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President's Message

The dog days of summer are definitely here. This is the time of year when many people are taking vacations or just taking it easy. However, that does not seem to be the case with many members of the Guild. We are having some of the most well attended monthly meetings in years. Additionally many members are talking about working in their home shops, staying out of the sun, and preparing their entry for the October show at the Hoover Library. We also have an active boat building class at **Charlie Ard's** place. Others are working on milling up new signs for the joint Guild/BE&K project at the Alabama Sheriffs' Youth Ranch. Naturally, on any Friday you will catch many of the faithful at the W.E.C. making toys and lots of sawdust. Speaking of sawdust, many of you have asked about the status of the shop dust collector. We have a blue ribbon panel of experts working on that problem and we should be back up and running soon. It's more complicated than you would think. Meanwhile we will have to rely on the two portable units and just empty them frequently.

Several of you have asked about the class on building kitchen cabinets. **Bill Shivers** and **Robert McClure** are working together to begin this class within the next couple of months. The overall intent is to combine educational classes on cabinet construction with actually building a complete set of kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities to be donated and installed at the Habitat for Humanity's "Holiday House" in early December. As you might imagine this involves a great deal of material gathering and coordination as well as many of us volunteering to work and teach.

Lastly, are you in need of some nice wood for your projects? **Michael Tomlin** and **Cliff Daniels** have teamed up to gather a couple hundred board feet of various species of wood to be sold to members at a good price. So far they have red oak, mahogany, maple, curly maple and ambrosia maple. They are looking for walnut as well. We will send out a list of what's available and the price list once it is all organized and marked.

Monta

Next Meeting
Saturday,
August 21, 2010
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

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Bulletin Board

AWG Annual Show at The Hoover Library: October 9 through October 17. Members are preparing their entries. Is your entry ready? Entries don't have to be new items. See John Lawson or any Board member for more information. **(See article on P. 5)**

Open House at Hardwoods of Alabama: September 18. Our September meeting will be at Alabama Hardwoods. **(See article on P. 4)**

Art in Avondale Park: October 23. The guild will participate and sell items made by the members.

Items for Sale- See P. 6

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.

July Meeting Program

The July program was on finishes and finishing. **Tim Schou** and **Mike Holt Of HGH Hardware Supply** made an entertaining and educational presentation. Mike gave a great overview of various finishes and the characteristics of each type of finish. The discussion of various types of varnishes and lacquers stimulated many questions from the audience. They discussed the benefits of applying NGR stains with spray equipment, how to choose and use sanding sealers, durability of various finishes, "pot-life" of various finishes and a general discussion of choosing and using spray equipment to apply finishes.



July Meeting Show and Tell



Nice meeting turnout!



Pre-meeting sharpening demonstration



Ambrosia Maple box by **John Gasque**



Band saw box by **Jeff Hood**



Ice cream scoops by **Dwight Hostetter**



Marble game by **Dwight Hostetter**



Dwight Hostetter's Prism



Brian Stauss' kitchen cabinet



Mike Key's 3 legged table



Walnut and spalted poplar sewing cabinet by **Eddie Heerten**

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 August/September 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 22[34] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore....supervisor | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00pRHardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00pMonta King 5:00pm-9:00p Pat Bush | 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Bill Shivers 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Bill Shivers |
| 29[35] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss | 30 | 31 | 1 Sep | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South) | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1-5 Randall Robertson 5:pm - 9:00pm Pat Bush | 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Preston Lawley.... |
| 5[36] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson, supervisor | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p Troy Stroud 5:00p - 9:00p Pat Bush | 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Preston Lawley |
| 12[37] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm - 9:00pm Bob Moore, supervisor | 8:00am Open House at Alabama Hardwoods 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting: Alabama Hardwoods 9:00am - 1:00pm ...Monta King 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore, supervisor |

Cabinetmaking Class to Begin On September 4th

This is the class many of you have been looking forward to for months. The class will cover a variety of skills and techniques and will be like rolling several classes into one. The final details are still being developed, but in this class you will have hands on experience in such topics as:

