

September meeting in Homewood

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President's Message

Twenty five short years ago this month, a small group of woodworking enthusiasts were struggling to put together a club. They had grand ideas for interesting speakers, monthly newsletters, and juried shows. It was September of 1983 that they selected their first slate of officers and agreed upon a logo. They had already had their first show. There were 23 members who entered 68 pieces in that first show. The categories were "intermediate", "expert", and "professional". Our 2008 Annual Show is coming up in October. Categories have changed a bit (see article page 4) but the goal remains the same. We want to share our work and inspire others. If you haven't finished your piece yet there's still time. We had just over 100 pieces, excellent ones at that, in our show last year. In this, our 25th year we need to make an even better showing. Get to work!

We've come a long way in 25 years. Heck, we've come a long way in the past year. This time last year our Woodworking Education Center was just a dream that might or might not come to fruition. Here we are with a beautiful facility, an array of training going on, our annual show coming up, and we're still putting out a monthly newsletter but we also have a website. No telling where we'll be in another twenty five years!



Think about where you would like the Guild to be in 25 years and do your part to get us there. Share your ideas and energy with the group. We have officer nominations next month. Talk with **Dan Browning** and his committee about the capacity in which you would like to serve. We need all the help we can get.

Don't miss Techniques for Making and Fitting Doors and Drawers for Furniture with Craig Saterlee coming Saturday, September 20th at the WEC.

Upcoming in 2008

Jim Lee/Shane Carter
Build a Kitchen Island
Class continues

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
(see schedule for WEC page 2)

John Lawson will talk to us about "Sharpening chisels (and maybe a plane iron)" at our September 18th Meeting

I know this subject has been beat to death over the years, but something new is available and for everyone who does not sharpen their chisels because "it's too difficult", or "it takes too much time", or "it's too messy".

So if you suffer from any of the above just bring a chisel or two and see if John can show you how to do it easier, faster, and with no mess.



I want to share with you cuz
This weekend work day was a royal buzz

Under the leadership of Kelly and Bartlett
Much accomplishment was met

Every station organized so neat
It was no problem our goals to meet

We labored long and steady
The results were truly heady

For at days end, Glory be!
We had turned out toys with a total of 393
(Oh well, two didn't rhyme..ed.)

Buddy Finch

Out-feed Tables Built

Buzz Kelly wants to say "Thanks " to the over the hill gang and the other volunteers that showed up to help make the out-feed tables for the table saws.

Thanks to you guys, the WEC now has out feed tables for both of its table saws. Those tables will be instrumental in the building of the kitchen island. One thing kind of leads to another, doesn't it?

Here's hoping some of you learned a thing or two and are able to build tables for your own shops now. A special thanks to **Troy Stroud** for donating one of the table tops.

What's Happening at the Woodworking Education Center?

Island Series Session 2 - Saturday, September 13th
8:00 AM – Noon, Jim Lee and Shane Carter lead a series of sessions to build a kitchen island. Cost for series is \$45.

Saturday, September 13th starting at noon, **Mike Key & Charlie Ard** will lead a group working to install our vacuum system

Sunday, September 14th 1:00 – 3:00 **Free Class**
Mike Key will lead a session on using a **Tormek** to sharpen tools. Bring your plane iron, chisels, and other tools to practice on.

Saturday, September 20th 9:00 - 4:00
Craig Saterlee Seminar (see article page 3)

Sunday, September 21st 1:00 - 4:00 **Free Class**
Cliff Daniels leads hands-on turning of pens

Saturday, September 27th 8:00 AM – Noon,
Island Series Session 3

Sunday, September 28th at 1:00 - 5:00
Toy Workshop

Saturday, October 4th 8:00 AM – Noon
Island Series Session 4

Saturday, October 11th 8:00 AM – Noon
Island Series Session 5

Thursday, October 16th our Monthly Meeting will be held at the WEC. The Homewood Senior Center is unavailable

Saturday, October 18th 8:00 AM – Noon
Island Series Session 6

Word from the "Splinter Group" from Cullman is... coming up September 11th, their speaker will be our own **Cliff Daniels**.

