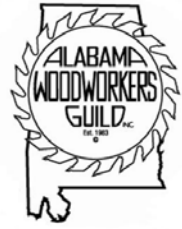




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Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News



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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting is
January 19th

**Happy
Holidays!**

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President's Message

Have you ever seen so many toys at one place? As always the November meeting was dedicated to the presentation of toys to the Children's Hospital. This year we not only broke all previous records but we blew them out of the water with 14,442 toys! At the request of Children's Hospital we also made 22 props (candy canes, lollypops and flowers) for their Sugar Plum Christmas Shop. Great job by everyone that made toys!!

The north room has been cleared out except some lumber. We had a free yard sale with all the stuff we removed from the room and you members carried almost all of it away. Thanks for that. We will be planning a work day sometimes in January to paint, install lighting and do anything else needed so the flooring can be refinished. I am looking forward to that room being put to use.

The WEC looked great after the cleaning job before the November meeting. I wish it could stay that way all the time but I know that is not possible. We could probably do a better job than we do though. Thanks to all that helped in that effort.

The Habitat for Humanity cabinets are complete. They were installed on January 15th.

Congratulations to Ralph Hardwick for winning the Peoples Choice Award at the Annual Show. Ralph's train was truly a work of art. I can't imagine how many hours it took the build it. Great work Ralph!

The new slate of officers and board members was presented and voted in. Welcome to new board members Art Chamblee and Wayne Burris. Also thanks to Eddie Heerten and Bill Newman for their service as board members for the last 3 years.

The mini-lathe, moulder-planner and the Band Saw were sold at the last meeting. These sales always help offset the expense of operating the WEC so thanks to the members that bought these items.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have had our Christmas Party. The attendance was down from last year but we still had a great time. A very big thanks to Tracy Bush and Shannon Alldredge for their work in setting up and coordinating the party. I think a great time was had by all.

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December Meeting

Please recall that the Christmas Party served as our meeting for this month, so there will be no formal meeting the third Saturday in December.

Before you give away those show entries as Christmas gifts, please take plenty of pictures. Our January program will be an extended show and tell, giving us an opportunity to talk about these amazing items. Please plan to bring your show entries (or pictures) to the January meeting.

Band Saw for Sale



2 HP, 220 V Grizzly band saw. \$600. If you're interested, please contact Curtis Carter at (205)-621-2829



Comfort Bucket

We appreciate your donations to the comfort bucket! The money raised there helps the Guild pay the bills at the WEC.

WEC DECEMBER 2012-JANUARY 2013 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16[51] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	17	18 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	19	20	21 9:00am - 1:00pmno supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm No supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	22 9:00am - 1:00pm Wayne Burris 1:00pm - 5:00pmEddie Heerten Eddie Heerten
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30[53] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	31 Jan	1 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (I R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	3	4 9:00am - 1:00pm RON POWELL-SUPERVISOR 1:00pm - 5:00pm RON POWELL-SUPERVISOR 5:00pm - 9:00pmno supervisor	5 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>

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Habitat Cabinets

Congratulations to the Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Building Class! The class built 12 kitchen cabinets and 2 bathroom vanities. The cabinets are all oak with dovetailed drawer boxes and full extension drawer glides. These were some of the best cabinets ever!



Thanks also to all the dedicated and talented instructors that made this project an overwhelming success!

The cabinets were installed on Dec. 15th. Charlie Ard and Mike Key led the installation of the Habitat Christmas House cabinets in the future home of the Kimbell family. Thanks to everyone who donated their time to this great project!



Monta King



Photos by Monta King

Mentoring

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

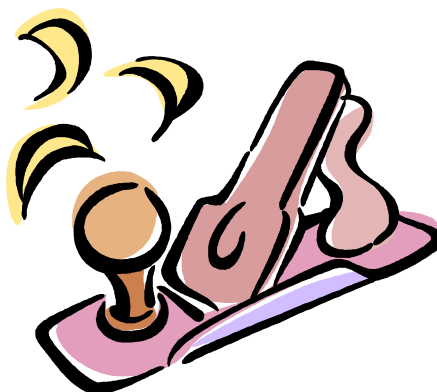
Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your wood-working skills a notch or two? Do you have a special project in mind, but are just a bit uneasy about getting underway? Looking for tips to save time and effort, plus get better results?

