



# Guild News



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2010 was a wonderful year in the Alabama Woodworkers Guild! The Guild celebrated with one of the most heavily attended Christmas Parties in recent history. We had over 110 people in attendance even with many members having prior commitments. The entertainment was marvelous with **Tina Hood** singing and playing the piano while **Brian Burke** played the saxophone. Yes, he can play the sax...even did a better job than Bill Clinton! **Jamison** and **Jared Hood** played the piano, **Buddy Finch** recited his annual poem and **Leonard Sanders** entertained us with his yearly jokes that somehow always seem to retain their funnyisity. It was a fun evening topped off by **Nevin Newton** winning the DeWalt miter saw. Congratulations Nevin!!

We closed the year providing something very nice for a well deserving family in north Birmingham. A team of our members built a fantastic set of oak kitchen and bathroom cabinets which they installed in the Terry's Christmas Habitat for Humanity House. The team spent several months learning how to build all the various components of cabinets including installing the hardware and the final finishing. We met Mrs. Terry and her children at her new home and she was quite moved by the quality of her new cabinets. The children...well, cabinets are cabinets. :)

Lastly, remember how we have been looking for additional storage space? Well, **Wilbur Holaday** discovered that his company (BE&K) was selling an 8'x20' shipping container at a bargain price. Wilbur made arrangements for the Guild to purchase the container and had it shipped to the WEC. It now sits on the slab south of the shop. We will still need to call a "work-day" to clean up the slab and position the container in its final location. Thanks Wilbur!

Here's wishing you a happy 2011!

Monta

Next Meeting  
**Saturday,**  
**January 15, 2011**  
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am  
Meeting 10 to 11 am  
Lunch immediately after.  
Don't forget your  
**Show and Tell**

## Dues R Due

*Don't forget your checkbook at this month's meeting. Your 2011 Alabama Woodworkers Guild Dues are now due. Please see Walter Barnett at the meeting or you can mail your dues (still just \$50) to:*

**Alabama Woodworkers Guild**

**P.O. Box 26665**

**Birmingham, AL 35260**



## JANUARY PROGRAMS

### Pre-meeting

The January pre-meeting presentation will be on bandsaw setup, use, and safety - presented by John Lawson. If you have general questions about bandsaws or want to qualify for using bandsaws at the WEC, be sure to join John at 9:30.

### Main Meeting Presentation

Wilbur Holaday, a member of our guild, has a unique hobby. He builds wooden bodies for antique automobiles. Wilbur brought a 1925 "Huckster" to one of our meetings in

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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.**

early 2010. It was a reproduction body that was originally manufactured by The Murray Body Company of Detroit Michigan. He has been working on Model T's since the late 80's and has been interested in antique automobiles since his childhood.

All Model T's had wood of some shape for fashion. The earlier models (1908-1925) used it as the substrate with metal body panels tacked on. In later models, wood was primarily used for top bows on convertible tops, body blocks, and as tack strips for interior upholstery. The "closed" Model T's contain more wood than the "open" touring or roadster. Wood was used extensively through the 1920's, but it fairly well phased out after 1935. Of course there were the specialty cars, "Town and Country", "Estate Wagons" and "woodies", that were made in the 40's and 50's with wood framing and bodies. Beginning in the 1920's, Ford began selling "commercial" chassis consisting of a rolling chassis without the body. Different type wood bodies were manufactured by various companies and installed on the chassis.

Join us at the January meeting where Wilbur will outline the history and deliver a slide show of the 1927 panel delivery truck he completed in 2009.

P.S. If the weather is nice, Wilbur might drive one of his antiques to the meeting!

Dwight

**Welcome New Members!**

Al Craig



**2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**SPECIAL THANKS TO DEWALT**



**Drew Streich of DeWalt presents miter saw to Monta King of Alabama Woodworkers Guild**

**THANKS TO MEMBERS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY PRIZES**

The following members made generous contributions of door prizes which added a significant amount of Christmas cheer to our recent Christmas party:

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|-------------|------------------|
| Jim Anchors | Barron Bartlett  |
| A.R. Bray   | Cliff Daniels    |
| Harold Hall | Dwight Hostetter |

Thanks are also due to the Toy Makers and the Thursday group as some of their merchandise was also used for door prizes. If you see any of these gentlemen, let them know how much you appreciate their thinking of the Guild members during the Christmas season.

**Table Saw For Sale!**

FOR SALE: Powermatic 66 table saw, 3 hp Baldor 230V 1 phase motor , 53" Biesemeyer T-Square fence , \$1,500, or \$1,650 with PM mobile base. Contact Brian Stauss, 987-9997 or [kybgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:kybgs@bellsouth.net).

## EDUCATION NEWS



The Guild's 2010 education program ended with a very rewarding experience on December 11<sup>th</sup> as the Cabinetmaking Class installed their fantastic new cabinets in the Habitat For Humanity house. As shown in these photos, the cabinets looked great and the family was very excited to receive them. Many thanks to Charlie Ard who led the installation team and to all the instructors and students who participated in this worthy cause.

The next class will begin on Thursday evening, January 20<sup>th</sup> as Mike Key teaches a class to build a woodworkers' workbench. This was the second most requested class in last year's survey of desired courses. Mike will lead a small group in building a "Fred Baker style" workbench. It will be very similar to the benches now used at the WEC that were built by Mr. Baker in classes that he taught before his death. There are still slots available for more students in this class. You can sign up at the Guild meeting January 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$85.00.