- 1- Cabinet design and construction,
- 2- Face frame construction using pocket-hole joinery
- 3- Carcass design and assembly
- 4- Using router skills for rail and stile door construction with floating panels,
- 5- Using dovetail jigs for drawer construction,
- 6- Finishing skills using lacquer spraying,
- 7- And finally, cabinet installation into a house built by Habitat For Humanity

The class will begin September 4th and will take several weeks throughout the Fall. It will be taught by a series of instructors. For students, your tuition fee of \$85.00 will act as an admission ticket that allows you to attend as many of the sessions as you wish.

Plan to attend the Guild meeting on Saturday August 21st where a sample of one of the cabinets will be displayed and the series of classes will be discussed in greater detail. Sign up for this class will also be available that day.

Instructors are asked to attend a planning meeting following the regular Guild meeting on the 21st. The instructors will discuss the need to adapt our original schedule due to last minute design changes made by the Habitat for Humanity organization.

This project is a perfect example of why our Guild exists. Our own members will teach skills appropriate for woodworkers of all levels using the equipment of the W.E.C. to make a product that benefits the greater good of our community. And that folks, is why we are all here!

This will be fun. Come to the meeting on the 21st and learn more.

Robert McClure

P.S. This class will utilize a cabinet design developed by **Marc Adams**, one of the best known woodworkers in America. We are excited that **Marc** has agreed to return to Birmingham and teach a two day seminar for the Guild. Many details are yet to be resolved, but this will probably take place in early 2011. Stay tuned for further updates.

August Program

Dwight Hostetter one day discovered a book titled "Basketry: The Nantucket Tradition". Since he was familiar with the Nantucket Lightship basket, he purchased the book and read through it several times prior to attempting such a feat as to make one. His process of making these baskets was rooted in the contents of the book, but over the years Dwight has added several improvements and techniques of his own. At our meeting, Dwight will go into the art and history of these baskets and show us the various jigs and techniques required for such an artistic product.

Tom Surtees

Upcoming open House at Hardwoods of Alabama

Mark your calendar! Our September Meeting will be at Hardwoods of Alabama. More information will be forthcoming, but we have a wonderful program scheduled with "bargains" being provided by Hardwoods. Don't miss this meeting.

Tom Surtees

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Fall Show

Well, you have a little over two months until the annual Alabama Woodworker's Guild show begins. The show will begin on Saturday, October 9th with registration. Judging of the pieces will be done on Monday, October 11th. A reception with drinks and light snacks will be held Monday October 11th at 6:00pm. The show will then run the rest of the week and all entries will need to be picked up on Sunday morning, October 17th.

No matter what you decide to enter I believe you will find it an exciting and satisfying experience. Remember, you can enter your individual piece in a category to be judged for possible awards or for exhibition-only, without judging. Remember also that any piece may be entered for judging if it has not been entered in a previous show. So, if you have that piece sitting around in your home that was made 10 years ago you might want to enter it this year.

The annual show is the signature event for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild and we want everyone who can to participate. Good luck on your entry and we look forward to seeing you at registration.

John Lawson
Show Chairman



Could this be one of the entries to the show?

Boat Building Class

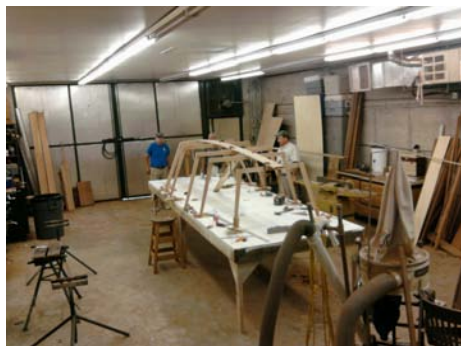
Do you know what a chine is? How about "air" as in we have to include the "air" in our calculations when we "loft" the boat and when we build it.

The students in **Charley Ard's** boat class have learned these terms as well as many practical applications of new techniques and skills. Once the boat is complete it will be offered for sale to members of the Guild.