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.

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 Lathe, segmented turning, baskets
 Boxes, jointer
 Cabinet construction
 Scroll saw, jointer, band saw
 Finishing and stringing
 Toys
 Jointer, planer
 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

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Toy Donation



If you are looking at some puzzle pieces scattered across a table top they do not make sense or form anything recognizable. But if these pieces are positioned in just the right way, they all come together to form a complete picture. This year the puzzle pieces all came together to form a wonderful picture. That picture this year was of thousands of kids with smiles on their faces as they received handmade wooden toys while spending time at Children's Hospital.

The puzzle pieces came from many different places and represent many dedicated people.

The pieces are;

- those that started this whole toy program thing many years ago,
- donated equipment to make the toys,
- financial donations for materials (axle pegs, dowels and wheels, wheels, wheels),
- over four tons of donated wood,
- hundreds of hours spent making sawdust and wooden toys,
- 20 to 30 people willing to make a difference in a child's life.



This year there were more Guild members involved in the toy program than ever before. This year the Friday Toy Group became the Tuesday Toy Group because the group is now too large to share the shop during normal open shop hours, and that is a good thing.

The toys came from not only the WEC but also from the individual shops of many of the Guild's members. The toys came by the dozens, by the hundreds, even by the thousands. They came from big shops, little shops, well equipped, elaborate shops and simple shops. They came in each week and each month. They came to make big smiles on more little faces than at any time in our past.

This year the number of toys topped 14,500 but the more important count is the number of smiles on the faces of the recipients. The toys will give long hours of joy during play time but will also make shorter the long hours of time spent in a place away from home, in Children's Hospital.

Thank you Guild members, thank you Toys Group members, thank you everyone that drew, cut, sanded, drilled, routed, or assembled. Thank you Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity. Thank you Birmingham READS AmeriCorps. Thank you generous patrons. This has been a tre-

mendous large group effort – the families and the kids are the beneficiaries of these efforts.

What a beautiful scene these puzzle pieces have come together to make!

Lynn and Ralph



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Toy Group

Children's Hospital representatives (from left to right):

Jennifer Denere, Darlene Oldham and Faye Kelly



Photos by Monta King

November Show and Tell



Above: Colored Tongue Depressor Pen by Paul Owens

Below: Pepper mill by Shannon Alldredge



Above: Pepper mill by Dudley Massey

Photos by Monta King

Christmas Party

MANY THANKS to Patrick Bush and his family for coordinating a wonderful Guild Christmas Party at the North Shelby County Library.

A great time was had by all while enjoying good food and the fine singing of Tina Hood along with Chris Heerten's occasional accompaniment.

Of course, there was uplifting poetry by Master Buddy Finch paying tribute to our amazing toy group and the children to whom they minister.

