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President's Message

How many Guild members does it take to have a successful and rewarding organization? Ever think about that? Last weekend I was at the Woodworking Education Center early in the morning before anyone else had arrived. I put on a pot of coffee and just sat at one of the tables and thought about our Guild and how far we have come just in the past few years since we opened the WEC. I thought back about what the building looked like and the dedication of various members who showed up weekend after weekend to transform it into what we have today. There were not just a few members who transformed the old school house...it was most of the members. Not all at the same time but at one time or another, practically everyone participated.

What does it take to keep the Guild meaningful to every member? Perhaps it takes the same kind of dedication and participation that has brought us this far. It takes someone mowing the grass, painting the exterior, running wiring, fixing the vacuum system, managing the shop, supervising the shop, scheduling programs, scheduling education, managing the web site, publishing this newsletter. It takes all of us, working together, to continue a successful woodworking guild. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives so freely of their time and ability to make our Guild such an enjoyable place to spend time. Let me also urge you, if you are not involved, to find a place of service within the Guild and help make your Guild what you want it to be.



Next Meeting
Saturday,
July 17, 2010
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Monta

Bulletin Board

Tool Sale: August 7, 2010 from 9:00am- 1:00pm. 433 Westhills Court, Bessemer, AL. See article on page 4 for details.

Tool Sale: Dr. Earle Ralls is selling his tools. See page 4 for details

AWG Annual Show at The Hoover Library: October 9 through October 17. Members are preparing their entries. Is your entry ready? Entries don't have to be new items. See John Lawson or any Board member for more information.

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

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

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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.

JUNE MEETING

The program for the June meeting was on tool sharpening. This topic is always timely and our speaker, **Tom Boothe** of Woodcraft, made an informative and entertaining presentation. **Tom** demonstrated sharpening on the Tormek wet wheel system. He also discussed the basic principles of sharpening and some of the many forms of abrasives available to put a keen edge on woodworking tools.



June Meeting Show and Tell



Two Windsor chairs made by Students In **AR**'s recent class on Windsor chairs



Three more Windsor chairs made by Guild members with guidance from **AR Bray**.



Device for improving a student's batting swing. Made by **Brian Burke**



Two bowls turned by **Cliff Daniels** from found walnut.



Curlye the Rocking Horse made by **Buzz and Nelda Kelly** for their granddaughter.

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 July/August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 ^[29] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss	19	20	21	22 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	23 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	24 9:00-1:00p Brian Stauss 1:00p- 5:00pm Pat Bush
25 ^[30] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers	26	27	28	29 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	30 9:00am - 1:00pmBill Shivers 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	31 <i>Aug</i> 9:00 - 1:00 Walter Barnett 1:00 - 5:00 Eddie Heerten
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8 ^[32] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	9	10	11 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	12 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	13 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	14 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Brian Stauss 1:00p-5:00p Preston Lawley
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>

July Meeting Program

Finishing Like the Pros

HGH Hardware Supply, Inc. was founded in 1963 as a response to a need in the cabinet industry for a reliable source of cabinet hardware and supplies. They have everything you need to build incredible cabinets and much more. We are fortunate to have **Tim Schou** from HGH to share some of the latest technology and products in finishing at our July meeting.

Tom Surtees

Sharpen Your Tools

Come early to the meeting in July and bring your chisels, scrapers, planes, etc. with you. Last month we had a very informative presentation about sharpening. Now we can practice. We will have available for your use, a Tormek, WorkSharp, and Wolverine jig along with various guides and water stones.

Tom Surtees

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

The weather has not cooperated so that we can complete the children appliances. The items are built and we are waiting for a dry day so we can spray them with white lacquer. The Thursday group also worked on the signs for the Boys Ranch on June 24 and July 1. We are awaiting information from the ranch to be able to complete the lettering. After completing the lettering the plan is take the signs to the ranch and stain and paint the letters. Five of the boys from the ranch came to the WEC on 6/24/10 to observe how the signs are made. We plan to have the boys help in the staining and painting of the letters.

We are still in need of a good riding lawn mower. If you know of one please let us know.

A new circuit was installed for the air conditioner in the kitchen. It is now available for use but it is also an added expense when it is on, so use it only when needed.

The central dust collector is out of service again. Preliminary indications point to a mechanical problem with the motor. While the central dust collector is out of service please use the portable dust collectors on the equipment. Please remember that much of the equipment should not be operated without a dust collector connected. The jointer, planer, table saws, drum sanders, and band saws (and possibly other items) should always have a dust collector connected to them when in operation.

Cliff Daniels

At right; the building as the guild members began the transformation from a storage facility to a Woodworking Education Center.



At right; a picture made at the first meeting of the members in the Woodworking Education Center. Further improvements to the facility have resulted in the WEC that we now enjoy.



