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# Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News



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## Next Meeting

The next  
scheduled  
meeting is  
January 18th

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## President's Message

This will be my last message to you as your President. I'll have to admit it has been a lot of work but I consider it a privilege to have served such a group as you. I think we have accomplished a lot in the last two years with much help from a lot of members. I would first like to thank the current officers and board members for the last two years as well as all those that attend the board meetings for their help and support. According to my count we have had 107 new members join the guild during this time and this is essential for a group to grow. The general membership is the reason for these new members because they have invited their friends, neighbors and relatives to the WEC and our meetings and once they see what we have, how can they not join.

We needed a hot water heater badly in the kitchen and that was purchased and installed this year.

We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a fantastic party with the most attendance of any event we have ever had. Thanks to Preston and Pat Lawley for their hard work in planning and coordinating this terrific event.

We keep running out of room to store things so we bought a second shipping container and it was completely full a week after we got it in place.

We completed the meeting room in the North end of the building including a new screen and new speaker and the projector install in the ceiling. Also two radiant heaters have been installed thanks to Bill Newman, Mike Scott and others. This has provided us with a great place to hold our monthly meetings.

And what can you say about our toy program with **19,605** toys turned over to the "Children's Of Alabama Hospital" this year and over **34,000** toys in the last two years! I want to thank everyone that made toys at home but we all know that the Tuesday group is the heart of the toy program and we would not have a program if it wasn't for them. Their only reason for being there is to make something that will bring a smile to some child in the hospital. Thanks to them and their two co-chairmen (Lynn Smith and Ralph Hardwick). We had a great special

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on ABC 33/40 highlighting our toy program. This not only gave our toy program a boost but it gave the guild a lot of publicity. I hope all of you got to see it either live or on the web site. In addition we made several signs for the Boy's Ranch in St. Clair County.

I'm sure all of you know that the guild dues of \$50 per year doesn't even come close to covering the expenses of operating the WEC and the many other things we do. In addition to the dues we have to have fund raisers like lumber sales, auctions, raffles and we have had several monetary donation these two years. Our classes have been a big help with our finances during this time. There have been several small classes but the largest classes in the past two years have been the "Habitat for Humanity" cabinet class taught both years. So we have completed the year in good financial condition. And don't forget the "Annual Show" at the Hoover library. It was a great show even though we didn't have as many participants as we would like.

Our Christmas Party was held on Dec. 3 and what a party it was. Thanks to Eddie and Patricia Heerten for hosting this party and all their hard work of coordinating, buying, cooking and decorating. We had over 80 people in attendance and if you missed it, you missed a great time with fellow members and their spouses. All the food brought was absolutely great and as usual, Tina Hood entertained us with her beautiful voice. Also a large number of door prizes were given away. All in all it was second to none with any party we have had. Thanks to all who participated in any way.

Thanks again to all of you for allowing me to serve you.

Cliff

## New Members

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!

Ray Dugas, Laurens Cotten, Charles Bryars and  
Stuart Parker

**WELCOME!**

**WEC DECEMBER 2013-JANUARY 2014 CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5[2] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor	6 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor	7 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	8	9	10 9:00am - 1:00pm ...no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm ...no supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Eddie Heerten	11 9:00am - 1:00pm ... no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor
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## Toy Program

Traditionally, the November Guild meeting is when the toys made by the Guild members are turned over to Children's of Alabama (better known as Children's Hospital or just Children's). This year was no exception. The difference was, there were only two pickup truck loads of toys to be transported following the meeting. In 2013 there were so many toys made throughout the year there was not enough space to store them all at the WEC. So, we have been making trips to Children's every couple of months or so instead of saving all the toys until the November meeting. This works well for the Guild as well as for Children's.

The number of toys made has been increasing year after year and again, this year was no exception. In 2011 the Guild made 8,400 toys; in 2012 it was 14,500 - an all-time record. In 2013 the Guild produced 19,600 toys. This was a huge effort by many in the Guild, including Lee Beadles making over 900 toys in addition to sanding most all of the toys made by the Tuesday group. Cliff Daniels made over 300 and John Powell made more than 200. There are somewhere between 20 and 25 people in the Guild that have been involved in the toy making effort this year. Thanks to you all for the part you played in making this year successful.

