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# Guild News



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## Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on May 19, 2012.

9:30 A.M.  
Business Meeting  
10:30 A.M.  
Live Auction



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## President's Message

We had another great program in April. All these woodworking power tools scare me sometimes; can you imagine what it's like for a blind person? Thanks to Mike Kelly and his group for the great work they do for our blind veterans and for the program they did for us.

The pre-meeting last month was just a small taste of the band saw class that was held on April the 26<sup>th</sup>. By all reports it was a great class with 16 attendees. Thanks to Preston and Chris for another job well done.

Don't forget that our May meeting will be our annual silent auction. We will start at 9:30 with a short business meeting and then the auction will begin. Don't forget to bring all those valuable tools and other items you forgot you had and have never used. Somebody will probably think they need them.

Can't stress the "Mentoring Program" enough. Here is your chance to get one-on-one help with any problem or project you have. Just ask anyone on the program list posted in the WEC.

Many thanks to Wayne Burriss and the AmeriCorps group for the assembly of 253 helicopters that will be part of the guild toys for the Children's Hospital. And thanks to all that made parts for this project.

Don't forget about the upcoming seminar with Ron Herman. The dates are June 2 & 3. We need as many members as possible to attend so we will take in enough money to keep us out of the "red".

We have scheduled another "Orientation" session for Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. We expect to see all of you that raised your hands last month. Again, this is a chance to learn all about the Guild and how it functions.

We still have the raffle for a \$500 gift certificate at Hardwoods of Alabama going, so continue to buy your tickets.

The toy group has moved their work day from Friday to Tuesday. They would welcome anyone to join them on that day.

Cliff

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## Welcome New AWG Members!

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!! Jim Grant, Thomas Ingle, Heyward Menasco, Jeffrey Menasco, and Bruce Snead

## WELCOME!

## Toy Group Moving to Tuesdays

The Friday toy group is relocating, we have moved to Tuesday, same time as always, 10:00 AM until about 3:00 PM each week. The shop is being utilized by the guild members more and more, which is a good thing. To allow the guild members to have more access to all the tools in the shop all the days the WEC is open, the toy group decided to change the day we meet.

We gather with our sack lunches and our lies (mostly from Buddy Finch), we build a few toys, eat some lunch and then build a few more toys. We share our skills and mistakes to help us all become better woodworkers. The toy group is open to all guild members. Please come and join us as we make toys for deserving kids.

Ralph and Lynn

**WEC MAY / JUNE 2012 CALENDAR**

May/June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 20  1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	14	15	16	17	18 9:00am - 1:00pm R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Monta King	19 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Monta King 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore
20 21  1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Mike Key	21	22	23	24	25 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell-Supervisor 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Free 5:00pm - 9:00pm Bob Free	26 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Preston Lawley supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush supervisor
27 22  1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	28	29	30	31	<b>Jun</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith - supervisor 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith - supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Mike Key	2 9:00am - 1:00pm Monta King 9:00am - 5:00pm Hand Tools Wood Selection Guest Instructor-Ron Herman 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King
3 23  9:00am - 5:00pm Hand Tools Wood Selection Guest Instructor-Ron Herman	4	5	6 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	7	8 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell-Supervisor 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell-Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	9 9:00am - 1:00pm .... no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor

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

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## March Pre-Meeting and Meeting

### Meeting

Our May meeting will be the annual "Not So Silent Auction". It's time to gather your extra and no longer needed tools, wooden projects, wood, etc. For your convenience, a copy of the silent auction form is included in the newsletter and on the website. Please fill out one form for each item to be included in the silent auction.

We also plan to have a few special items auctioned off by a live auctioneer. So far this includes a couple of bandsaws and a mini-lathe. Since the number of live auction items will be limited, please contact Vice-President Cheryl May by email or phone if you would like an item auctioned live.

We will begin at 9:30 with announcements and a short general meeting. Bidding for the silent auction will begin immediately after. The live auction will begin around 10:30. The silent auction will end at 11:30 or 15 minutes after the end of the live auction, whichever is later.

