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Next Meeting

Saturday,
September 17, 2011
(Always the 3rd Saturday)

Pre-meeting
9:30 to 10 am
Meeting
10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately
after.
See page 2 for details

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

**Annual Show
starts
October 22!**

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President's Message

I don't know about you but I am ready for fall! I have a basement shop and it normally remains cool enough to engage in a little sawdust making any time of day. However, this summer I have had to limit my woodworking to the early morning hours... something my wife would rather I postpone.



August was a great month at the Guild however. **Pastor Travis Wilson** demonstrated the fine art of split wood caning at our August meeting. It is a great way to revive a cherished family rocking chair or foot stool!

Jerry Boling followed Pastor Trava with a talk about controlling dust in the home woodworking shop. Jerry has constructed his own dust filter system and practically eliminated his airborne dust problems. We experience some technical difficulties with the projector so Jerry had to walk us through all the various components of a dust collection system and addressed several questions from the group. In case you missed Jerry's presentation or would like to see it close up, just click on the following link: <http://webpages.charter.net/pjboling/awg/>.



Following the meeting some of our members (**Preston Lawley-Team Leader, Chris Mazur, Michael Brooks and Randall Robertson**) began milling up the oak and poplar for the Habitat for Humanity Christmas House cabinet project. This project is about to gain momentum quickly in September. See more information from **Robert McClure** later in the newsletter...

See you at the September meeting!

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September Meeting

Pre-Meeting:

The Art of Intarsia – Dwight Hostetter

Main Meeting:

Wood Carving – Jeff Couch



Jeff works for Alabama Power Company out of Demopolis, AL as a local operations line-man. About six years ago, he decided he needed something to do in his spare time. So in 2006, while on a family vacation in the Great Smoky Mountains, Jeff saw an ad for a wood carving school. “Who better to take a carving class from than a real Hillbilly?” Jeff said. “I wanted to learn from expert carvers who really know the art.”

Since then, Jeff has taken several carving classes and learned basic skills from books and magazines. In classes, beginning sculptors learn how to add life to a piece and how translating physical movement to a piece requires inspiration. Jeff tries to find the right wood to match the right inspiration. Sometimes he might spend months researching and studying designs and pictures prior to starting a project. “I like things that are realistic,” Jeff says. “When I carved a dove, I counted how many feathers are in the bird’s wingspan.”

Jeff attends Tannehill Wood Carvers Club meetings with up to 50 carvers on the second Saturday of each month where he receives constructive criticism to help him improve his craft.

For Jeff, carving is the little niche that allows creativity and an opportunity to get away from the responsibilities of life. “Carving is a lot like life, it’s about learning to see the details,” he says. “I never carve anything I don’t want to carve. This is a hobby, and I don’t want it to be a job.”

Dwight Hostetter

From the editor ...

As you can see, we’ve spiffed up the newsletter. To really make it shine, though, we need your help. We need our members to contribute. Send in your pictures. Share a tip. Tell us about your latest project, a new gadget you just bought, a class you took. Interview someone you find fascinating.

If writing isn’t your thing, never fear—that’s why ghost writers and editors exist.

Looking forward to hearing from you...

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Education Activities Report

Now that summer is over we are ready for a new season of woodworking classes and projects. Much of the activity this Fall will involve the Habitat for Humanity cabinet building project. You may remember that last year we built the cabinets as a training class. This year the cabinets will be built as a Guild project. That means that everyone is encouraged to take part and there is no cost to participate. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. Beginners will be teamed with more experienced Guild members and learn on the job. Most of the instructors who taught last year's class will again be available to lead various segments of the cabinet construction process. Those students who took the cabinet-making class last year are especially encouraged to participate this year. Now is your chance to pass on what you have learned to others and make a great contribution to the community as well. This project will move fast and you do not have to commit to participate in every session. Watch for announcements of scheduled workdays soon.

We are very excited to announce that the next training program taught at the Guild will be "Building Shaker Nesting Boxes". The class will be taught by A.R. Bray and Eddie Heerten. They will teach the classic skills of building small, oval shaped lidded boxes in the Shaker style. Wood will be steam bent. The class will be taught at the WEC on four Sunday afternoon sessions in October. The class will not meet Oct 15 due to the AWG Woodworking Show scheduled for that weekend. Classes begin Sunday October 1st from 1:00 until 5:00 PM.

The Nesting Box Class size will be limited to twelve students and is appropriate for AWG members of any skill level. If there is sufficient interest, a second class may be taught at a later date. The cost of the class is \$85.00 including materials. It would be helpful if you can provide a few simple tools and A.R. will provide a list to participants later. You can sign up for the class at the September Guild meeting or by emailing me at rmcc22@bellsouth.net.

