

# Guild News

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## Next Meeting September 20, 2007

Pre-Meeting at 5:30  
Meeting 6:30 PM

Don't forget your  
Show and Tell

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## President's Message

*Have you heard?* We've come to an agreement to acquire the Maylene school house for the temporary home for our Guild Shop! I want to thank the twenty who worked so hard, got so hot and dirty emptying the schoolhouse – two truck loads and a 40 yard dumpster so far! They include **Jim Anchors, Charlie Ard, Walter Barnett, A R Bray, Bob Free, Don Freriks, Eddie Heerten, Joe Hurst, Warren Jones, Mike Key, Monta King, Paul Mancill, Jim McKittrick, Bob Moore, Bill Newman, Tom Robinson, Cliff Saxon, Bill Snipes, Luke Weerts,** and yours truly. This building will make a great shop. September 8th is the next workday

What a resource we have in **Michael Tomlin** and his knowledge of woods! **Michael** "Thank You" for your excellent presentation on our favorite subject at the August meeting. If you did not see the pre-meeting by **Buzz Kelly** and **Barron Bartlett** you missed a treat. They presented a display of various woodworking joints (some I had never seen before). Such beautiful workmanship! Thanks to all of you for your contributions to our Guild!

There is another person we all need to thank. **Nelda Kelly** is one of the hardest working persons in the Guild. Each month she produces and gets a fine

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*Pre-Meeting Program by one of our newest members, Joe Hurst.* **Joe** will be showing us the dovetail jigs that he is writing about in an upcoming issue of Woodcraft Magazine. Wait until you hear who he is using as models!

## Charlie Ard will be Presenting our September Program

**Charlie Ard**, master craftsman, will present our program in September. **Charlie** is not only an outstanding woodworker but is also an accomplished machinist (he even builds his own tools and equipment). Who better to give us more guidance about maintenance and alignment of our own equipment?

We all know that well maintained and aligned equipment performs better and gives more accurate results. Come and hear, the always entertaining, **Charlie Ard** as he shares his vast knowledge with us.



When **Charlie** presents, he always draws a crowd!

*Our Shop Visit this month is with the multi-talented and always entertaining A.R. Bray. See Directions page 2.*

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newsletter to us. She puts in long hours to do much of the writing, then pulls it all together in a beautiful format before having it printed and mailed. Please tell her how much you appreciate what she does.

Too bad that Vestavia's "I Love America Celebration" was rained out. We so badly needed the rain -- It was a treat to work with Karen Odle. She said she would contact us concerning an event planned for October.

August 30th was a busy day for the Guild! One group at AIDB making a presentation of game boards while another was at the schoolhouse cleaning out the building. DID YOU SEE **BUDDY ON ABC33/40?** Congratulations to the Friday PM group on their efforts to help AIDB – **Buddy Finch, Barron Bartlett, Lee Beadles, John Gasque, Buzz Kelly, and Paul LeSueur** who made the trip to Talladega as well as others who work on Fridays – thank you for your efforts. **Buddy** you missed your calling – you should be a TV star!

The nominating committee is hard at work selecting leaders for 2008. There are several leadership positions open. The Guild needs you! Please let **Jim Caldwell, Glenn Phillips or Troy Stroud** be aware of your willingness to serve.

Excitement is building for our show the week of October 21st thru 27th !! The reception is on Monday night the 22nd. At our next meeting you will be given invitations to the reception for you to mail to those you would like to invite – be thinking of how many you need. The show is the highlight of our year – it is the display of what we are about and it's fun. Please get your projects ready. You only have about a month. There are divisions for all skill levels – Ron Peyton of the Dogwood Institute is the judge.

How many toys are you making this year???? We turn them in at the November meeting!! Can we top last year's record of 4139?

Kelly Mehler will be here November 16th and 17th. This is our fall seminar and Kelly's second visit to us. He is such a great presenter and this will be a first class seminar. Do you have a friend who is not a member but likes woodworking – bring him with you. See **Mike Key** to sign-up.

Work safe!!

*Bill*

### Shop Visit with A.R. Bray Saturday, September 22nd 9AM

**From the North:** Take **280 South** past the Waterworks to Dolly Ridge Road (old 280), **turn right on Dolly Ridge Road** which turns into Cahaba River Road at the 1st traffic light, go straight thru the light to the next light at the bottom of the hill, the Morman Church will be on your right, **turn right onto Altadena Road.** Take the **1st left onto Alta Glen** (about 1/4 mile) , go 2 blocks & **turn left into Altaridge Subdivision** (between 2 stone columns), take the **1st left onto Altaridge Circle** & we are the 3rd house on the right.

