

Guild News

Welcome new members Eddie Stephens & Gary Long!!

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*Next Meeting
March 15th
Pre-meeting Demo
5:30 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

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President's Message

Barron Bartlett did an outstanding job at the February pre-meeting program on jigs made by the Friday PM group. Thank you, **Barron**, and to all of those who participate in the Friday PM Group.

Also, I extend our thanks to Mr. Johnny Ward from the National Safety Council for his presentation on safety at the February meeting. Our Guild is fortunate that none of our members have suffered a major accident recently but we must focus on safety at all times! This presentation was timely.

Our Shop Safety Procedures are in place thanks to **John Lawson** and **Cliff Daniels**!! We all owe a huge "Thank You" to both these gentlemen for the work they have done to develop our safety program. They have done an outstanding job!! Their work includes a trip to Greenville to learn how Greenville manages safety and spending hours drafting our procedures. The procedures were presented to the BOD members on March 1st and the members were put through their paces: first to understand each of the five machines and how to operate them safely and then to demonstrate their capabilities. With a little coaching, all your BOD members are now certified to operate the machines. We are now ready for you to see **Jim** or **John** and schedule a time for you to become certified also. This is the final step before the machines are available for you to operate.

For some reason we have a new problem!!! A considerable amount of mail you are sending to our mailbox is misaddressed. Our correct P. O. Box is 26665 and our correct zip code is 35260. A number of your checks have gone to a very nice lady who has taken the trouble of searching us out and getting your checks to us.

On page 2 you will find information on the in-house classes we will be offering this
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Dr. Erminel Trescott Presents

Our program this month will be presented by Dr. Erminel Trescott. Dr. Trescott is the Principal of the Helen Keller School of Alabama in Talladega. She has been employed by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind since 1975 and the Principal of the above school since 1988. She has a B.S. degree from Alabama State University and a masters and doctorate from the University of Alabama. She has taught in the public school system, been Minister of Music in two Baptist Churches and involved in several civic organizations. She is married with two sons.

Dr. Trescott plans to talk to us about the school in general, it's programs and who they serve. She will also discuss some possible opportunities for the Guild with them. This should be an interesting and informative program, so come early and get a good seat.

Frank Jones demonstrates chip carving techniques as our pre-meeting program. Don't miss a chance to see this excellent craftsman at work!

spring and summer. This schedule and plan is in response to the request you made last October in a survey. We will have classes on both Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings as the survey indicated you desire. **Jim Caldwell** has worked hard to put this together.... be sure to thank him!

Mark your calendar for our May 17th, meeting. This is our annual "Family Night" which includes our auction and our cookout. It's always fun and this year will be no different.

I think the reality of the grant for the Alabama State Council on the Arts and subsequent purchase of the five woodworking machines encouraged many of you to make a pledge to the Woodworking Center Fund. There has been a nice increase in those participating and we thank you. Currently, discussions are ongoing for three potential sites or buildings for the Woodworking Center. Keep our eyes open for potential properties and if you know of one make a member of your BOD aware of it. We will find the right one if all of us just keep looking.

We have been very fortunate to have the services of two experienced grant writers in preparing a grant request from us to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. Zackie Bosarge and Barbara Beland are writing our grant request at no charge because they believe what we are giving back to the community is worthwhile. This is their way of helping us to give back. By the time you read this our first grant request will have been submitted, and additional ones are being prepared.

Directories were ready for you to pick-up last month except for a minor miss-step. In any case they will be at the desk when you sign-in Thursday night so be sure to get yours.

There may still be a few seats available for the Sam Maloof seminar in Greenville. The seminar is March 24th and at least 15 of us are going. If you wish to join us for a lot of fun and a great experience, see me to make arrangements.

See you on the 15th.

Bill

For Sale

South Bend Metal lathe w/accessories. 9" swing 32" between centers. \$1500. Good shape. **Frank Jones** just needs the room (205) 663-9057

Alabama Woodturners Classes

We and the Alabama Woodturners are sharing classes in 2007. See the schedule of turning classes posted at <http://alabamawoodturners.com>

or contact Will Pate (205) 907-0638.

Guild Training Classes

*See below tentatively scheduled classes for March/April 2007 dates and instructors. See **Mike Key** to make reservations at the March meeting. Classes have limits/minimums. Drawings held for slots in overbooked classes. \$20 for each single session class. Advanced multi session class \$85. Pay when making reservation. Saturday classes are 8 until 12 AM and Thursday classes are 6 to 9 PM.*

Saturday 3/17

Sharpening, John Lawson

Box Making, Dan Browning -Hands-on class, preparing material & construction of small boxes. Student will complete construction of a box. Material furnished by instructor

Carving a Ball and Claw Foot, Frank Jones -Bring 3 inch square stock long enough to make table leg, a tenon saw if have one & carving tools (set of gouges - minimum#4, 5, 7)

Thursday 3/22—Sharpening, Charlie Ard

Saturday 3/31

Hand Tools, John Lawson Finishing, Buzz Kelly

Saturday 4/7

Spraying Lacquer, Dan Browning-Hands-on class basics of spraying lacquer. Air pressure, types of guns, types of lacquer and spraying techniques. Students may bring small objects to spray if they wish. All spraying materials will be furnished.