Pat Weissend tells us that one of their members, Roger Smith, was honored at the Montgomery Society for Arts and Crafts event on September 7th for some of his fabulous turnings.

If you find yourself at the Cullman County fair check out the booth of our Cullman cousins.

You can also find us at www.awwg.info

ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD, INC.

It's finally here!

Techniques for making and fitting doors and drawers for furniture

*Saturday,
September 20, 2008*

9 AM until 4 PM

\$75 including lunch

*It's not too late
to sign up!*

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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.

No matter what your skill level don't miss this opportunity to learn from a true professional woodworker.



SHOW TIME APPROACHES

After the September Guild meeting there will be just about one month until time to set up for the 2008 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

This year we will have two judges, one for furniture and another for turnings. The judges 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 18th 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 26th, 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 **Mike Key** 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 20th.

We will have our usual reception on **TUESDAY** evening from 6 PM to 8 PM. Bring your family and friends. This is a great time to share with fellow woodworking enthusiasts as well.

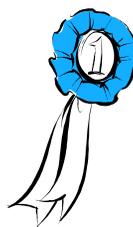
We are expecting a great show this year! If you have not participated in the show in previous years, you are missing out on one of the highlights of the Guild. Not only does it give you an opportunity to show off your work, but also the fun and fellowship experienced as part of the week's activities 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!

As in previous years, we are inviting our friends from Tuscaloosa and Cullman to participate in the show. Now don't let those guys win all the ribbons!



Need a Light?

Here's an idea for you. If you need extra light when you're working at your bench, consider using a clamp as a light pole and clamp one of those auxiliary lights to it.

You can move the light up and down until it shines just where you need the light.

Maybe you already knew. I didn't until I saw Kelly Mehler rig one of these up for one of my classmates and thought it was the neatest little trick I had seen for a while. So simple but so useful.

Then, I don't get out much.

Christmas is coming!

Time to start thinking about door prizes for the Christmas party. Who do you know that might donate a woodworking item or a gift certificate to be given as a door prize?

Start asking now before they're all gone.

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Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.

Turn **right at US31 N**,

Turn **left on AL 119/Montevallo Rd**

Turn **right on CR12**

Turn **right on CR17**

Look for school house **on your left**

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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.

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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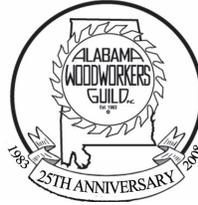


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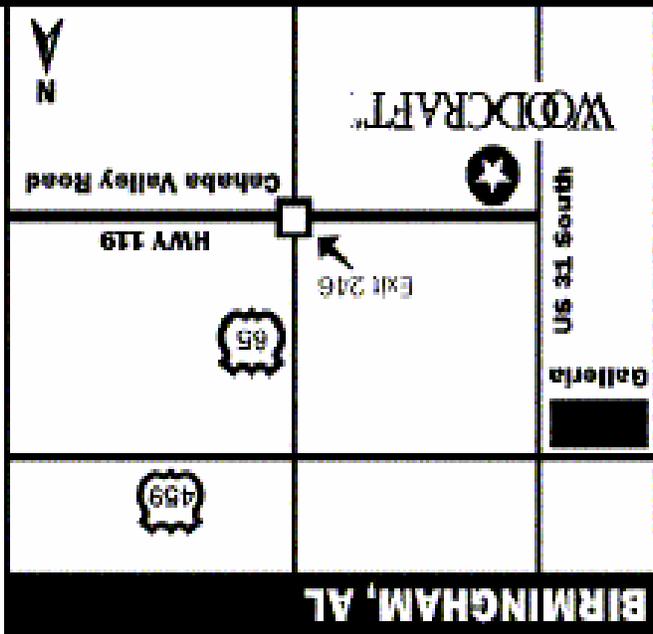


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