**From 459 either way:** Turn onto Hwy 280 towards Birmingham, go past Summit Shopping Ctr, go to 1st traffic light over the hill & turn left onto Dolly Ridge Road ( old 280), then follow directions above. Lost ?? Call on **A.R.**'s cell phone 807-4935 or home phone 969-3753.

### Fall Classes

**Basic Joinery** has been moved to October 13th and 20th. **Charlie Ard** will teach the class and illustrate all basic joinery while building a table.

If we can get our Guild Shop in Maylene up and operational by October 13th, this could be our very first class in the new shop. Failing this, **Charlie** will teach the class in his shop.

Contact **Mike Key** (205 663-9036) or **Charlie Ard** (205 226-3686) to make or change class reservations. We hope the necessary schedule change will not negatively impact the 3 folks who had already signed up!

### Keep Your Tools Sharp!

**Fred Sandlin**, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at (205) 663-7524 to coordinate pick-up & delivery.

**Mel Brown** would like you to know that DVDs are available at [www.bama4u.org/video.htm](http://www.bama4u.org/video.htm). A wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget all the details given by the demonstrator by the time we get home. Guild members get a special price for only \$10 for each DVD which includes postage.

### Welcome New Members:

**Dan Hubbard**, Hampton Cove  
**Robert Parker**, Coosada

## SHOW TIME APPROACHING

*After the September Guild meeting there will be just about one month until time to set up for the 2007 AWG Annual Show.* I hope that most of you are ready with your projects, although there is still time to get busy and add another item to those you have prepared already. The show will be organized as it has been for the last several years with four categories:

- Traditional furniture
- Contemporary furniture
- Wood turnings
- Other

Items may be entered in the above categories to be judged by **skill levels of beginner, intermediate, advanced and masters.** Note that the Other category is a “catch-all” category for items that just don’t fit in any other category.

You may also enter items into one of the four open categories:

- Wood carvings
- Shop tools/jigs
- Restoration/refinishing
- Toys

*The judge will evaluate each item in each category/skill level based on design, joinery, finish and difficulty. You may also enter items for “Display Only” not to be*

*judged. You may enter an item in the show that has been entered in a previous show, but if it has won a ribbon in the past, it will be for “Display Only.”*

We will start the show **set up on Saturday, October 20th at 10 AM.** The show is displayed in the Hoover Library Gallery, which is located on the lower level with the theatre. You can drive up to the entrance at that level to facilitate loading and unloading your project (rear of library). **The display remains in place until Sunday, October 28th, when all items should be picked up starting at 2 PM.**

If you cannot bring your piece during the set-up period, please contact **Paul Mancill** or **Dwight Hostetter** for assistance. Please limit items to be judged to no more than three per category. If you won a blue ribbon in a category in the past, consider moving up to the next level. Judging will be Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by a reception Monday evening from 6 PM to 8 PM.

*We are expecting a great show this year! If you have not participated in the show in previous years, you are missing out on one of the highlights of the Guild. Not only does it give you an opportunity to show off your work, but also the fun and fellowship experienced as part of the week’s activities is a big part of what the Guild is all about. Don’t be left out, come and join in the fun.*

### TIP:

REGISTRATION FORM IS ON OUR WEBSITE

Having your forms already filled out will save you time and allow more time to look and visit!

## Got Ribbons?



### Shop Visit with Rob McClure

We had a pretty good turn out to see the **McClure** shop. We all marveled at how neat and tidy it was! We saw the influence of the Guild in the projects in the shop. There were serving trays like those that the Friday group had been making, “**Dan Browning**” style boxes, and some good looking scroll saw projects (surely the inspiration of the **Cliff Daniels** scroll saw class). **Rob** said that the ultimate router table was thanks to **John Lawson**.

The **McClures** made us all feel welcome. I saw several people taking notes about the vacuum set up. All in all it was a pretty good way to start a Saturday morning. Made you want to go home and build something!

### Cullman “Splinter” Group

Don’t forget the “Splinter” Group has a booth at the Cullman County Fair 9/17/07 through 09/22/07. How long has it been since you went to a good ole county fair? Let’s turn out and support our fellow woodworkers. It will make a nice outing!

We’re looking forward to having the Cullman group participating in our show this year. They get together and drive down from Cullman once a month for our meetings.