Thursday 4/12

Hand Tools, Charlie Ard

Box Making, Dan Browning (see 3/17 description)

Router Techniques, Mike Key (Jim and John's Shop) safe router operation and jig usage.

Saturday 4/14

Joinery, John Lawson

Chip Carving, Saturday 4/14, Frank Jones

Saturday 4/21

Make a Table, Dan Browning -Hands-on class covering preparation of material for top and legs. Includes edge joining, planing, tapering legs, cutting mortise/tenon & table assembly. Materials available. Students will reimburse instructor for materials used.

Walking Stick, Frank Jones—Bring a stick of 36 inches or more/your choice of wood. Plus 3 to 6 inch piece for the handle.

Thursday 4/26

Joinery, Charlie Ard

Jointer, Mike Key (Jim and John's Shop) qualification for Guild shop equipment use.

Stringing & Decorative Details, Nelda Kelly

Building a Spice Cabinet with John Lawson. Advanced class meeting Saturday mornings 4/28 through 6/15 in **John Lawson's** shop. More details to come.

Classes are held in the shop of the instructor unless noted. Contact instructors for more information regarding classes/directions:

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The board of directors approved three documents pertaining to the operation of our woodworking shop at their regular meeting on 3/1/07. Those documents are: The Guild policy statement on the operation of our woodworking shop, a position description for the "Shop" manager, and a position description for the "Shop" supervisor. These documents are included here for your information.

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 within the prior 12 months 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.

Shop Manager

General Responsibilities:

The Shop Manager is responsible, on behalf of Alabama Woodworkers Guild (the "Guild") for the general management of the Woodworking Center. He/She shall administer the policy established by the Guild governing use of the Shop (the "Policy") and establish such other rules and procedures to address the safety and security of operations conducted therein as he/she considers necessary or appropriate. Consistent with the Policy, he/she shall appoint, train and delegate assignments and responsibilities to subordinate personnel so as to provide for maintenance of the facility and equipment; acquisition of required materials and supplies; scheduling of hours of operation and individual and group work sessions; and shall take any and all other actions that he/she determines are necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the Shop.

Authorization:

The Shop Manager is appointed by the Alabama Woodworkers Guild Board of Directors (the "Board") and serves at the pleasure of the Board. He/she is bound by the Policy and any other policies and budgets adopted by resolution of the Board and shall act consistently with such policies and budgets. He is authorized to resolve any

dispute concerning the Woodworking Center. His resolution may be appealed to the Board. The Shop Manager may appoint an Assistant Shop Manager to assist in the management and administration of the Shop.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

The Shop Manager's responsibilities are managerial and administrative in nature. As such, he/she is responsible for establishing rules and procedures; appointing and training subordinates; delegating work assignments; and, supervising and coordinating the activities of Shop staff members and volunteers so as to achieve the following.

Establish and administer safety rules and procedures.

He/she shall assure that all safety procedures are understood and enforced by the Shop Supervisors.

He/she shall operate the Woodworking Center within the budget approved by the Board.

Appoint and train Shop Supervisors and Assistants.

Assign Shop Supervisors and Assistants as necessary for Shop operations.

Set hours of Shop operation.

Provide for scheduling of Shop work sessions.

Establish and administer safety rules and procedures.

Establish and enforce rules and procedures for use of various equipment.

Provide for indoctrination of Shop users as to Shop rules and procedures.

Provide for assistance to Shop users in equipment setup and operation.

Provide for maintenance of Shop equipment and facilities.

Purchase and receive equipment, tools, materials and supplies.

Determine optimum placement for equipment, material storage, tools and other Shop contents.

Plan and supervise modifications to the Shop facilities and layout.

Submit budget recommendations to the Board.

Submit policy recommendations to the Board.

Advise the Board concerning the acceptance of non-monetary donations for the Shop.

Provide for collection of Shop usage information and statistics,

Submit Shop usage reports to the Board.

Provide information about Shop activities to the Web Master and Guild News Editor.

Encourage use of the Shop by Guild members.

Perform any other actions necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the Shop.

Shop Supervisor

General Responsibilities:

Shop Supervisors are responsible, on behalf of Alabama Woodworkers Guild (the "Guild"), for the supervision of activities at the Woodworking Center. At least one Supervisor shall be on duty whenever the Shop is in use. The Shop Supervisor on duty is in charge of all on-site Shop operations in accordance with the terms of the policy established by the Guild governing use of the Shop (the "Policy"). He/she shall provide assistance and instruction to shop users regarding Shop rules, procedures and machinery setup and usage. The Shop Supervisor shall take any and all actions that he/she determines are necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the Shop and shall correct or terminate any activity that

is not consistent with such operation and/or is not in compliance with the Policy or other shop rules and procedures.

