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Glen Huey is coming May 16th and 17th !!!!

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President's Message

Those of you who know me, know that I'm not much of a talker. That being said, there is a lot to talk about right now. Since we were all together for our Christmas party in December (heck of a party, thanks to **Jeff** and **Tina Hood** for hosting), we have had good news and we have had very bad news. I'll start with the good.

The Maylene School is ours for our Guild Shop (at least for the next 3 to 5 years). There's lots of work to be done before we can take up residence but the wheels have already been put into motion. It will take about six to eight weeks for us to get our permanent power hooked up. Meanwhile, **A. R. Bray** has been assigned to get some internal repairs made so that we can get painting done. There's some electrical work needed so we can hook up our equipment (**Charlie Ard** is heading up that effort), moving the equipment, and all sorts of work ahead. We're going to need a Shop Manager and several Shop Supervisors. We will also be needing lots of other help along the way and are counting on each of you to assist.

On the bad news side, the Guild lost a wonderful member and a true friend, **Fred Baker**, on Christmas Day. I can't say enough about what a good person **Fred** was or what a great loss this is for us all. (See page 2 for memorials) The Board voted in its January meeting to rename the Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program to the **Fred and Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program** in his honor.

2008 is our silver anniversary year. The Alabama Woodworkers Guild has been around for 25 years. How fitting that we should be able to open our own shop in this year.

I'm looking forward to us making some sawdust together! *Mike*



Fred Baker
12/2/34—12/25/07

During our pre-meeting time this month, we will be collecting dues, revising our directory information, signing folks up for classes and talking about our new woodworking center. We'll also be asking you what kind of programs and classes you are looking for in 2008. This would be a good time to talk to John Lawson about his table class. (see article page 2)

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January 2008

Our Program is Going to the Birds, Carved Wooden Ones

Dr. Ronald Cater, a well known carver of wood, has agreed to present our program for January. He will bring his tools to show what he uses to create them as well as some of his bird carvings.



A Letter to Mr. Fred Baker

Dear Fred,

I didn't get a chance to tell you this stuff before you left so I'll write you a letter. Thanks for teaching me how to use a dovetail jig. I put fancy dovetails on boxes and people think I know what I'm doing, but really it's just you. Most of what I know of woodworking I learned from you. Among the many things you taught me are chisel sharpening, arc cosines, electronic orbits, oxidation numbers, the laws of inertia and momentum, how to gin cotton, film a football game, make a bead with a skew and catch a pig without getting your clothes dirty.

Thanks for all the time you spent upstairs at Thuston's. All the people that you influenced and instructed there are much richer for having known you. No, we didn't make much sawdust but the stuff eventually got done, we all learned a lot, had fun together, and ate like kings. Considering the amount of hamburger and barbeque eaten there, you must surely be the king of cholesterol.

Thanks for your kind advise and quiet voice when my life was bumpy. "It'll all work out ok" was what you said and it proved to be true. In the back of my mind was always the thought "Mr. Baker says I'm doing the right thing." Your Opp country boy demeanor concealed an intellect and wisdom that I came to rely on. You spent your whole life doing things for other people and were a fine example to us young whippersnappers.

Thanks for introducing me to Brubeck. As you know, my own father was a jazz musician and wanted me to follow in his footsteps. I wish he had lived long enough to see you turn me into a jazz fan. I can still see you in your truck with music roaring out like a teenager. I am listening to your music as I write this and I can hear your voice. "Alright Cholly, I got to meet Brubeck", and you told me all about it.

So thanks for all the things you did for me and many others. We will never forget you and I will hear your voice. Please look after me from heaven like you did from Trussville, I will need it.

Sincerely, Your student,

Charlie Ard

Thoughts from Brian Stauss

Several years ago I took my the first difficult Guild classes, the European workbench. **Fred Baker** was one of the two instructors. His specialty was construction of the tail vise. It took two classes and some homework to construct that vise. **Fred** knew his stuff. He taught us exactly how to make

the vise - it had to be "just so" or it wouldn't work properly. When it was done, I just couldn't put a metal, store bought screw on it. No, all those smooth moving, perfectly meshed wooden parts called for a wooden screw to be in character with the rest of the vise and bench, and that's what I did.

Fred's woodworking knowledge and skills amazed me, and it was at that time that I really started to appreciate the many talents in the Guild. Thank you **Fred**, for what you taught me and have shared with your fellow woodworkers over the years. I'll be thinking about you when I'm making sawdust at that bench.

Fred, My Teacher

A poor student at best, I "got by" through high school. I didn't have a clue what I wanted to do with my life until I found myself in one of **Fred Baker's** Bessemer Tech programming classes. **Fred** made me WANT to know more and more until suddenly I was a "good student". It's thanks to **Fred** that I had a skill, a career, and a good job for 30 years.

