

May tool Sale at WEC ! Guild News



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President's Message

Well, we are back from vacation...now I need to get some rest. While out west I attempted to locate some local woodworking items but they were pretty rare. Not surprising given the few trees I saw all week. I did however see some very nice bowls turned from local mesquite burl. Later we were amazed at the petrified wood in eastern Arizona and the process by which the wood cells are replaced by silica over time to crystallize the wood. Some pieces of petrified wood have retained the original cellular structure of the wood; the grain can easily be seen and is quite exquisite in color and detail.

I want to thank **Tom Surtees** for doing such a fine job of coordinating last month's meeting. I understand **Dale Lewis** did his usual fine job of demonstrating his unusual talents in artistic woodworking. I am always fascinated with Dale's unique approach to making woodworking come alive.

Looking toward the next few weeks we have several events that should be of interest to all of us. The Buck Creek festival in Helena is set for May 7th and 8th and we encourage you to speak with **Troy Stroud** about how you can participate in these festivals, we really DO need your involvement. Then we have our next AWG meeting on May 15th with our yearly woodworking tool Silent Auction that always contains some nice bargains. This is followed by the "CityFest" festival in Alabaster on June 5th. These festivals not only raise some much needed funds for the Guild but they serve as a venue to educate the public on the Alabama Woodworkers Guild's function and purpose while attracting new members.

Incidentally, we have a new lathe! Due to the emerging interest in turning within the Guild, the Board voted to make the purchase of a high quality lathe and it will be demonstrated at our next meeting; you won't want to miss this. Lastly, it's not too early to be thinking about the Guild's Annual Show to be held at the Hoover Library. **John Lawson** will be telling us more about this each month so please be working on a project to enter in the show. See you soon,

Monta King

Next Meeting
Saturday,
May 15, 2010
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Pre-Meeting : A NEW LATHE FOR THE WEC

What an upgrade for our turners and turner want-to-be's. A POWERMATIC 3520B lathe has been purchased and is in the WEC for our use. Come early (9:30) for the May meeting and see a demonstration of our newest piece of equipment.

Tom Surtees

Bulletin Board

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

Alabaster City Fest: June 5,2010. The Guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

Art in Avondale Park: October (Dates to be set). The guild will participate and sell items made by the members.

Membership Dues: See Walter 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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BIG EVENT FOR MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be devoted to our annual tool, wood and almost anything else woodworking related sale. Clean out your shop and bring those treasures for someone else to enjoy. We will have a silent auction beginning at 10:00 and ending promptly at 11:00. We will have bid sheets available. We have two options available for sellers. You may (1) sell an item and donate 10% of the sale price to the AWG or (2) donate an item for the sale and the AWG will keep all of the proceeds. **Walter Barnett** and **Tom Surtees** will be available during and after the sale to assist sellers and buyers. Immediately following the sale we will enjoy our customary hamburger and hotdog lunch.

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Buck Creek Festival Shuttle/Parking Map

"A" Ruffin Park
"B" Helena Elementary School
"C" Helena Baptist
"D" Helena Presbyterian
"E" Lee Apts

Buck Creek Festival
The Depot
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Parking
"A" - Ruffin Road
"B" - Helena Elementary
"C" - Helena Baptist
"D" - Helena Presbyterian
"E" - Lee Apartments

Festival Shuttle will run on Friday afternoon and Saturday to all lots.

Parking lot "B" will be closed on Friday

Don't forget, the Buck Creek Festival is Friday and Saturday, May 7th & 8th in Helena. The Guild will have two tents set up to sell Guild items as well as individual member items. If you want to sell items at the Guild tent please notify **Troy Stroud** at 205-213-0858. Parking is free and shuttle transport is provided from Helena Elementary, Helena Baptist Church, Joe Tucker Park and Old Town Amphitheater. For more information visit www.buckcreekfestival.com.



AWG Tents at the Montevallo Art Fest

(see article on page 5)

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

May/June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16[20] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Cliff Daniels	17	18	19	20 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	21 9:00a-1:00p Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p Ron Powell 5:00p - 9:00p Pat Bush	22 9:00-1:00p Brian Stauss 1:00p-5:00pm Pat Bush
23[21] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Jeff Hood	24	25	26	27 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	28 9:00a-1:00p Troy Stroud 11:00a - 3:00p Toys 1:00p-5:00p Paul Owenr 5:00p-9:00pTom Surtees	29 WEC closed for Memorial Day weekend
30[22] WEC closed for Memorial Day weekend	31	1 Jun	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates))	3 9:00a-3:00p Thursday @WEC	4 9:00a-1:00p Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm Toys 1:00p-5:00p R Hardwick 5:00p-9:00p... Mike Key	5 9:00a-1:00p Bob Moorer 1:00p-5:00p Bob Moore
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13[24] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	14	15	16	17 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	18 9:00a-1:00p Troy Stroud 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p Paul Owen 5:00p-9:00p- Mike Key	19 9:30am 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting) 9:00a-1:00p Paul Owen 1p-5:00p no supervisor

The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>

Shop Visit at Brian Stauss' Shop



A view of **Brian's** shop



Baker Bench and Delta Lathe



Chop saw station.



Mahogany cabinets and a beer bottle radio



3 HP Hit and Miss engine



Patio table and glider by **Brian Stauss**

Main Program Of April Meeting



AWG Member **Dale Lewis** with his art



Art by **Dale Lewis**



Art by **Dale Lewis**



Art by **Dale Lewis**

Woodworking Education Center

The Thursday group continues with the building of some children appliances. We are building two refrigerators and two stove - sink combination appliances for sale at "Prime Time Treasures". We will also help with the inventorying and pricing the items that will be for sale at the Buck Creek Festival.