In the past, Habitat has provided a substantial amount of wood to the toy program but because of reduced funding, they have shifted their emphasis from new construction to rehabilitating foreclosed-on houses for new home owners. This has reduced that amount of wood they have been able to supply to the toy group. However, several Guild members have stepped up to cover the shortage, either from their own shops or house construction sites in their neighborhoods or even from commercial woodworking shops. This has added to this year's success.

One other individual that has played a huge part, not only this year but for the past three years is Ralph Hardwick. Ralph has been the chairperson or the co-chairperson of the toy program for the past three years. This role requires a large time commitment on an almost weekly basis and Ralph has served his time well. Ralph has chosen to allow others to step into the leadership role for a while. As he leaves the leadership role others will work to fill his shoes. This will be a difficult task. Thanks, Ralph for all you have done for the toy program during your tenure.

## Mentoring

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

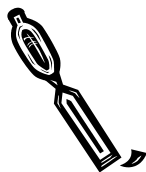
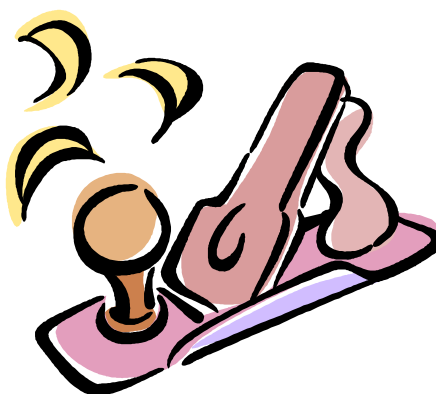
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 Jointer, planer  
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# Pictures From Last Month's Meeting



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Photos by Bob Moore

## Christmas Party Recap

If you missed the Christmas Party at AWG this year you missed a "Grand Old Party".

**Patricia Heerten** spent several days decorating with help from a few members and look at the pictures I have included and it's hard to spot any of the equipment that we all use. Two Christmas trees and a complete Christmas Village, WOW it was a sight to see.

The weekend before, President **Cliff Daniels** and his trusted committee of members that seem to always rise to the call when needed arrived and gave the old building a good cleaning and started setting up the chairs and tables. Some decorating started on Sunday, but most of it was completed on Monday and Tuesday. For all of you that helped make this party happen, "**Thank You from all the Guild Members!**"



Behind the scenes was **Eddie Heerten** cleaning, shopping, delivering and of course cooking several Hams.

Tuesday night the Guild was ready to party and **Cliff and Walter** greeted the guests after they arrived and directed them where to place their side dishes, desserts and door prizes.



We were expecting 80 people that had made reservations online and they all showed up plus another 25 or so that are not computer equipped at home. Just what Patricia and Eddie had planned for!

**Bob and Pat Moore** brought in several boxes of fried chicken to go with the hams and with all the side dishes the smell was unbelievable and everyone was ready to eat.

By 6:45 pm most guest had arrived and **Cliff Daniels** called for everyone to be seated and **Pat Bush** gave the blessing. **Patricia and Eddie Heerten** were given a standing ovation for Organizing and putting our Christmas Party together. The seating was a little crowded but no one seemed to care, the Guild was in full party mode.

Two lines formed at the food tables and another at the dessert table in the back of the room. In only a few minutes everyone was enjoying the delicious food that was available to all.

At about 7:30 **Cliff Daniels** had a few words to say. Cliff thanked everyone for supporting him during the last two years and he was proud of what was accomplished for the Guild and all the improvements that had been made.

We are all very grateful to **Cliff Daniels** for his leadership over the last two years and he has set a



standard that will be hard to follow. Thank you from all of your fellow members.

**Tina Hood** was introduced and she entertained us with her beautiful voice and played Christmas carols on her Keyboard that we all sang along with. Her last song was "Tennessee Waltz" which she dedicated to her husband **Jeff Hood and Cliff Daniels**. WOW, what a voice!



**Dwight Hostetter** was introduced and gave comments about our annual show at the Hoover Library. He thanked everyone for a successful show and talked about changes for next year.

