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President's Message

Can you believe half of 2008 has already come and gone? Next thing you know it will be time for our Annual Show. Did you all enjoy last month's program as much as I did? I've heard nothing but positive feed back on that one. John Morgan's "Wood that Moves" was a real hit. This month we have another special treat. Our old friend, **Kerry McCalla**, is back (see below).

Have you been out to the WEC in Maylene lately? We're continuing to have open shop hours but it sure is hot. We are working on some additional air to help a little with the heat. We took a survey at our last meeting and it seems it isn't just the heat keeping you away. We need to revise our schedule a bit to accommodate your needs (see article page 2). We're working on that one too.

It's already time to start thinking about who our officers will be for next year. I have appointed a nominating committee headed up by **Dan Browning** and **Robert McClure**. I hope you will let them know if you would like to serve in some capacity or have someone else you would like to nominate.

It was good to see **Buddy Finch** at the last meeting. He seemed to be getting around pretty good after his knee surgery. He and the rest of our toy makers from the Friday Group are now meeting in Maylene. Come on out on Fridays and join in on all the fun.

We also heard that **Jim Lee** has come through his back surgery pretty well and is feeling so good he has agreed to teach a class on cabinet building coming up this September (see article page 2). It'll be great to have **Jim** up and around again. **Shane Carter** and **Jim Caldwell** are on tap to help. They'll be taking us through from design to installation. We're "allowing" the class to practice by building an island for our very own kitchen at the WEC.

Last year we were invited to I Love America Day in Vestavia at Liberty Park. Unfortunately, we got rained out. They have invited us back this year. It's on Friday, August 15th. **Dan Browning**, **Cliff Daniels**, **A. R. Bray**, and **Paul Mancill** will be joining me there to demonstrate. Let us know if you would like to participate.

Upcoming in 2008

I Love America Day
August 15th

Ron Peyton
of The Dogwood Institute
August 21st Meeting.

John Lawson
September 18th meeting.

Craig Satterlee
Seminar September 20th

Doors with Michael Tomlin
October 16th meeting

AWG Annual Show
October 18th through 26th

Annual Show Reception
Tuesday, October 21st

Fred & Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program
November 20th

Annual Christmas Party
December

This Month, a Very Boring Presentation !?!

"The old tool guy, **Kerry McCalla**, will be returning for the July meeting. He will be showing us a whole assortment of tools used to make (generally) round holes in wood and promises that it will be "A very boring presentation!" We're pretty sure no one has ever fallen asleep during one of his presentations. **Kerry** and his wife, **Lynne**, have been collecting antique woodworking tools for over 30 years and he is a life member of the Mid-West Tool Collections Association.

Kerry was a member of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild from its beginning until 1990 when he moved to Franklin, TN. Retired from Bell South, he now makes more sawdust but is breathing less of it since he recently installed an Oneida dust collection system in his shop.

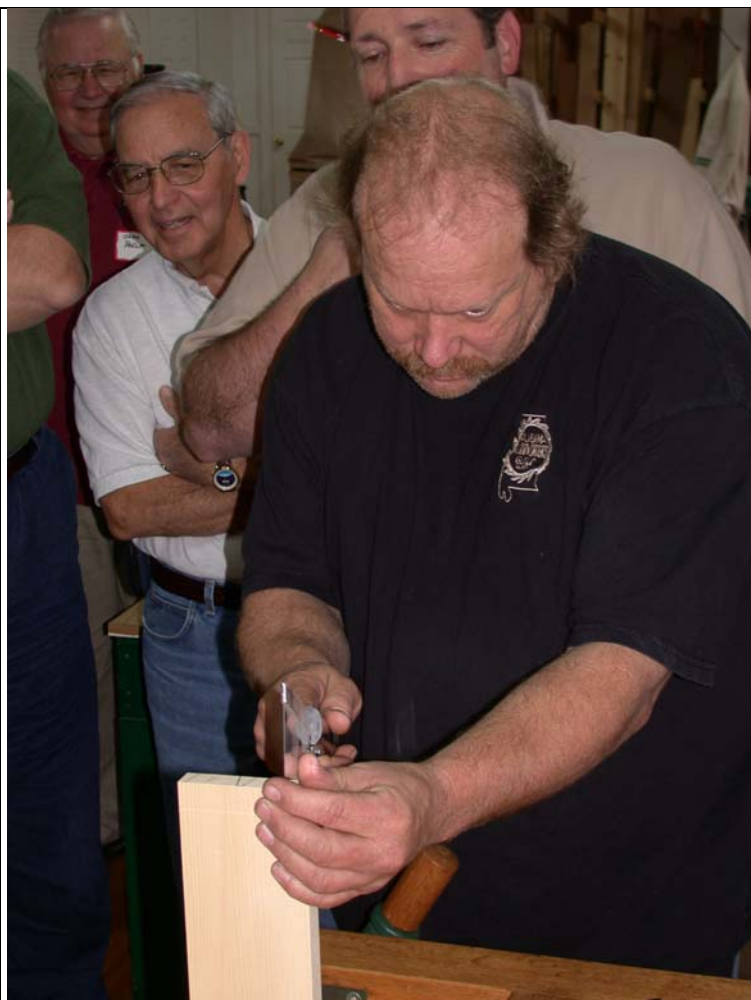
Fall Class

Starting on Saturday mornings after Labor Day we're going to have a real treat! Our own **Jim Lee**, having been down with his back for a while and unable to work in his own woodworking shop, has agreed to teach a class for us. This is a rare opportunity to have a teacher with years of cabinet making and furniture building experience guide you from the design to the installation of a kitchen island. The project will be an island for the WEC kitchen.