Authorization:

Shop Supervisors are appointed by and receive direction from the Shop Manager.

The Shop Manager may serve as a Shop Supervisor at any time.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

Perform any and all actions necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the Shop.

Maintain the schedule of shop work sessions as directed by the Shop Manager.

Ensure that all persons in the shop during hours of operation have signed a Liability Release Waiver.

Ensure that each person working in the Shop has completed safety training on the equipment he is using and that all the required certifications are

in place.

Administer training as necessary to certify members on individual equipment.

Enforce safety rules and procedures.

Enforce rules and procedures for use of various equipment.

Indoctrinate Shop users as to Shop rules and procedures.

Assist Shop users in equipment setup and operation.

Maintain Shop facilities.

Maintain Shop equipment.

Collect usage information and statistics.

Perform any other actions necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the Shop.

Assure that the Shop is clean and secure at the end of his/her shift.

Perform any other duties as directed by the Shop Manager.

Greetings From the Gulf Coast

I've been down here for a half year now and woodworking has taken a back seat to several other priorities lately. First, we have gone through 7 cars in 5 months. In addition to the two that were struck by lightning last September, we have had two others struck and totaled by other vehicles. Fortunately, no one but the insurance company has been seriously injured. Our record for shortest time owning a car before it was totaled stands at 6 days; we are not trying to beat that one.

I have been working on our house regularly since we moved down, and to give you a sense of what it is like to work on a hundred year old home, let me tell about replacing 10 ceramic floor tiles.

I knew they would need to be replaced when I bought the house; they were cracked and the floor beneath was indented. The house inspector pointed out that the dishwasher had probably leaked

causing the flooring to become wet and decompose. Visual inspection from beneath revealed no subsequent damage, so I figured, take up the old tile, replace the 3 square feet of damaged flooring and replace the broken tiles with those from beneath the fridge. Upon removing the damaged tile and following previously undiscovered water damage back to the dishwasher, I found damage to the flooring, the sub-flooring, and the 24 foot 8 x 8 foundation sill. The water had run along the joist to where it could do some serious damage.

At this point, I found the dishwasher still had a leak and had been causing damage all along. I need more tile than the 10 original to complete the floor and to replace the water damaged sill, I'll need to use a half dozen floor jacks to support the east wall while it is replaced. And to

add insult to injury, the tile I need hasn't been manufactured in 20 years, so the whole floor will need to be redone. The framing timbers are larger than present day standards so will have to be special milled. And Sharon has decided she wants new countertops, since I'm working in the kitchen anyway.

So, this is what it's like to replace 10 ceramic tiles,

- New dishwasher, \$400.**
- New floor tiles, \$1300.**
- Marble counter tops \$3800.**
- Living in a historic landmark, priceless!!**

Bill Host

P.S. I am trying to contact a woodworkers group called the Sons of Wood, (I think they are a splinter cell of the Bavarian Illuminati) and have found a great Irish pub called Callaghan's.

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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

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LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR
AS DOWN THE ROAD WE STEER

LET'S HAVE A TOY MAKING BOUT
SO THE KIDS WONT CRY OR POUT

EVEN THE SICKEST WOULD BE UP TO PAR
IF HE OR SHE HAD A CUT OUT OR TOY CAR

SO LET'S BE SMOOTH NOT ROUGH
AND MAKE SOME TOY TYPE STUFF

Meeting Directions:

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road Homewood, AL

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

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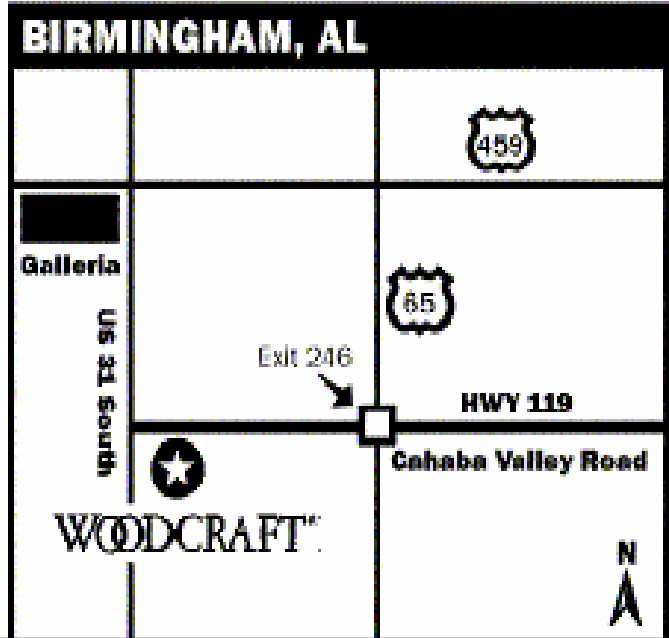
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Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling Walter Barnett, Treasurer at (205) 933-9207.

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