWG meeting on February 20th. If there is sufficient interest, a second class is possible, but you had better hurry if you want to attend this program. It is sure to sell out!

Robert McClure

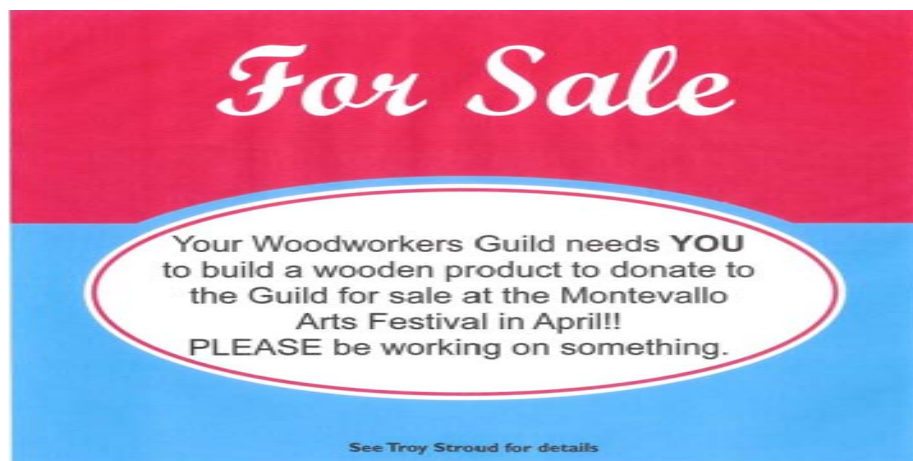


We Have a New Patron!

Kenny Malone of **K'M Tree Clearing** has donated 2 large red oak logs for our chair class. We finally found someone who understood what we needed. **Kenny** said "If you need more, just let me know". Thanks to **John Gasque**, **Travis Wilson** and **Ralph Hardwick** for manhandling the logs off the truck. New member **Bill Gresham** brought his wedges and helped to split the logs.

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!



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

February/March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14[7] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randal Robertson	15	16	17	18	19	20
				9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9:00am-1:00pm R Powell I 11:00am-3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm-9:00pm B Moore	7:59am-1:00pm Mike Key 8:00am-9:00am pre-meeting 9:00am-11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting 9:00am-1:00pm P Owen 1:00pm-5:00pm B Moore
21[8] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss	22	23	24	25	26	27
				9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9:00am-1:00pm R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm-5:00pm T Stroud 5:00pm-9:00pm Pat Bush	9:00am - 1:00pm P Owen 9:00am - 4:00pm Phil Colson - Woodturning Seminar, @WEC, \$75 1:00pm-5:00pm AR Bray
28[9] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randal Robertson	1	Mar 2	3	4	5	6
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7[10] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	8	9	10	11	12	13
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>

January Meeting

Show and Tell



A.R. Bray's Flower Press



A.R. and PRESSED Flowers



Buddy Finch's Truck



Eddie Heerten's Segmented Bowl



Leonard Sanders' Walking Duck



Robert McClure's Scroll-sawn Tiger



Robert's Dulcimer From Guild Class



Patrick Bush's Flowing River Table



Alan Stanton's Turned Clock

Main Program and Business Portion of Meeting



John Lawson and Brian Burke: Beds and Conference Tables



Monta King and Finances



Robert McClure, Education Chairman



Brian Stauss Discussing Email List



Shop Manager, Cliff Daniels, Discussing Shop Procedures



Lucky Door Prize Winner



Paul Mancill Preparing Lunch Grilled By Charlie Ard



New Members: Don Steele, Steven Hobson, Cheryl May, Brad Rosenwald, Guild President-Monta King, Brad Bush, John Davis, Ray Parrish, and Glen Hobson

A PEN IN EVERY POCKET – FEBRUARY’S PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have a lot of talented woodworkers in our Guild. Our February meeting will feature one of them. **Cliff Daniels** will take us through the steps of making a pen. Many of our members have made pens, but we also have many that have yet to experience the joy of taking a pen from their pocket that was made in their shop. If you have made pens please bring one with you so that others can see your handiwork.

Presenting:

Phil Colson - Woodturner

Featuring:

Turnings for Furniture Makers and
Fantasy Turning

*Saturday,
February 27, 2010*

9 AM until 4 PM

\$75 including lunch

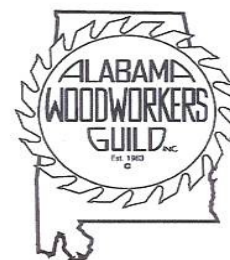
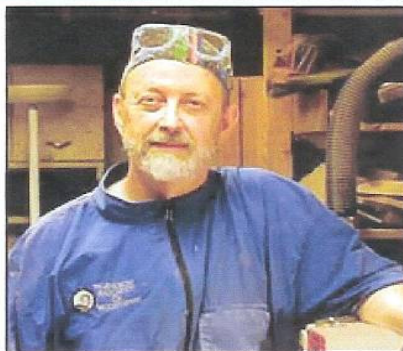
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Phil Colson has been working with wood for most of his life. His father, who was a master craftsman, exposed him to woodworking at an early age. It was here that Phil developed his love of wood. As a young man he was a dancer, stained glass designer and horticulturist. He brings all three of these disciplines to his turnings; a sense of balance, design and knowledge of wood. Phil says he selects pieces of wood for their inner beauty and unique grain patterns. He has studied with Nick Cook, Franck Johanneson, Chris Stott, Ray Key and Christophe Nancy from France.

