

2 more big events this month!

# Guild News



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## President's Message

As I write this our annual juried show at the Hoover Library is going on. I have two entries, but the judge was somehow able to contain his desire to award me a ribbon. I am delighted to see several entries from young people. The future of this Guild lies with the young people and we are lucky to have many. I noticed that there were but few entries in the beginner's category. Many of you could have had a ribbon for the asking just by entering your work.

We have been given *October 24 for a demonstration at Woodcraft*. This is always fun and I hope a lot of people will come. We meet new people, make some sawdust, and generally talk a good game.

As you know, we will have a booth in the "Art in Avondale Park" on *October 31st*. We will sell stuff all day and then have a party at my shop that evening. We may even get some trick-or-treaters. All are invited.

I hear we have a nice program for the guild meeting October 17th so I'll see you there.

C.Ard

Next Meeting  
**Saturday,**  
**October 17th**  
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am  
Meeting 10 to 11 am  
Lunch immediately After

Don't forget your  
**Show & Tell**



Pre-meeting program for October will feature our own *Jim Caldwell* turning toy tops. *Jim* always gives an interesting presentation. You'll want to see this one.

## The Cochrans are coming! The Cochrans are Coming! The Cochrans are Coming!!

Right! Yes! As featured in Southern Living Magazine! Randy Cochran and his two sons, Keith and Dylan are full time woodworkers who do their own designs. They understand wood and their furniture will still be around in 300 to 400 years. Their "Lookout Mountain Rocker" has been featured in Robert Redford's Sundance Catalog and honored by the Furniture Society, an organization of professional woodworkers.

They plan to bring some of their work to our October meeting so we can get a feel for the details and craftsmanship. Their shop, located near Arley at the edge of the Bankhead National Forest, is called "The Wood Studio".



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**Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. We have been going in the hole every month so cost for lunch is now \$5 per person.**

## *Art in Avondale Park*

### *Saturday, October 31st - 10am until 4pm*

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc. will host a booth at the Art in Avondale Park event at 4036 5th Avenue South, Birmingham AL 35222 on October 31st. At this event we will have items for sale built by Guild members. Proceeds for items built at our Fund Raiser Builds will go directly back into the Guild treasury. You may donate items for sale or come and sell your own items and contribute 10% of the proceeds from your sales to the Guild. (When pricing items, prices should also include 10% for sales tax.)

For more details about the event visit [www.artinavondalepark.org](http://www.artinavondalepark.org). This art show and sale is planned around young people and should be good exposure for us. **Charlie Ard** has invited us to his place for a cook out after the event. Contact **Charlie Ard** for details.

**All Guild members who are making items at home to donate to the Guild for sale at the Avondale Arts Festival are asked to please bring the items to the October 17th meeting at the WEC. Your items along with the others will be inventoried, boxed and transported to the show.**

**Guild members making items to sell on their own are asked to donate 10% of the sale price to the Guild and be responsible for paying the 10% sales tax, so price your items accordingly. These items should be brought directly to the arts festival on October 31st.**

## DEMO DAY AT WOODCRAFT

October 24 has been set aside for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc. to do demonstrations at Woodcraft. We will arrive and set up around 9:30 and do demonstrations until about 2:00. Lunch will be provided by Woodcraft.

We would like to have several of our members demonstrating the things you do so well so bring your equipment and material and join us. If you feel you cannot do a demo then at least come by and have lunch and support the Guild and those that are there to demo.

## Web Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone with web development and web design skills to assist with a planned re-design of the Guild website. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer to assist with this effort, please contact Brian Stauss at 205-987-9997 or [webmaster@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:webmaster@alabamawoodworkersguild.org).

## Win a \$500 Gift Certificate From Hardwoods of Alabama

We have obtained a \$500 gift certificate from Hardwoods of Alabama. We are planning to give this gift certificate away to one lucky person. We will choose that person at random in a drawing from persons making a donation to the Guild of \$5 or more. Be sure to make your donation and get in on all the fun.

## Welcome New Members

**John Julian**  
**Neal Clingman**  
**Carl A. Watts**  
**Will Morgan**

## The Judge

We were fortunate to have Bobby Michelson to judge at our annual juried show. Bobby, owner of Ramwood Furniture, has been a professional woodworker for over 25 years. His shop is located at 2127 First Avenue South in Birmingham.

Known for his unique contemporary designs and meticulous attention to detail, Michelson's designs are, in his own words "figments of my imagination" and are created almost entirely by hand.

Thanks to all participated in our Annual Show and thanks to Bobby for a terrific job and nice write ups about each entry for participants.

**Old 12" Parks planer. 220V** - Good working order. Very heavy - \$120.

**Old Shopsmith** in good working order. 110V. Used primarily as table saw and drill press (vertical and horizontal) - \$75. Call Paul Mancill 706-6252.



## Comfort Bucket

There's a bucket sitting on the sign in table at each of our meetings. *That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet.* Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. Remember when we met in a warehouse at the convenience of others without any of these amenities and be grateful!



# AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11[41] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ...A.R. Bray	12	13	14	15 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	16 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	17 7:59am - 1:00pm ... meeting supervisor Monta King 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (W E C) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Cliff Daniels
18[42] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Brian Stauss	19	20	21	22 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	23 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	24 9:00am - 1:00pm . Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson DEMO DAY @ Woodcraft 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
25[43] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	26	27	28	29 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	30 9:00am - 1:00pm Ralph Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Buzz Kelly 5:00pm - 9:00pm ...Eddie Heerten	31 9:00am - 1:00pm WEC closed 1:00pm - 5:00pm WEC closed Art at Avondale Park 10AM – 4 PM
1[44] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	2	3	4 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Ave South)	5 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	6 9:00am - 1:00pm ..Dan Langford 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud 5:00pm - 9:00pm . Eddie Heerten	7 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Bill Shivers 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Bill Shivers
8[45] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell	9	10	11	12 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	13 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm ....Ralph Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm . Eddie Heerten	14 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm A.R.Bray

The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>

## Woodworking Education Center

It has been difficult to get the door class together and complete the last doors. We have tentatively set November the 7<sup>th</sup> as the day to complete the last two doors and install them.

The **“Thursday at the WEC”** group has grown some since moving to Thursday (we would still like to have more member participation) so **come down and join us**. The last few sessions we have been making items for sale at the Avondale Park and organizing our booth for the event. As stated last month the WEC will be closed Oct. 31 so all members will have the opportunity to attend the Avondale park event.

We will now start doing other things, such as woodworking techniques and will probably start a new project very shortly. It has been decided to purchase modular cabinets (like we did last year) for the “Habitat for Humanity” house that we do each year. The “Thursday at the WEC” group will take the lead on assembling these cabinets in late November. We will need help from other members with this assembly, as well as moving them to the house and installing in early December.

Thanks to **Jeff Hood** the riding lawn mower is now in good working condition. **Jeff** has spent a lot of his time reconditioning the mower and reports from those that use it, “it is working good.” So, one big thanks for **Jeff** for all he does for the Guild.

We now have at the WEC a Porter Cable 23 gauge pin nailer that we bought and a **new Japanese pull saw donated by Woodcraft**.

**Eddie Heerten’s** cutting board classes have been a great success. Classes finish up October 9th and 10th. Cutting boards are clamped up drying all over the WEC!



## Breaking News from Hoover on Ribbon Winners!!

### Traditional furniture

#### Beginners:

1st **Christopher & Nathan Heerten**

#### Intermediate:

1st **Brian Stauss**

#### Advanced:

1st **Buzz & Nelda Kelly**

2nd **Cliff Daniels**

3rd **Dan Browning**

### Contemporary Furniture

#### Beginners:

1st **Jean Spurill (WAWA)**

2nd **Patrick Bush**

3rd **Christopher Heerten**

#### Intermediate:

1st **Jean Spurill (WAWA)**

2nd **Eddie Heerten**

3rd **J. R. Hardwick**

#### Advanced:

1st **Norman Ellis (WAWA)**

2nd **Buzz Kelly**

3rd **David Patterson (WAWA)**

### Wood Turning

#### Beginners:

1st **Nathan Heerten**

2nd **Nathan Heerten**

#### Intermediate:

1st **George Shelton (WAWA)**

2nd **Troy Stroud**

3rd **Troy Stroud**

#### Advanced:

1st **Clifford Saxon**

2nd **Leonard Sanders**

3rd **Cliff Daniels**

### Other

#### Beginners:

1st **Dewey Purvis**

2nd **Patrick Bush**

3rd **Preston Lawley**

#### Intermediate:

1st **Eddie Heerten**

2nd **Eddie Heerten**

#### Advanced:

1st **Chet Alexander (WAWA)**

2nd **Cliff Daniels**

### Open Categories

#### Wood carvings

1st **A. R. Bray**

2nd **Clyde Willis**

#### Shop Tools & Jigs

1st **A. R. Bray**

#### Toys

1st **J. R. Hardwick**

2nd **J. R. Hardwick**

3rd **J. R. Hardwick**



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## Getting Ready for Avondale

Below are some pictures from our 2nd build day in September. We'll have band saw boxes, bird houses, and plate stands for sale along with the cars, butterfly boxes, and duck pull toys we made in the first build day. What have you built to contribute???



## Directions to the Woodworking Education Center

From **I 65 South**  
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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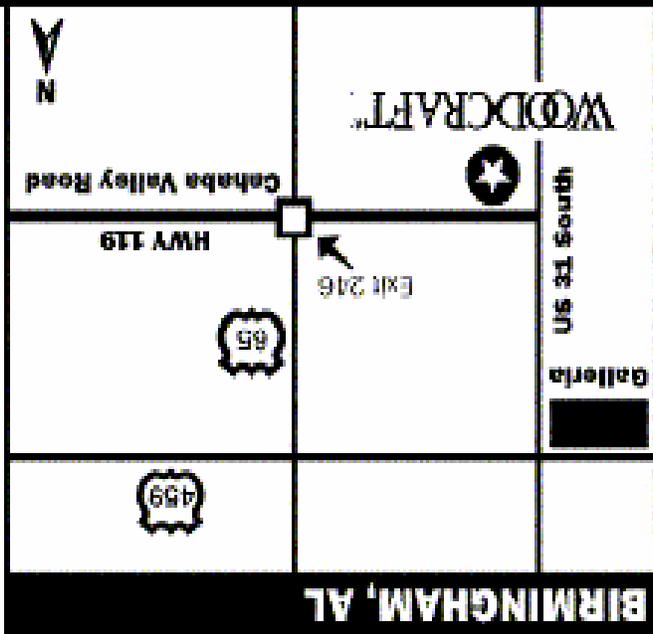


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### About Us

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