Please note: A minimum of 10% of any transactions is to be donated to the Guild.

Cheryl

### Comfort Bucket

Drop a buck or two in the comfort bucket next time you come to a meeting. Guild dues don't pay all the bills at the W.E.C.

### Call For Submissions

Send your articles, musings, pictures, poetry, etc. to Wayne Burris at Waterseeker@hotmail.com for consideration to be included in the next issue!

## April Show and Tell

The show and tell portion of the AWG meetings is an opportunity to share your experience, knowledge, and skill with the rest of the Guild. Made an ingenious jig to overcome some problem? Bring it to the next meeting so we can all learn about it! Tried a new area of woodworking? Bring a project in and let us know what you learned. Or maybe you just want to show off some of your best work? Bring it in!

When you bring your project in, don't forget to sign in on the show and tell sheet before the meeting begins so we'll know who to call up to the microphone.



Above: Pepper Mill by Cliff Daniels



Above: Ottoman Tray by Chris Mazur



Above: Tiger Face by Buddy Finch



Right: Doll Chair Template, Doll Chair, Walnut Candlestick by Dwight Hostetter



## Mentoring

NOTE: You must be a member of the Guild to be eligible for mentoring classes.

Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your woodworking skills a notch or two? Do you have a special project in mind but are just a bit uneasy about getting underway? Looking for tips to save time and effort, plus get better results?

Here's what you need to do: join a Guild mentored group now. It's the way to go for all of the above, with others at your skill level, and best of all, at no cost except for materials.

**Refer to Shop Schedule for schedule of mentoring sessions**

### Some examples of topics offered:

Bench Making  
Table Saw instruction  
Lathe Fundamentals  
Pen Turning  
Hand Tools - sharpening and techniques  
Furniture Building - Chairs, Table tops, Tables  
Instruction in - Router table use  
Instruction in - Jointer, Planer use  
Dovetail jig making  
Hand-cut Dovetails  
Pocket Hole Jig Instruction

**If you have questions on woodworking technique, tool usage, or buying equipment or tools, feel free to contact a Guild mentor.**

## 2012 Mentors

John Lawson	Furniture repair, band saw, track saw
Mike Key	Dovetail jig
Eddie Heerten	Lathe, furniture, table saw, hand-cut dovetails, Bowl turning
Bob Moore	Handtool sharpening, table saw, joiner, planer
Dwight Hostetter	Lathe, segmented turning, baskets
Bill Newman	Boxes, jointer
Brian Stauss	Cabinet construction
Cliff Daniels	Scroll saw, jointer, band saw
Buzz Kelly	Finishing and stringing
Lynn Smith	Toys
Pat Bush	Jointer, planer
A.R. Bray	Draw knife, planes, hand tools, antique hand tools

Contact the above by email or phone as listed in the Membership Directory or email Ron Griffin at:

[sawandsplinters@gmail.com](mailto:sawandsplinters@gmail.com)

## Raffle

Prize is a 500.00 gift Card from Hardwoods of Alabama.

Tickets are 5 bucks each or 6 for 25.

Think of all you can buy for 500.00

Get the tickets...they are going fast!

Pat



## Silent Auction Form

### Alabama Woodworker's Guild Silent Auction

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Starting Bid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Buy It Now: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reserve Price)

Bid increment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Guild donation: Minimum 10%  
Other %: \_\_\_\_\_

	Bid	Bidder		Bid	Bidder
1			18		
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## Ron Herman Seminar

# WOODWORKING SEMINAR

**Alabama Woodworkers  
Guild**

**Presents**

**June 2 & 3, 2012**

**Saturday 9-5,  
Sunday 1-6**

**Woodworking Education Center  
10544 Highway 17  
Maylene, AL 35114**

**RON  
HERMAN**

- \$75.00 for one day
  - \$125 for two days
- Saturday lunch is included for those who pre-register (payment received by May 28, 2012)