Dwight announced the "**People's Choice Award Winner**" and it was our wonderful Leader, **Cliff Daniels**. Not only is Cliff a great leader he is also a Great Teacher and a Master Woodworker. Congratulations Cliff!

Next on the list was to give away all the door prizes, and we are lucky to have our own resident **Game Show host / Comedian Pat Bush** filling those duties. Pat, with help from several people, gave out over 50 door prizes and almost every family was a winner.



At 9:00 the party was declared a success and the cleanup began.

By 10:15 the Guild was almost clean and back to looking like a woodworking shop again.

Now you know that this article is not able to name all the wonderful members that worked to make this event and many other events that happen during the year. Having said that----

**"Thanks to all the special members that always help so that others can enjoy our wonderful Club."**

Preston Lawley



## Nominating Committee Report

President Cliff Daniels asked Jeff Hood, Henry Hager and me to form a nominating committee around the end of August. We were to come up with a slate of officers for 2014. We were to nominate two members of the board, a president, vice president and secretary. After a long search and help from other guild members we were able to come up with this slate:

**President:** Ray Ziegler

**Vice President:** Ed Bullock

**Secretary:** Scott Stafford

**Board Members:** Paul Mancill and Henry Hager

Ed, Scott, Paul and Henry were elected at the November meeting but because the nomination of Ray came after the meeting, his election was conducted by E-mail. Walter Barnett will remain as Guild treasurer. The nominating committee and the rest of the Guild are grateful for their willingness to serve. We encourage every one to corporate with and help them in every way you can.