When I was looking to retire and thinking about what I would do with the rest of my life, I ran into **Fred** at a Guild meeting. Once more **Fred** shared one of his life's passions and started me down a new road. Much of who **Buzz Kelly** is today is because of **Fred Baker** and the time he took to share his love for life. Thanks **Fred!!**

Table Class with John Lawson

The class will start on February 23rd and run for 6-8 weeks. The project will be a Shaker type dining table that will seat 8 or 10 people. We will use all the tools generally used in joinery, but also the lathe. I would describe this table as an elegant Shaker table with arched trestles. The class will be in **John Lawson's shop** on 24th street unless the new Guild Shop becomes available. The plan is to do the table this year, and the chairs to go with it next fall/winter or in 2009 sometime.

It will be open to six people and the skill level is medium to advanced (if you are new to turning, don't let the lathe scare you off).

Cost for the class is \$85 and does not include materials. A sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting.

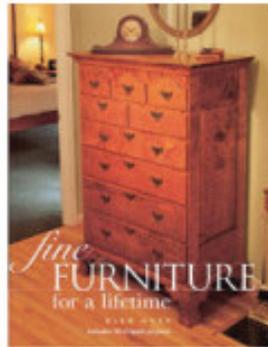
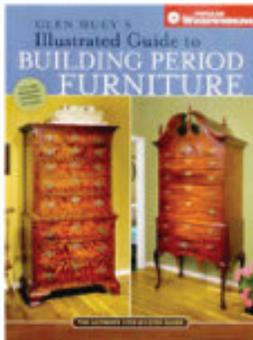
String Along with Buzz and Nelda

Sunday, February 17th from 1 to 5 PM, the **Kellys** will be leading a small group of around 6 people to do some stringing. Participants will create a sample board to practice the techniques taught in the class.

Cost for the class is \$20 which includes materials. (New members can redeem free class coupons for the cost of this class.) The class will be held at **Buzz and Nelda's** home, 89 Pawnee Drive, Indian Springs, AL. 205-733-1258



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Friday & Saturday
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8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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\$125 two days
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The Guild Policy Statement on the Operation of Our Woodworking Shop (Adopted 3/1/07)

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.

Items for Sale

10" Craftsman table saw with rigid precision rip fence \$200. 30 bd feet 8 quarter mahogany, 7 to 8 " wide 8' long \$3.00 bd ft.

Paul Owen, 823-4842

JET Special Edition contractor's saw with 30" Xacta fence. Has two cast iron wings and a table between the rails to allow for a 30" cut to the right of the blade. Mounted on an HTC roller base which cost more than \$100. Will include two new micro jig splitters (thin and regular kerf) and a couple of zero clearance plates. This is an excellent saw, used very little (less than 20 hours). \$575 for the package.

JET "Dust Dog", canister-type dust collector. 1-1/2 hp 1100 cfm. Used less than 5 hours. Need a more powerful unit for my shop layout. This dust collector currently retails for \$479.00. Will take \$375.00.

Troy Stroud, 205-670-9267, tandr41@sbcglobal.net

Jet 10" contractor table saw with cast iron wings. Extended right wing and router insert. Jet mobile base. New Jet 30" fence (never used). 7 years old. \$500.

Brian Stauss 987-9997 or kybgs@bellsouth.net.

Craftsman 12 inch Band saw good condition
Several blades \$75

John Powell 492-0810

Gift Contributions

One of the high lights of our Christmas Party each year is the drawing for door prizes. Several of our members either make something and donate it or get out and shake the bushes to get merchants to donate something. Without those members we would not have any door prizes. The following members did one of the above and deserve our thanks. So, at the first opportunity tell them how much you appreciate them:

Paul Mancill
Jim Anchors
Walter Barnett
Jeff Hood
Cliff Daniels
Joe Hurst



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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

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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.

Mel Brown would like you to know that DVDs are available at 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.

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 & de-

Meeting Directions:

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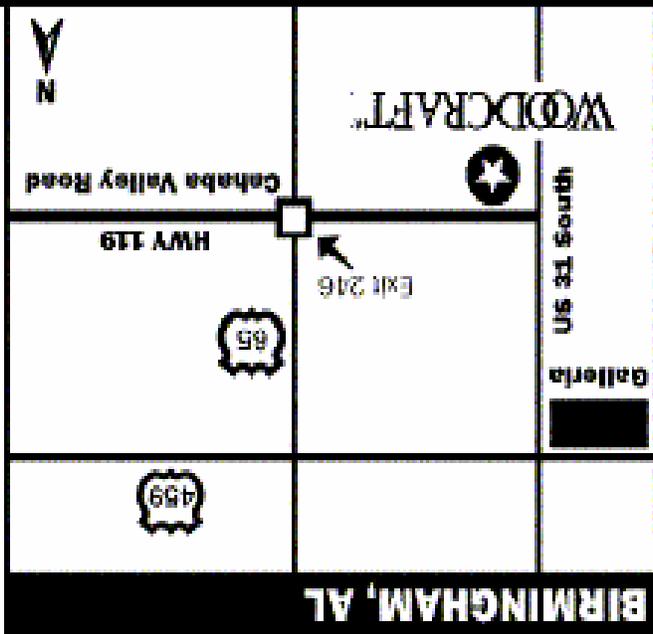


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