Robert McClure

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show

The annual Alabama Woodworkers Guild show is coming and the show is set again for October. The start date is October 22, 2011. That is a Saturday and registration will start at 10:30 am. The show will run all the next week including Saturday. All entries can be picked up on Sunday, October 30th.

A reception will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday October 24th to honor the participants in the show. We hope every member of the Guild will attend this reception to view all the entries and please, bring your family or friends with you.

A big thank you and congratulations to all who entered a piece in last year's show. We had exactly 100 entries and had a great show, let's see if we can have even more this year! To those of you who are new members, this is a great way to show off your first projects. Do not be intimidated about entering the show, that's why we have a beginner category and it is wonderful to see people enter their work for the first time.

You have about a month left to get your entries ready. If you need ideas or some help on your project ask someone at the next meeting and I believe you will find advice on most anything you can think of.

Last, the Guild has been asked to display some of their work as art downstairs during the entire month of October and upstairs during November. I believe this is a great honor for the Guild and look forward to seeing who will display their work.

John Lawson

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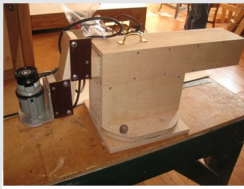
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A pin router type jig for guitar inlay by Jim Woodard



Mahogany cabinet by Eddie Heerten

Show & Tell



AMAZING round end table by Lloyd Harper



Amish wall cabinet by Eddie Herteen



Oak step stool with hand grips

Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

We still need your help with getting the projects rack cleaned up and lets try to keep it as clear as possible.

Just to let you know the cost of the sand paper for the Grizzly drum sander, I just ordered 2 rolls of the 80 grit and the cost was \$125.

This is just a reminder to clean the dust control filters in the closet at least one a week.

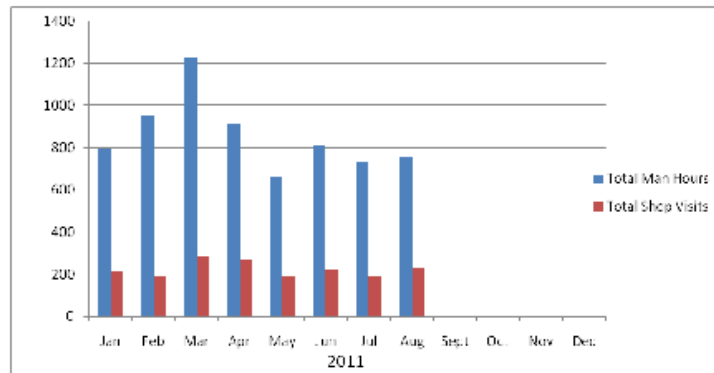
Below is the WEC usage report that Bob Moore works up every month for us. Thought you might like to see the number of visits to the WEC and what type of work is being done. Also hopefully it will emphasize the need to sign in the log book every time you visit the WEC and fill out the portion describing what type of work you are doing.

Cliff Daniels

**AWG Shop Usage Report
August, 2011**

Number of Shop Visits				
Total	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities (Shop improvements / maintenance)
229	45	24	61	99
% of Total				
100	19.7	10.5	26.6	43.2

Number of Hours Worked				
Total	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities (Shop improvements / maintenance)
757.5	183	105.5	205	264
% of Total				
100	24.2	13.9	27.1	34.8



WEC SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18[38] NEWSLETTER: Officer Articles Due by noon 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	19	20	21	22	23	24
25[39] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	26	27	28	29	30	1 Oct
2[40] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush - supervisor	3	4	5	6	7	8
9[41] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	10	11	12	13	14	15

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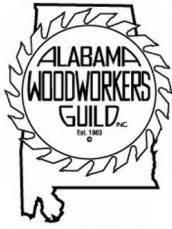
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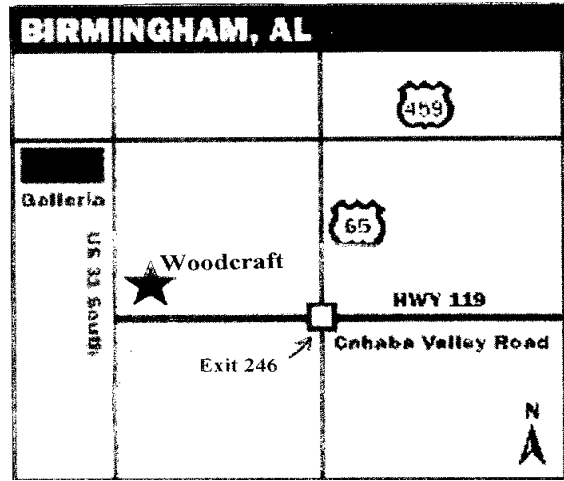
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