**Topics include:**

- **Selecting lumber**
- **Using hand tools**
- **The advantages of hand tools over power tools**
- **Care and maintenance of hand tools**

**For more information or to register:**

**[www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org](http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org)**

**Chris Mazur: 205-979-1593 (h)  
205-942-6479 (c)**

**Preston Lawley: 205-982-2828 (h)  
586-530-0927 (c)**



For over a decade Ron has worked with the National Historic Trust as well as other historical societies and woodworking clubs teaching identification, care and proper use of 19th- and 20th-century woodworking hand tools. Ron teaches for the Kelly Mehler School of Woodworking and has written articles on hand tool selection and use for Popular Woodworking Magazine. This year will be his 5th as a presenter at Woodworking in America.



Ron is 5th generation Housewright who succeeded his father in running Antiquity Builders of Ohio. This centennial family business specializes in historical restoration with tooling proper to the period. "From his mill in Columbus, with its extensive inventory of period hand tools (and modern machinery), the trades are practiced to the highest levels. Whether felling trees or doing fine carpentry, hand tools play a vital role both in the mill and on the job site."<sup>1</sup>



Saturday  Sunday  Both

**Mail form and registration fee to:**

**Alabama Woodworkers Guild  
P.O. Box 26665  
Birmingham, Alabama 35260**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> A Visit To Ron Herman's Shop, Aja Alexandre, April 18, 2011, [www.popularwoodworking.com](http://www.popularwoodworking.com)

## Member Orientation Agenda

### Alabama Woodworkers Guild

#### Member Orientation Guide

#### I. Introduction

- Background of the Guild
- Purpose
- Board Composition & By-Laws
- Guild Patrons
- Guild Tuition Reimbursement Plan
- Major Activities
  - Monthly Meetings (describe)
  - Education
  - Seminars
  - Community Involvement
    - Children's Hospital
    - Habitat for Humanity
    - Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranch
    - American Village
  - Annual Show
  - Christmas Party
- Contribution of Members
  - Get Involved - Participate
  - Take Initiative to get to know others
  - Share unique skills
  - Pay dues in January
  - Comfort Bucket