Officers were nominated at their last meeting:

**Pat Weissend**- President  
**Pete Nassetta**- Vice-President  
**Judy Tyler**- Sec/Treasurer





## Alabama Woodworkers Guild

is proud to present:

# Kelly Mehler

### Woodworking Seminar Side Table Construction

Kelly Mehler is offering a two day seminar in which he will be constructing a side table. Kelly's instruction will focus on:

- Rip Sawing
- Book Matching
- Grain Selection
- Butt Joints
- Mortise and tenon joints
- Tapering
- Drawer Fitting
- Safety

Kelly will take you through constructing the table from a single board. With a woodworking career spanning 28 years, Kelly has extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques.

He has long been committed to teaching table saw and shop safety.

You will not want to miss this seminar, regardless of your level of expertise.



**Friday & Saturday**  
**November 16 & 17, 2007**  
**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

**Seminar Cost**  
**One Day \$75**  
**Two Days \$125**  
**Lunch Provided**

**Dusty Saw Woodworks**  
**614 24th Street South**  
**Birmingham**

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or

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**Charter Fire Systems, Inc** Shawn O'Brien & David Pavey have served as valuable advisors to the Guild relative to fire safety issues. If you or your business have need for fire protection or inspection in the future please consider using Charter Fire Systems. (205) 982-3301

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**Paul Mancill, Realtor** I work as a full time Realtor with both buyers and sellers. If I can help you please call. I will donate a minimum of \$200 in your name to the AWG Building fund for each successful transaction either with a AGW member or referred by an AWG member. Thanks, Paul.. I can be reached at (205)-706-6252

**Max Tool, Inc.** is a distributor of cutting tools, abrasives,

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**Woodcraft** The Woodcraft franchise in Pelham, AL is independently owned by Tom and Kathy Nequette. It is a local business and Tom's full time occupation. It depends upon its well being by fostering and maintaining as high a level of relationships as possible with all of our customers. Beyond that it is imperative for the store to enhance and promote woodworking in all of its forms. The Alabama Woodworker's Guild is an integral part of these goals. Not only do we value the members as customers but we value what the Guild represents and brings to our community. We believe in supporting the Guild, its growth and its members. We thank you for your patronage and your friendship. (see our ad page 6)

### Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

### ABC 33/40 - Alabama's TV News Leader

Our thanks to local television station **ABC 33/40** and videographer, **Bill Castle**, for their support of the community activities of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

### *Game Board Spraying by Buddy Finch*

*Let me tell you about this guy Hall,*

*He is awesome, so on the ball.*

*Another guy who neatly a sprayer handles,*

*Is that perky Cliff Daniels.*

*You can be sure that neither one is a slacker,*

*As they spray on the sealer and lacquer*

*For they got up early in the day,*

*For on the game boards to spray.*

*As they put a finish on the boards so neat,*

*The over the hill gang sanded each board*

*So the job would be complete.*

*We surely will know it was all worthwhile,*

*When all the kids at Helen Keller break out in a smile!*

### 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

**From I65 North**, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 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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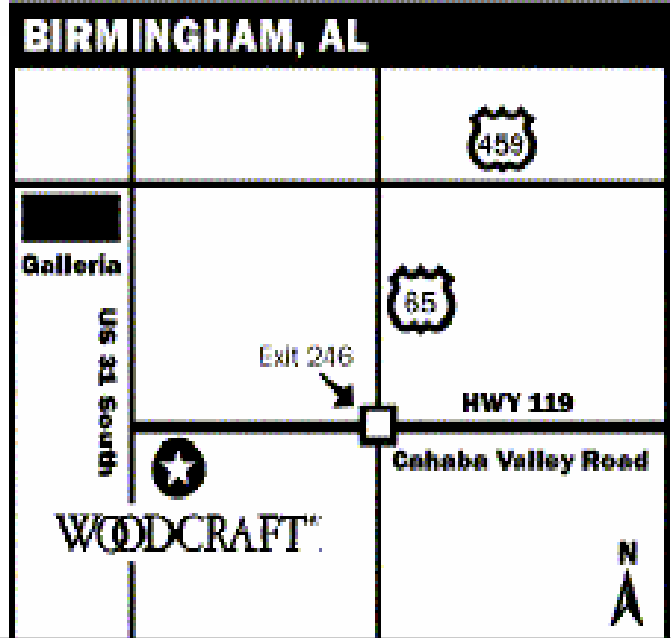
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Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road)  
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