



Phil Colson Turning Demo Coming in February!

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## President's Message

If you missed the February meeting you missed a very informative program. **Charlie Ard** discussed the background of our "large Band saw" as it is affectionately called (see picture at right). This saw was totally rebuilt and weighs in at just over 1,200 lbs. It sports a new 3 horsepower electric motor to drive it. The saw makes an excellent re-saw machine.



The main program consisted of **Cliff Daniels** demonstrating "pen turning 101" where he took us from pen blank selection to a completed European pen, making it all look so easy a cave man could do it. If you missed Cliff's demonstration or would like something to view at home just go this website and get a free DVD on Pen turning. <http://www.pennstateind.com/store/DVD.html>

**Robert McClure**, our Education Chairman, lined up an excellent turning seminar the following Saturday at the WEC featuring Phil Colson from Atlanta. Phil took us through woodturning for furniture building and transitioned to more artful turnings such as a "bark on" bowl. This was a very educational day @the WEC.

Next Meeting  
**Saturday,  
March 20**

Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am  
Meeting 10 to 11 am  
Lunch immediately after.  
Don't forget your  
**Show and Tell**

**March Pre-meeting:** For the next several months we will highlight individual pieces of equipment at our Woodworkers' Education Center prior to our regular meeting time. Come join us for this informal gathering of woodworkers. This month, Buzz Kelly will demonstrate the proper use and maintenance of our jointer and planer during our informal pre-meeting period beginning at 9:30.

**Tom Surtees**

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### Bulletin Board

**Montevallo Arts Festival: April 10, 2010.** The Guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

**Helena Buck Creek Festival: May 7&8, 2010.** The guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

**Shop Visit At Brian Stauss' shop:** April 24. See details on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Membership Dues:** See Walter ASAP! Dues are still \$50 per year.

**Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$5 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.**

## Program for March Meeting

A report in the *Birmingham News* a few months ago stated that Five Points South has become home to one of the few carousel carving schools in the nation. The owner, Ira Chaffin, is a professional bronze sculptor who took up wood carving as a hobby eight years ago. The school is based on the carving techniques Chaffin learned from Bud Ellis, owner of Horsin' Around Carving School in Chattanooga.

Ira will introduce us to his school, tell us about his woodworking and display examples of his carvings.

## Shop Visits

One of the opportunities we have, as members of the Guild, is to visit the shops of other members. This gives us a chance to see how other people have designed and organized their shops to meet the needs of their chosen woodworking style. Many members have expressed an interest in having more shop visits. **Brian Stauss** has invited the guild members to visit his shop on April 24th, 12:00 noon to 3:00PM. In addition to woodworking items, Brian has a collection of "large, non-woodworking Objects" that will also be on display. The address is: 240 Cahaba Oaks Trail, Indian Springs, AL 35124. Directions to **Brian's** shop will be given in the April Newsletter.

If you are willing to host a shop visit, please contact Tom Surtees at [gtsurtees@bellsouth.net](mailto:gtsurtees@bellsouth.net).

**Tom Surtees**

## Montevallo Arts Fest

The Guild has reserved two booth spaces for participation in the Montevallo Arts Fest to be held April 10, 2010. As a reminder, the following actions are needed to help make this event a success.

Guild members were previously asked to craft one item of good quality and donate it to the Guild for sale at these scheduled events. **Please complete your item and bring it to the March 2010 Guild meeting.**

We need a group of volunteers to work at this event. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any Guild member who can work a two-hour shift should advise a member of the Fundraising Committee of their availability by the March meeting. The Fundraising Committee consists of **Troy Stroud, Cliff Daniels, Eddie Heerten, Buzz Kelly, Monta King, Preston Lawley and Bill Newman.**

Any Guild member wishing to sell their own products at this event and rebate the Guild 10% of the proceeds may do so at the extra booth space we have reserved. The Guild will arrange for the tent and tables, but **Guild members selling their personal items are expected to man the booth, collect the money, etc.**

## We Have a New Patron!

**Sara's Tax Service** 100 Foust Ave, Hueytown, AL 35023 205-497-4020

## Win a Starrett Combination Square

Starrett tools are the industry standard for excellence. We have obtained a Starrett combination square set and will give it to the lucky person whose name is drawn at random from persons making a donation to the guild of \$2.00 or more. Be sure to make your donation and get in on all of the fun! The drawing will be held at the March meeting.

*For Sale*

Your Woodworkers Guild needs **YOU** to build a wooden product to donate to the Guild for sale at the Montevallo Arts Festival in April!!  
PLEASE be working on something.

See Troy Stroud for details

## 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. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!



### AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

March/April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21[12] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	22 Mar	23	24	25 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	26 9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick 11:00a-3:00p OTH Gang 1:00p-5:00p Troy Stroud 5:00p-9:00pm Bob Moore	27 9:00am - 1:00pm Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore
28[13] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	29	30	31	1 Apr	2 9:00a-1:00p Randall Robertson 11:00a-3:00p OTH Gang 1:00p-5:00p R Hardwick 5:00p-9:00p Pat Bush	3 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore
4[14] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss	5	6	7 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	8 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	9 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00a-3:00p OTH Gang 1:00p-5:00p R Hardwick 5:00p-9:00pm Mike Key	10 9:00am - 5:00pm MONTEVALLO ART SHOW 9:00a-1:00 Brian Stauss 1:00-5:00 Walter Barnett
11[15] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	12	13	14	15 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	16 9:00a-1:00p Ron Powell 11:00a-3:00p OTH Gang 1:00p-5:00p Ron Powell 5:00p-9:00p Eddie Heerten	17 9:00a-10:00p Paul Owen 9:30a-10:00a Monthly pre-meeting 10:00am - 11:30a Monthly Meeting 1:00p-5:00p Cliff Daniels