Tool Sale: Tool Sale August, 7, 2010--9:00am-1:00pm 433 Westhills Court, Bessemer, AL. 35022

Joyce Yerby (widow of **Charlie Yerby**, long time member of AWG) will have a sale of **Charlie's** tools on Sat. Aug. 7th (9:00am-1:00pm) the sale will include multiple stationary tools (jointer, planer, drill press, etc.) and many hand tools including clamps, sandpaper, etc.

Contact: Dan Browning: 205-249-9540

Tool Sale: Dr. **Earle Ralls** is selling his woodworking tools. You may contact him at 205-967-0935. **Dr. Ralls** lives in Mountainbrook on Rockhill Road.

Community Service Projects

Volunteers from the guild have been working on a new set of signs for the Alabama Sherriff's Ranch located in St. Clair County. The Thursday Group and other members have spent several days preparing the lumber, shaping the timbers and routing the signs for the Ranch. On June 24, the Thursday group and other members worked on the signs with assistance from young men who are residents at the Ranch. On July 1st the Thursday group worked on the signs again and will install them later this month. **Harold Hall** is organizing the sign project.



Mr. **Jim Thompson** observes As residents of the Ranch paint the letters on the signs



Young men from the Ranch try their hand at painting their signs



Looks like another job well done!



Dan Langford and **Robert Moore** getting in some practice with a router and templates.



Cliff Daniels and **Dudley Massey** routing a sign. The board was a little too thick for the scroll saw.



Troy Stroud working solo.



Cliff, Troy and **Dudley** working on a large sign.



Robert Moore sanding a sign to prepare it for staining.



Lloyd Harper is putting the finishing touch on the lettering for one of the signs

Community Service Projects

Oak Mountain BMX sign

The guild was contacted by **Kevin Johnson**, and was asked if the Guild could build a sign frame to be displayed on their BMX track building at Oak Mountain. BMX supplied the materials and the guild built the frame for the sign. That was another a community service project for the guild. The pictures below show **Kevin Johnson** and **Eddie Heerten** with the sign and the sign as it is installed on the building at the BMX track. **Eddie** took the lead on this project.



Kevin Johnson, from Oak Mountain BMX track, and **Eddie Heerten** display the sign for the building at the Oak Mountain BMX track.



The sign after installation at the Oak Mountain facility.

Notes on the Library

Last month the Guild purchased eighteen books for the library. These books add to the hundreds other books, videos and magazines that the Guild library has to offer. Guild members can check-out these materials by the following process:

Make your selection of the book, video or magazine you wish to borrow.

Retrieve the box of index cards from the shelves on the west wall of the library. Remove a blank index card. Place your name, phone number, the title of the book, and the current date on the card. Then place the card back in the box.

When you return the book: retrieve the card that you filled out when you checked out the book. Make a notation on the card of the date that you returned the book. Place the book on the desk with the card that you used to check it out. The librarian will return the book (or other material) to the shelves.

Eddie Heerten, Guild Librarian

Editor's Note

If you are receiving this newsletter only through the US Mail, you are missing out on the color pictures and the hyper-links that are provided to assist you in referencing materials on the internet. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email only please give me a call or send me an email and I will make the changes to the mailing list.

Do you have suggestions for improving the newsletter? If so, drop me a line at the email address given on the last page. I would like to hear from you.

Bill Newman, Newsletter Editor

Welcome new Members

Byron Johnson, Rhonda Fish and Richard Fish

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A prize-winning horse from a past show! Remember our show at the Hoover library in October. If your entry is not ready, you might want to get started right away. The show is scheduled for October 9 through October 17.

Directions to the Woodworking Education Center

From I 65 South

Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.

Turn **right** at US31 N,

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Look for school house **on your left**



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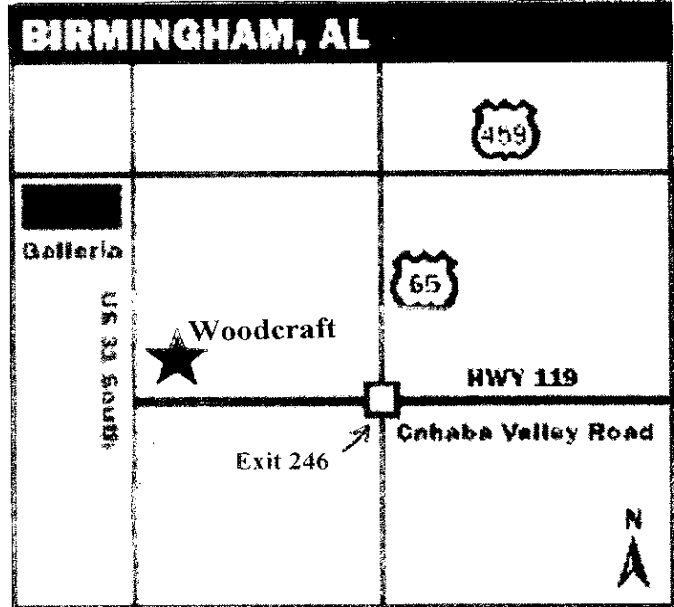
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