The first seminar of 2011 will be held at the WEC on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. As requested by many of you following his brief presentation to the Guild at Alabama Hardwoods last Fall, Joel Rago of the Mohawk Corporation will present a one day seminar on finishing techniques. If you have not previously attended a Guild seminar, this is an all-day classroom type presentation in which Joel will demonstrate several spray finishing methods, products and tips. Class size is limited but a very few slots remain. The seminar cost is \$40.00 and you can sign up at the Guild meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

A special thank you to all the instructors and students who participated in classes and seminars in 2010. It was a lot of fun and many of us learned things we will (hopefully), never forget. 2011 will be another very busy year for the Guild's Education Programs. Stay tuned for more announcements!

Robert McClure  
Education Chairman



## WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER ( WEC )

If you were at the November meeting you heard a detailed explanation on how the SawStop safety system works. The safety system cartridge will fire not only if touched by human skin but also by metal or wet wood (anything that is conductive of electricity ). We also had a demonstration of how the system works if touched by a finger ( of course a wienner was used instead of a finger ). Everyone is still encouraged to think your process through and be aware of everything going on around you no matter which machine you are working on.

Maybe you noticed at the last meeting that a lot of clean up outside has been done. The dead tree on the south end of the lot has been cut down and placed in the dumpster. The oak wood left over from the chair making class has also been cleaned up.

Probably everyone has heard by now that we have purchased a storage container and it is located on the concrete slab just south of the building. We need some shelving to go in the end of this container to store all our flammable items. If you have any shelving you would like to donate to the guild please let me know and we will arrange to have it picked up or delivered.

We had an incident at one of our classes where some of the members were consuming alcoholic beverages. We thought everyone understood that alcohol and woodworking shops do not mix, apparently this was not the case. At the last board meeting a revision to the "Use of the Guild Woodworking Education Center, Policy No. AWG-1", which added a statement regarding the consumption of alcohol, was approved and is posted at the WEC. Our supervisors will strictly enforce this and all safety rules in order to keep our members safe.

I would like to remind you that our lumber prices are the best in town, so buy your lumber at the WEC.

As of this writing the knives on the planer are in bad shape. It appears that the knives have a chip out of them as if a board with a nail in it was run through the planer. I hope this is not the case and our members are real careful about used lumber. The "Walker Turner" band saw is out of commission at this time. It sounds like a problem in the drive mechanism.

Cliff

## Policy of Alabama Woodworkers Guild

**Title:** Use of the Guild Woodworking Education Center  
Policy No.AWG-1

Date Adopted:3/1/07  
Revised: 11/27/10

### **Statement of Policy:**

Use of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild (the "Guild") Woodworking Education Center (the "shop") shall be governed by the requirements as set forth herein.

### **Reason for Policy:**

This Policy sets forth the operating requirements necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the "shop" maintained by the "Guild" for the use of its members.

### **Policy Requirements:**

A Shop Manager (appointed by the board) shall establish and administer shop rules and regulations that are necessary to implement the requirements of this policy and/or are necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the shop.

Members are responsible for their own safety and must make themselves aware of and comply with all shop rules and regulations. Woodworking is a dangerous activity. Accidents often occur. A member must not attempt any operation in the shop for which he/she is unsure of how to accomplish safely nor shall he/she operate any machine for which he/she is not certain of how to safely operate it. He/she shall inspect each machine prior to use to assure that it is in safe operating condition.

All persons in the shop during hours of operation must have signed a Liability Release Waiver and said Waiver must be on file at the shop.

Use of the shop shall be limited to (a) Guild sponsored group work sessions, (b) Guild sponsored training sessions and (c) individual member work sessions.

Guild sponsored work or training sessions shall have scheduling priority over member work sessions.

Hours of operation shall be set by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Work sessions shall be scheduled by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Use of the shop is limited to Guild members only. Members may be accompanied by "helpers" to assist with material handling, glue ups, etc. Any person under 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian.

Individual members will not use the shop for monetary gain or for commercial purposes.

A designated Shop Supervisor must be on the premises at all times that any work session is in process.

The Shop Supervisor(s) may set a maximum number of people using the shop at any one time as may be warranted by nature of on-going activities.

The Shop Supervisor shall require any member, who in his opinion is performing an unsafe act, to stop. The member must stop the act, however, he/she may appeal the decision to the Shop Manager.

Members will be required to use their own tools and equipment where not supplied by the Guild.

Members will provide whatever materials and supplies that may be required for their personal projects and will replace any Guild supplies they may use.

Members are responsible to maintain a clean working environment at all times.

Members will clean-up their work areas before leaving the shop.

The Shop Manager may suspend or revoke any member's shop usage privileges for failure to comply with shop rules. A member may appeal such a suspension or revocation to the board.

The requirements of this Policy shall be prominently posted and displayed on the shop premises.

**Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is strictly prohibited on the WEC premises.**

### ***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!



### **Library News**

The VHS player and the big-screen TV in the library are working! Feel free to use them to view VHS tapes from the large selection available in the library. Does anyone have a DVD player that they can contribute to the library? We have some woodworking DVDs and need a way to play them on our TV. If you have a DVD player, please contact **Eddie Heerten**, our Librarian.

# WEC JANUARY / FEBRUARY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16[3] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Brian Stauss	17	18	19	20	21	22
					9:00am - 1:00pm R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm ....no supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten
23[4] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	24	25	26	27	28	29
					9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	9:00am - 1:00pm .... Pat Bush...all Day 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Pat Bush...All Day
30[5] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Feb</b>	6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)		9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	9:00am - 1:00pm .... Monta King 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor
6[6] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Monta King	7	8	9	10	11	12
					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	9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor
13[7] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor	14	15	16	17	18	19
					9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... no supervisor	8:00am - 9:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00am - 1:00pm ....Bob Moore 1:00pm - 5:00pm ....Bob Moore

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