Respectfully submitted: Art Chamblee

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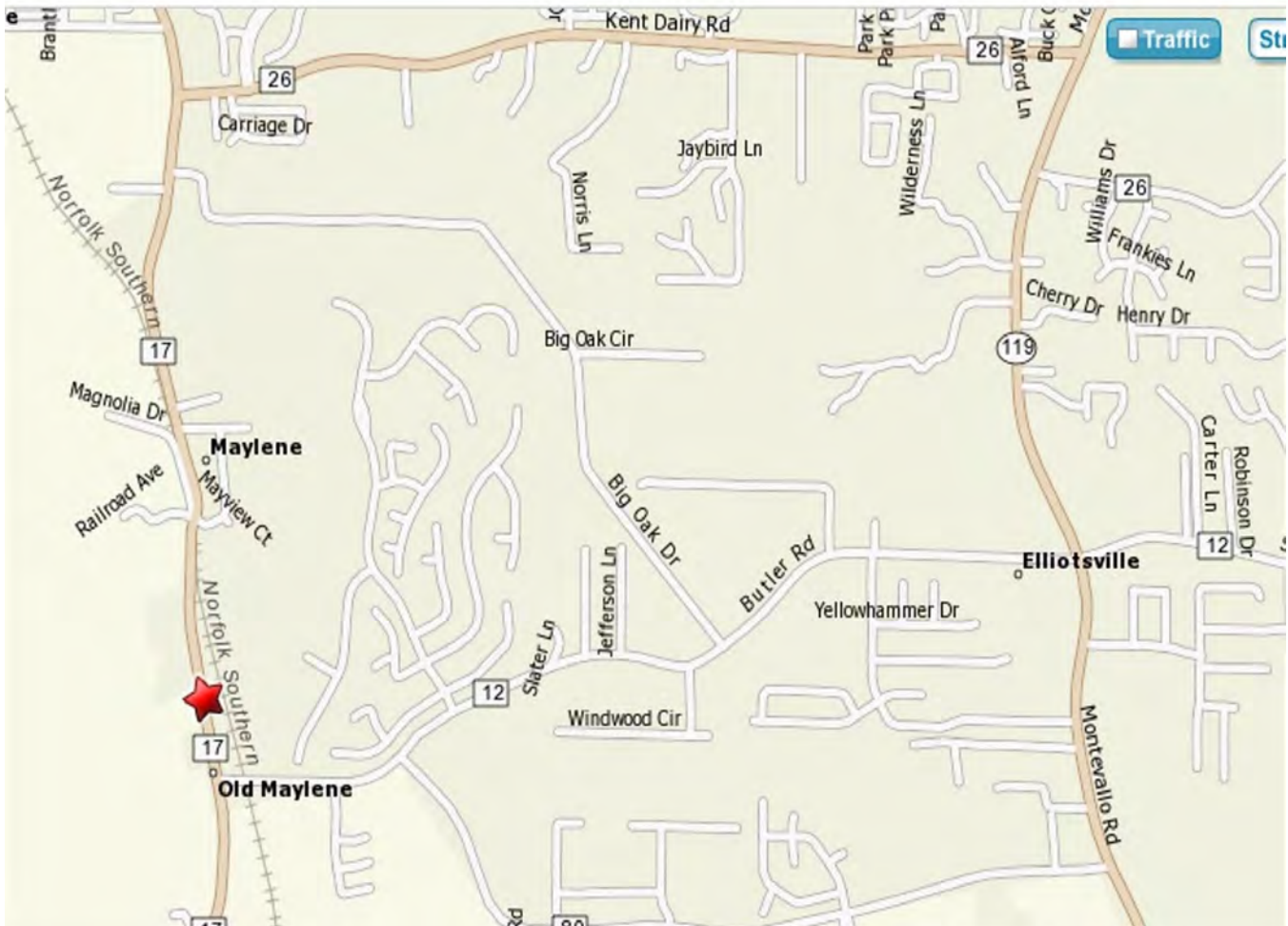
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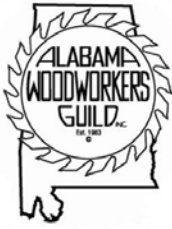
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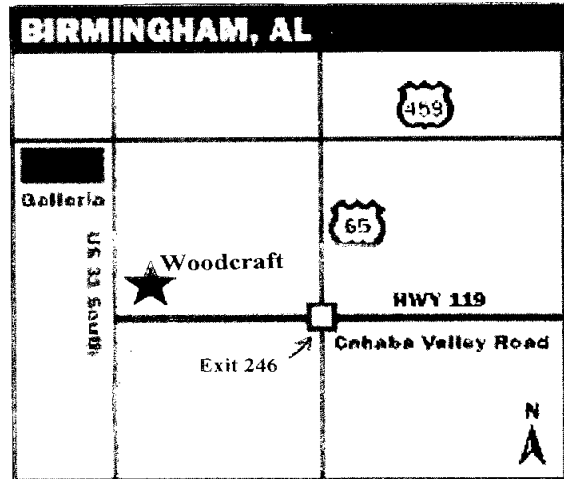
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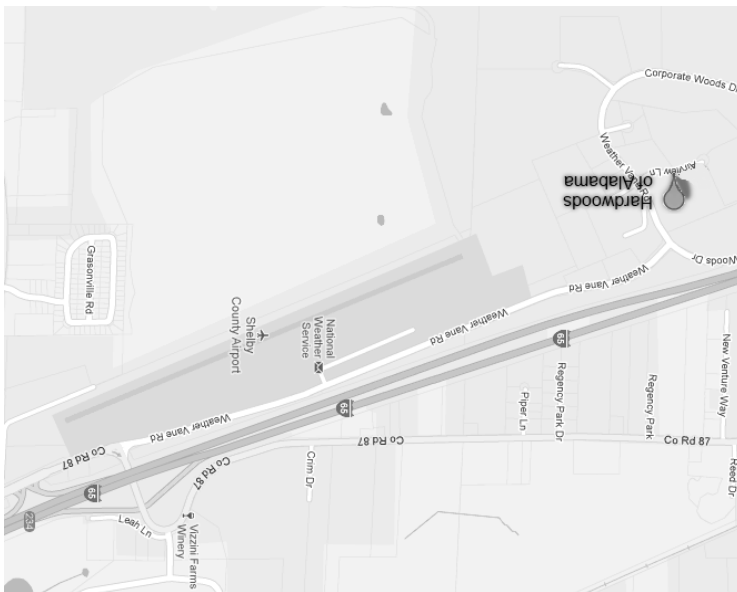
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