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

Woodworking Education Center

Most of you know the dust collector was down again. The motor was carried to the motor shop and a bad bearing was discovered . Both bearings were replaced as well as the running capacitor. The motor has been re-installed and a temporary cover placed over it to protect it from the weather. The system is now back in operating condition.

Several improvements or changes have been made in the last month. One of the window air conditioners that was in the shop area has been moved and installed in the kitchen. An electrical circuit needs to be run to it and will be done before the summer. The large band saw is now connected to the permanent dust control system. Two floor sweeps have been installed (one on the east wall by the lathes and one on the west wall by the drill press). The Performax has been moved to the west wall and connected to the dust collector system. Two new 115 volt electrical receptacles have been installed in the floor (one next to the Grizzly drum sander and one under the table extension of SawStop #2). These will eliminate the use of extension cords over to the west wall and thus eliminate some tripping hazards. All of the lathe tools and accessories have been organized on racks on the wall next to the lathes.

The Thursday group has still not decided on a project yet because they have been busy helping with all the improvements listed above.

March the 27th has been set as the date we will finish the two front doors. If we don't finish on that Saturday we will work on Sunday afternoon the 28th and complete them. All of you that signed up for that class please try to be at the WEC on Saturday at 9:00am.

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

Recently member Jeff Hood donated a "Dubby" precision miter sled for the table saw. This should be a real asset to the WEC.

Cliff Daniels

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Vision for 2010

Grow new membership and retain existing members

- Revitalize AWG website
- Welcome new members and know their name
- Wear nametags while in the WEC
- Make nametag storage portable
- Develop Mentoring program
- Publish more photos in the Guild News and on the Web Site

Skill Development

- Conduct meaningful programs and pre-meetings monthly
- Publish previous months meeting highlights in next month Guild News and Web Site
- Publicize Show & Tell
- Conduct stimulating seminars - 2 to 3 per year
- Conduct frequent member-led training sessions
- Increase member involvement in community projects

- Make community projects educational
- More emphasis and publicity for Annual Show
- Fully utilize the Guild reference library

Fellowship

- Seminars & Educational Programs
- Encourage more individual participation in ALL projects
- Continue post-meeting lunch program
- Christmas party

Fiscal Responsibility

- Monitor expenditures monthly
- Continue fundraising programs involving ALL members
- Conduct more seminars
- Charge nominal fee for in-house training

Editors Note: The Guild Vision Statement was created and approved unanimously by the Guild Board at the January Board meeting. The vision statement is intended to provide guidance and direction to the activities of the Guild.

Guild Patrons

We are very fortunate to have the following patrons who support the Guild. They are excellent suppliers of products or services in the local area that provide monetary support or allow us to use their various facilities for Guild functions:

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ShopSmith Planer with mobile stand
New:\$949.00 Slightly used:\$300.00

If interested, Call **Richardson** at 967-6378 or e-mail bamadan45@bellsouth.net

Directions to the 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**



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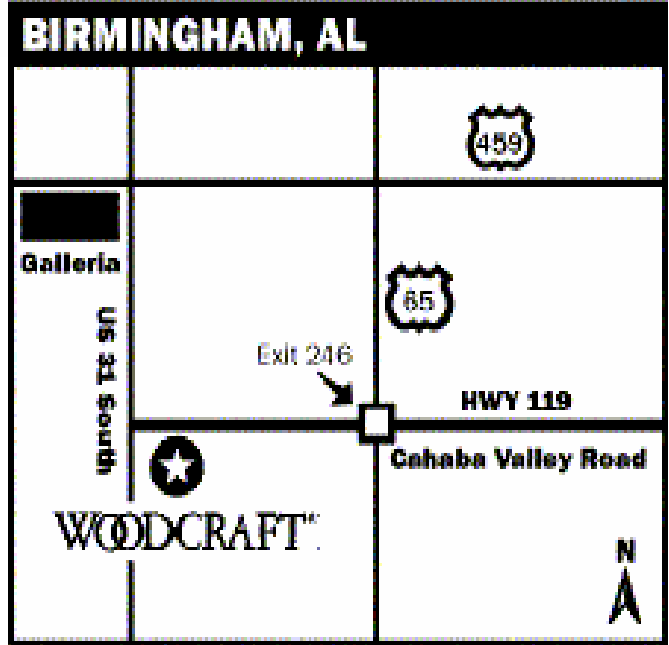
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