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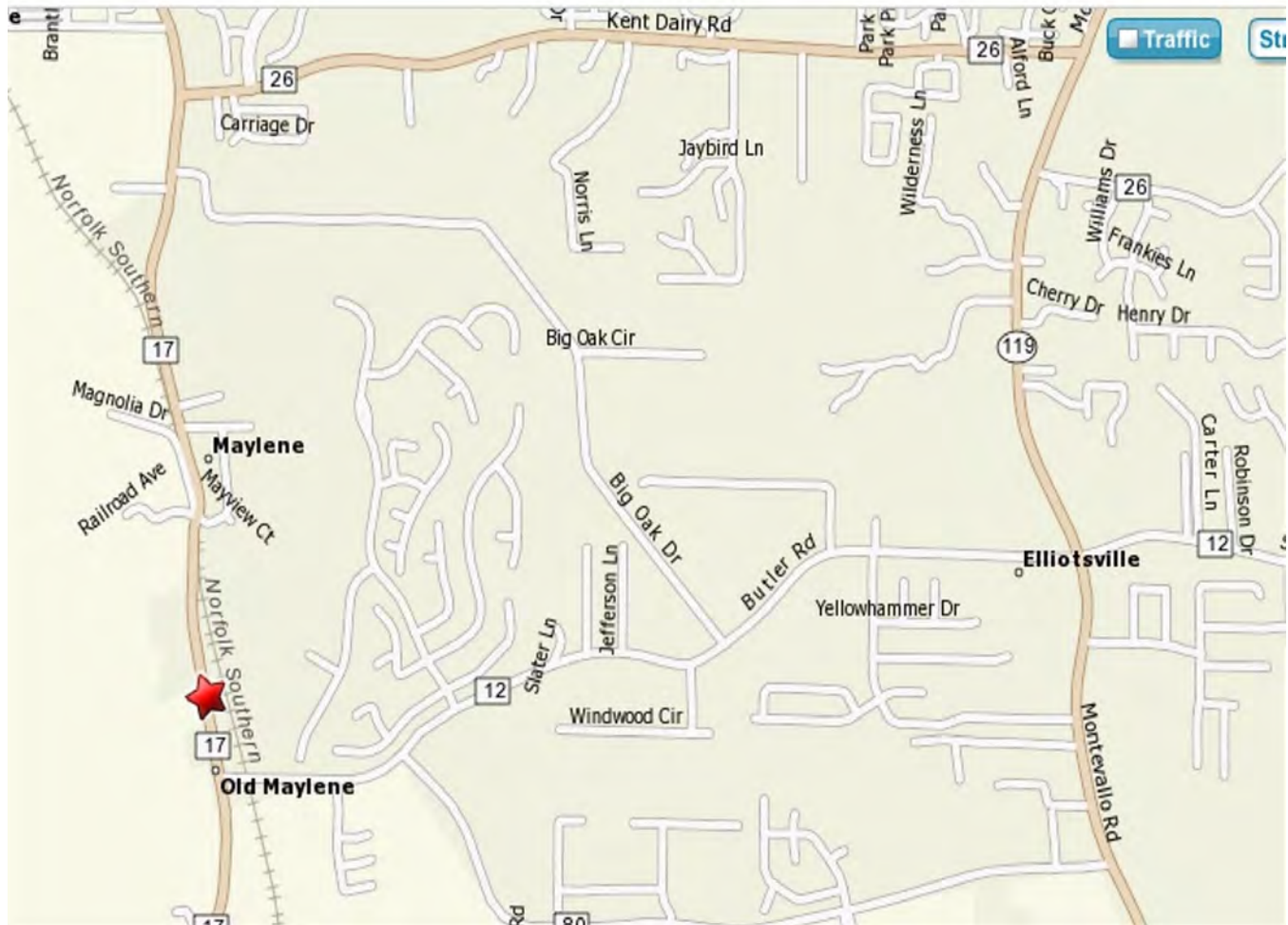
Chris Heerten and Tina Hood entertaining the members.



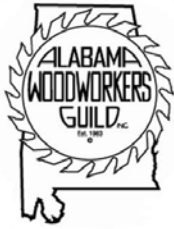
Some of the attendees

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From I65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on U.S. 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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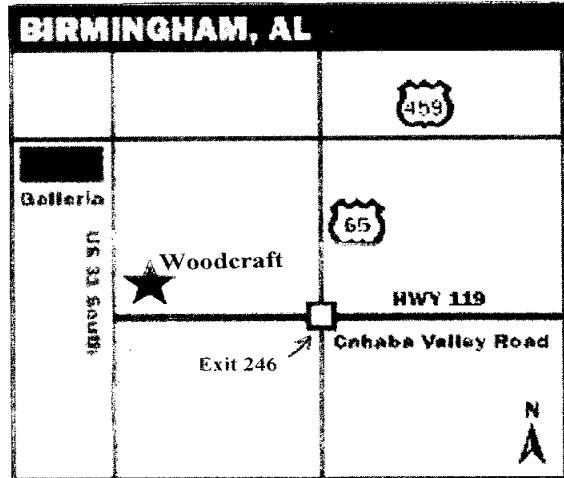
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