**Saturday, June 23rd  
at the WEC**

**9:00--11:00 AM**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

#### II. Woodworking Education Center

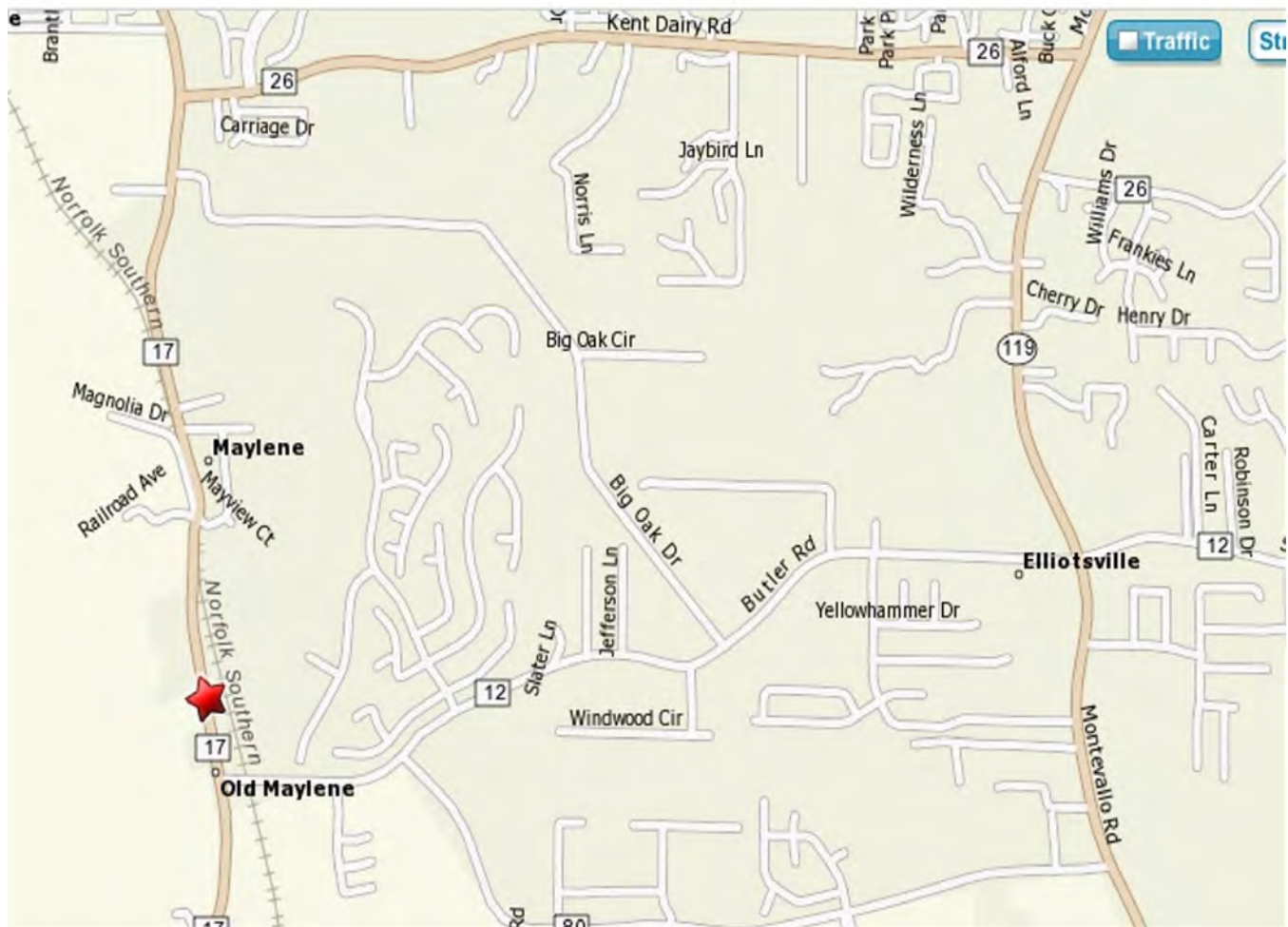
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- Source of Tools
- Rules of Shop Usage
- Safety
- Supervisor's Role
- Property Care & Maintenance
  - Lawn
  - Outside
  - Inside
- Shop Materials
- Project Storage
- Wood Sales

#### III. Communications

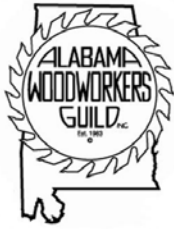
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- E-Mail
- Web Calendar
- Name Tags
- Guild Directory

#### IV Questions & Answers

## Directions to the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC)



**From I65**, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on State Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance



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### About Us

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Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling **Walter Barnett, Treasurer** at (205) 933-9207.



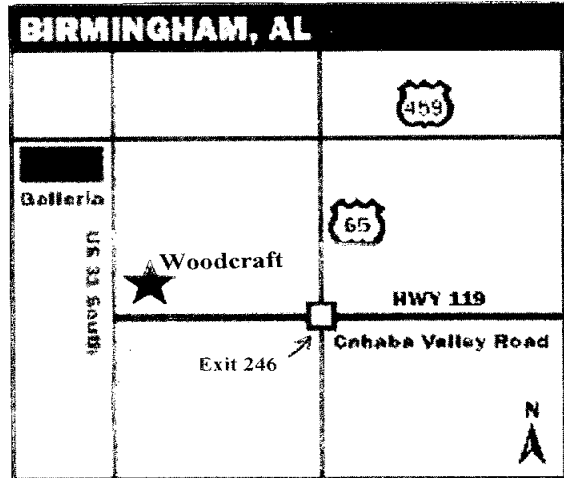
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