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

### March Meeting Show and Tell



Card Holders by Preston Lawley



Pepper Mill By Preston Lawley



Cutting Board by Preston Lawley



Practice Guitar by Paul Owen



Snow Sled by Raymond Maples



Wooden Toys and Cross by Buddy Finch



Bowl By Leonard Sanders



Wilbur Holaday's Truck

### Main Program Of February Meeting



Cliff Daniels on the Mini-Lathe



Assembling the Pen



Pen Turning By Cliff Daniels



Excellent Pen By Cliff Daniels

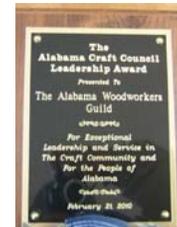
### The Friday Group Receives Award



Buddy Finch travelled to Troy, AL to receive the award on behalf of the Guild



Members of the Friday Group: Ralph Hardwick (Chairman), Paul Owen, Buddy Finch, Chuck Marek, Randall Robertson, Buzz Kelly, Bill Snipes



The plaque presented by the Alabama Craft Council is now displayed in the kitchen at the AWG Woodworking Education Center

### Phil Colson Demonstrates Woodturning Techniques

On February 27<sup>th</sup> Phil Colson presented a seminar for the A.W.G. entitled, "Turnings for Furniture Makers and Fantasy Turnings". We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the day. Mike Key was kind enough to loan his lathe for the demonstration and it was fascinating to watch Phil use it to create his Fantasy Pieces.

Phil's demonstration showed why he has been in such great demand at woodturning presentations and classes throughout the South. Phil is from Atlanta and is a part of the team at one of the best known woodworking stores in the country, Highland Hardware.

In his presentation Phil demonstrated not only the fundamental skills that can accomplish many furniture project needs, but also the free-form creativity that results in his highly respected Fantasy Pieces. Phil challenged and inspired us to go out and create something unique.

The next class for the A.W.G is the Windsor Chair building class now being led by A.R Bray and Eddie Heerten. We look forward to great things soon from the fourteen students learning to use the old-fashioned tools A.R. has in mind.

**Robert McClure**



Phil Colson turning a spindle



Spindles by Colson



Creation of a bowl by Phil Colson



Colson turning a bark-edge bowl



Colson turning on Mike Key's One-Way lathe



A.R. Bray's chair

### Assistance Needed!

A video recording is made of each of our general membership meetings. These recordings are available for purchase by members. Jim McKittrick handles the set-up and operation of the equipment at most of the meetings, but , as with all of us, he can't be present at 100% of the meetings. We need someone to fill in for Jim when he can't be present. If you have experience in operating audio and video equipment, or are willing to learn the skills required, please contact Jim McKittrick at 205-823-0921.

### Welcome New Members

**Byron Boggan, William Gresham, John Killian, Tony Micallef, Keith Tankersley, Russell Yawn**

## Woodworking Education Center

We have had no problems with the dust collector recently except some members are forgetting that it is their job to empty or at least check the drum and empty if necessary. The drum has been left needing emptying at least twice and once it was running over and dust covered the inside of the shop.

The Thursday group made a prototype box for two ladies that are trying to start a new business. If their business gets off the ground we will probably be asked to make several of these boxes for them. This group has discussed building a cart for the air compressor so that it can be rolled anywhere in the shop. We are also considering building children appliances (stove, refrigerator, kitchen sink and others) to be sold at "Prime Time Treasures" in Homewood.

March the 27<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date we will finish the two front doors. If we don't finish on that Saturday we will work on the afternoon of Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> and complete them. All of you that had signed up for that class, please try to be at the WEC on Saturday at 9:00am. We will continue our efforts of making and or teaching how to make things for our fundraising events.

Because we will be having classes starting soon, I wanted to remind everyone about the Guild policy that guild functions such as classes, seminars, toy work shops and etc take precedence over personal projects. Personal projects will be allowed during these events as long as they don't interfere with the guild function. However we should always be courteous and share when possible.

**Cliff Daniels**

### Alabama Woodworkers Guild Vision for 2010

#### Grow new membership and retain existing members

- Revitalize AWG website
- Welcome new members and know their name
- Wear nametags while in the WEC
- Make nametag storage portable
- Develop Mentoring program
- Publish more photos in the Guild News and on the Web Site

#### Skill Development

- Conduct meaningful programs and pre-meetings monthly
- Publish previous months meeting highlights in next month Guild News and Web Site
- Publicize Show & Tell
- Conduct stimulating seminars - 2 to 3 per year
- Conduct frequent member-led training sessions
- Increase member involvement in community projects

- Make community projects educational
- More emphasis and publicity for Annual Show
- Fully utilize the Guild reference library

#### Fellowship

- Seminars & Educational Programs
- Encourage more individual participation in ALL projects
- Continue post-meeting lunch program
- Christmas party

#### Fiscal Responsibility

- Monitor expenditures monthly
- Continue fundraising programs involving ALL members
- Conduct more seminars
- Charge nominal fee for in-house training

Editors Note: The Guild Vision Statement was created and approved unanimously by the Guild Board at the January Board meeting. The vision statement is intended to provide guidance and direction to the activities of the Guild.

## Guild Patrons

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### Notice To Members

Patrick Bush has been making name tags and has offered to add a line that will indicate "Member since XXXX" where "XXXX" is the year in which the member joined the guild. Please contact Patrick and give him the year in which you first joined the guild. You can contact Patrick at: [patrick.bush@sonicautomotive.com](mailto:patrick.bush@sonicautomotive.com)

Please enter into the subject line of your email the following: **New Tag Please**. This will allow Patrick to manage the processing of the emails in a more efficient manner.

### 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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