A few details of the boat:

- Approximately 14ft in length.
- Weight between 150 to 200 lbs.
- It is made of solid cherry framing provided by the Guild, and marine plywood skin.
- It will be capable of mounting a small outboard motor or electric trolling motor.
- It will carry two or three people

Here are a few pictures of the work in progress:



Article and pictures by **John Lawson**

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

There has been no change in the status of the children's appliances.

The signs for the Boys Ranch are still at the WEC awaiting a decision by the Ranch about color of stain and color of letters. We are also waiting on them to schedule a date that we can carry the signs to the Ranch and have the boys help work on them.

We are still in need of a good riding lawn mower. If you know of one please let us know.

We held a meeting on 7/26/2010 with all the experts on dust collectors and electric motors and the conclusion was to buy a new 7 1/2 HP motor. The motor shop will fit our blower to the shaft of a standard motor. One of our newer members used his influence and got the motor at the motor shop's cost and he will help in the reinstallation and balancing of the blower in place. The system should be back in operation by late August.

The board approved in the last meeting the purchasing of several more species of lumber for resale to the membership. That lumber has been delivered and has been sorted and priced and is available for sale. The following are the species we now have for sale ; Cherry, Mahogany, Ambrosia Maple, Red Oak, Maple, Curly Maple, Ash, Pecan and Aromatic Cedar. Each board has been marked with the board footage and the price. The Mahogany and Maple boards were too long to fit in the lumber racks so they are in the north room on the floor. A price list will be posted at the WEC.

This lumber is for the convenience of the guild membership and is for sale to members only. As always boards may not be cut, you have to buy the whole board.

Cliff Daniels



Tale of Two Tables

The two tables in the picture to the left were made through a collaborative effort of four members of the Guild. **Jeff Hood** made the legs, **Mike Key** made the aprons, **Walter Barnett** made the drawers and **Buzz Kelly** applied the finish.

The tables will be offered for sale, with the proceeds going to the Guild. As member **Jeff Hood** said, "It was completed without a huge amount of time required for any of us who contributed. Plus, I like that it represents how guild members can accomplish more when we share the work. I hope other members may be inspired to start a project too. I'm proud of what we accomplished working together".



Items For Sale

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Welcome new Members !

Dave Chanslor, Winston Greaves, Martin Fischer, Jed Jacobsen, Randy Upton

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A prize-winning piece from a past show! Remember our show at the Hoover library in October. If your entry is not ready, you might want to get started right away. The show is scheduled for October 9 through October 17.

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

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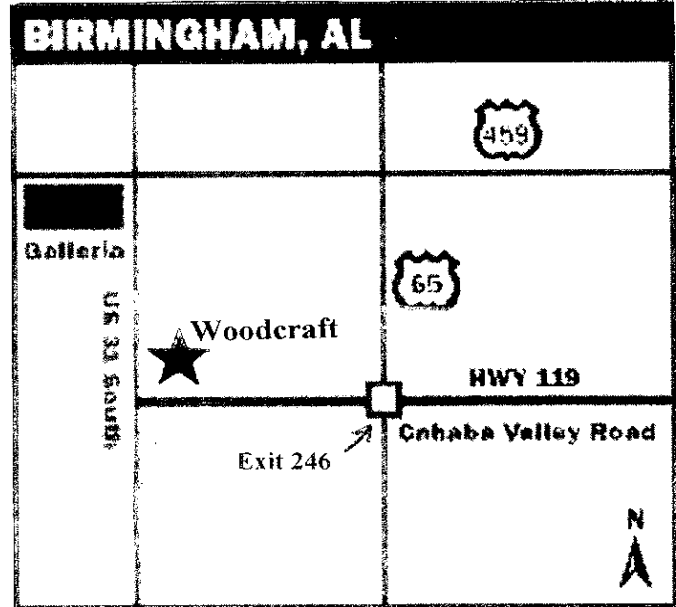
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