The new Powermatic 3520-B lathe is at the shop and ready for use. Until we are able to run a new electrical circuit the lathe will have to share the electrical receptacle with the big band saw.

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

Our grounds keepers say the lawn mower needs replacing or some major repairs. If any of you have or know of someone that has a riding lawn mower that they would like to donate or sell at a very low price please let Bill Shivers or myself know.

Cliff Daniels

The Montevallo Art Fest



Publicity and name recognition are important benefits of our participation in this type of event.

World-class baskets by **Dwight Hostetter**, band saw boxes, beautiful turned bowls and other items

Dulcimers made by guild members in a class led by **Paul Owen**, a walking cane by **Jeff Hood**. Look at that train by **Ralph Hardwick!**



Cars by the Friday toy group, birdhouses and a folding chair.



An award-winning table by **Bill Shivers**. **Ralph Hardwick** (in the edge of the picture) worked all day receiving payments for our items.



Most of these items are by **Cliff Daniels**. His craftsmanship was recognized by the customers and guild members alike.

The **Art Festival at Montevallo** gave us an opportunity to display the skills of some of the Guild's craftsmen. Our participation in this type of event helps to build name recognition for the AWG and to attract new members. The sale of the items also helps to offset the cost of operating the Woodworking Education Center. The items for sale represent considerable effort on the part of a small percentage of our members. If the sales at these events are successful, a significant part of the WEC operating costs can be covered. We need increased participation to ensure that we have quality items for future sales. Please consider making an item or two for sales at upcoming events.

Windsor Chair Class at the WEC



Buzz Kelly and Pat Weissend in the early stages of their chairs



Keith Tankersley making good use of the drawknife.



Cheryl May shaping chair parts



AR Bray holding forth on constructing Windsor Chairs



AR has their full attention.



Finished chairs by **Preston Lawley** and **Christian Mazur**.

Education Programs

The Woodworking Education Center has seen heavy activity over the last few weeks as the Windsor Chair Class has chopped wood, carved wood, steamed wood, shaved wood, assembled wood, cursed wood and bragged about wood; all in a very rewarding effort to build chairs. This class is nearing completion as a few beautiful finished products have already been created and several more are taking shape. The class participants wish to express their sincere thanks to **A.R. Bray** and **Eddie Heerten** for their time, patience and hard work in leading this class. It has been, and continues to be, a lot of fun! These chairs will be in the show in October.

The next two new classes are now being planned. **Preston Lawley** will teach a half-day class May 22nd on Band Saw Box Making. This class is perfect for all skill levels because you do not have to provide any tools, materials or have any prior experience to take this class. This class is limited to ten people, but if we have more than ten to sign up, a second class will be scheduled. You will leave with a completed project at the end of the day.

Beginning June 5th **Charlie Ard** will teach a very different kind of class for us. Many of you will remember a great program last year in which **Charlie** described the process of building a small boat. After that program, several Guild members expressed interest in learning boat-building skills. **Charlie** has agreed to lead a small class in actually building a boat that will later be sold as a fund-raising project for the Guild. The class will be taught in **Charlie's** shop over four or five Saturdays. The exact dates will be determined by the participants. If you want to learn something new, here is your chance.

Signup sheets and cost information for both these classes will be available at the May 15th meeting.

Robert McClure

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Notice To Members

Patrick Bush has been making name tags and has offered to add a line that will indicate "Member since XXXX" where "XXXX" is the year in which the member joined the guild. Please contact Patrick and give him the year in which you first joined the guild. You can contact Patrick at: patrick.bush@sonicautomotive.com

Please enter into the subject line of your email the following: **New Tag Please.** This will allow Patrick to manage the processing of the emails in a more efficient manner.

Directions to the Woodworking Education Center

From **I 65 South**
Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.
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Turn **right on CR12**
Turn **right on CR17**
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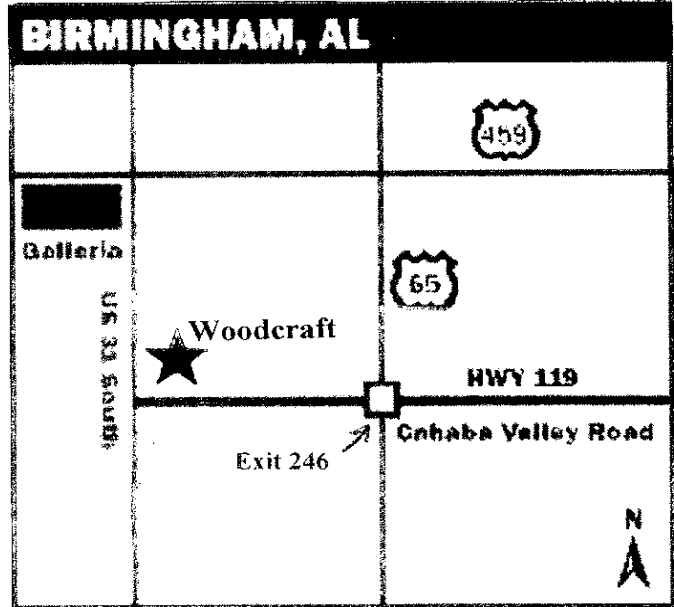
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