To make the deal even sweeter, not only will we have **Jim** with his cabinet and furniture building experience, but he will be assisted by another excellent, experienced designer and craftsman, **Shane Carter**. You can't get much better than that unless of course you add in our own education chairman, **Jim Caldwell**, another fine woodworker assisting with the lesson plan.

Much as he may want to get in there and do it himself, **Jim** will be forced to tell us how to do the work. It's a shame that **Jim** is having problems with his back, but it's a great opportunity for those of us who don't know anything about building cabinets to learn from a pro, or is that several pros?

We're still working on the details, but be sure and let **Jim Caldwell** know if this is something you would be interested in.



And the Survey Said....

Every day was divided into three four-hour shifts (morning, afternoon and evening) except for Sunday where we excluded the morning shift. Everyone was asked to vote on the three times they would most likely utilize the WEC. Every possible shift received at least one vote except for Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings. The top five rankings from the survey were:

1. Saturday Morning
2. Saturday Afternoon
3. Sunday Afternoon
4. Friday Morning
5. (Tie) Thursday Morning - Thursday Afternoon - Friday Afternoon - Friday Evening

Watch for schedule changes at <http://freecal.brownbearsw.com/awg>.

Here's a memorable moment from our spring seminar with **Glen Huey**. **Glen** said he knew he was dealing with a good group of woodworkers when he asked someone to demonstrate sawing a dovetail and **Eddie Heerten** stepped right up and made a perfect cut. **Way to go Eddie!**

Hardwoods of Alabama Helps

Recently the ladies from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind came up with another idea of a project that our Fridays group could build for them. It involved an additional plywood purchase.

Buzz Kelly went over to Hardwoods of Alabama to purchase the plywood for the project. When he told the folks at Hardwoods what the plywood was for, they donated half the plywood and then gave us a terrific price on the other half.

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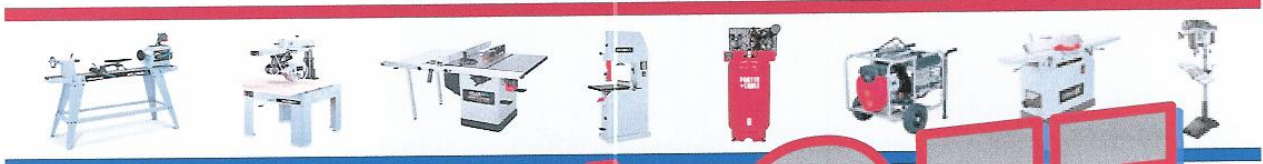


Craig Satterlee, well known furniture maker and instructor, will conduct a one day seminar at the Woodworking Education Center in Maylene.

Craig builds furniture on commission in his own shop. He is also an instructor at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine, provides private instruction and has taught at the Dogwood Institute for Fine Woodworking as well as Woodcraft in Atlanta.

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Turn **right on CR12**

Turn **right on CR17**

Look for school house **on your left**

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Meeting Directions:

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road **Homewood, AL**

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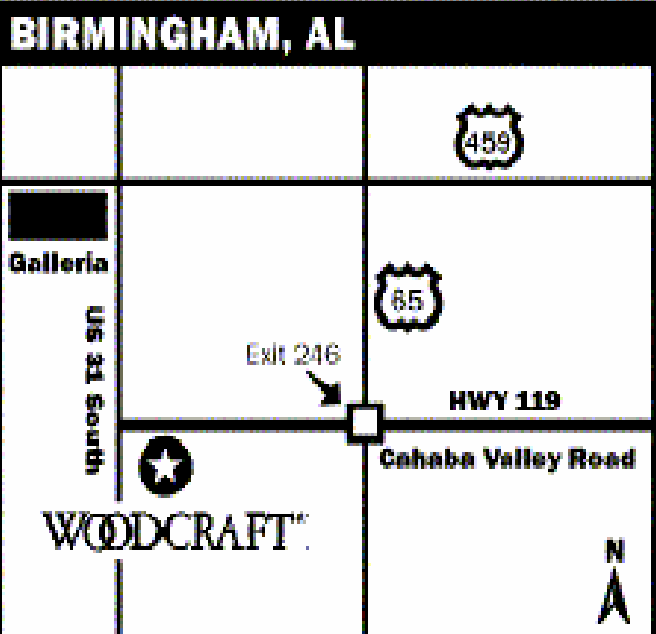
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