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President's Message

We want to thank **David Hopper** and **Billy Carroll** of Hardwoods of Alabama for hosting another wonderful open house at our September meeting. The meeting was very well attended and several demonstrations were meaningful and educational. It is great that Hardwoods and the Alabama Woodworkers Guild have forged such a wonderful partnership that furthers the art of fine woodworking and strengthens local businesses. If you have not visited Hardwoods of Alabama you owe it to yourself to take a look at their many fine hardwoods, plywood and hardware.



We had an excellent discussion/question answer session with **Joel Rago** from Mohawk Products on finishing. The session was so interesting in fact that many members expressed interest in having **Joel** visit the WEC in the future to conduct a seminar long enough to demonstrate his spraying techniques and Mohawk's product line. **Robert McClure**, our Education Chairman plans to contact **Joel** and work out something for early next year. Please let **Robert** know if you are interested...

Monta

Bulletin Board

AWG Annual Show at The Hoover Library: October 9 through October 16. You may bring your entries to the library at/or after 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 9, 2010. A reception will be held from 6:00PM to 8:30 PM on Tuesday, October 12, at which time the awards will be announced. The pick up of showpieces will be 2:00 PM to 5:45 PM on Sunday October 17.

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

October Meeting : October 16. **John Morgan** will present a program on hand cranked automata. All who have seen **John's** work know how creative he is and how interesting his work is. You don't want to miss this meeting. See p. 2 for more.

Christmas Party: December 9. The date has been set for the 2010 Christmas Party, it is December 9th. Please mark your calendars. You will not want to miss this wonderful time of fellowship for you and your spouse. Please see column regarding the Christmas party on p. 5 of this Newsletter

Next Meeting
Saturday,
October 16, 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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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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at Hardwoods of Alabama. We had one of the highest attendance rates of the year. As usual, Hardwoods provided a great setting for our meeting, an interesting speaker, an enjoyable lunch and some great bargains on materials and hardware.



David Hopper of Hardwoods and **Joel Rago** Of Mohawk Finishing.



Some of the lumber bargains provided by **Hardwoods of Alabama**.

September Meeting Show and Tell



"Queen of the Lipstick" by **Dale Lewis**



Turning Stabilizer by **Dwight Hostetter**

October Program

We have a unique opportunity this month, come and hear **John Morgan**

John Morgan has spent the past 28 years researching forms of kinetic woodwork. Early emulations of folk art whirligigs and animated toys evolved to hand cranked, automata. This pursuit, funded primarily through Morgan's vocation as a Professor of Design, is the passion that drives his creative research. His narrative product springs from a unique marriage of art, design, and engineering. *In addition to teaching at Auburn University **John** teaches kinetic sculpture classes at the **Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana**.*

Pieces from his limited editions have been shown in American Craft and American Woodworker magazines and have been exhibited in craft galleries and museums in the US, UK and Japan. He was awarded the Best of Show by the Wharton Esherick Museum's Toying with Wood exhibition and has received numerous purchase awards from the Arkansas Arts Center's Toys Designed by Artists. His automata is held by individual collectors across the US..

Welcome New Members

Tyrone Aaron, Ronnie Bennett, Roger Ellis, Tom Gillespy, Daniel Moore, Bill Ponder

AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar October/November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17[42] Annual AWG Juried Show at Hoover Library 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore ----- supervisor	18	19	20	21 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	22 9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p- 5:00pm Pat Bush 5:00p-9:00pm - Mike Key	23 Art in Avondale Park Show - Arts and Crafts Show 9:00a-:00p Brian Stauss 1:00p - 5:00pm Pat Bush
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14[46] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss	15	16	17	18 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC	19 9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm- Toys 1:00p-5:00p Troy Stroud 5:00p-9:00p- Mike Key	20 8:00am - 9:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00a-1:00p- Bill Shivers, 1:00p-5:00p- Bill Shivers

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

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

SawStop Table Saws: The two SawStop table saws were bought to protect all the members from getting fingers and other parts cut while sawing. In an eight month period we have had cartridges fired five times and only one of those (the first one) involved a finger touching the blade, the other four were mistakes or not thinking through the cutting process. If a finger or other part of the body is involved, SawStop will replace the cartridge at no cost to us. For all other causes we have to pay for new cartridges at approximately \$100 each. A couple of the other reasons for the firings has been metal touching the blade and wet wood touching the blade. The last 3 times a cartridge was fired happened in a 3 week period. I don't know if members are being careless because they know the protection is there, or just not thinking the process through. But for whatever reason this is costing too much. So please think through what you are going to do so that this doesn't keep happening.

The signs were delivered to the Boys Ranch on September 21st. They are to paint and install them. If they have any problem they will call us. The Thursday group is currently working on walking canes for sale at the upcoming Avondale craft show.

The dust collector is still working well, but just like any other equipment it needs some maintenance. Last Thursday the suction was down considerably and we found the filter was essentially clogged up. Once that was cleared the suction was back to normal. So what I am saying is that at least once a week someone needs to clear the filter. Since the flapper in the filter does not work you have to use the mallet and tap all around the filter, top to bottom.

The big band saw has a new ½ inch blade on it now and is cutting fine. The large blade has been sharpened and is available for installation if necessary.

One of the pulleys on the Delta lathe has broken. Luckily the service center had one in stock and it will be installed within the next few days.

*****LUMBER*****

We have a wide variety of lumber for sale at the WEC and at prices below anybody else in town. The species we have are: Red Oak, Soft Maple, Curly Maple, Ambrosia Maple, Mahogany, Cedar, Cherry and small amounts of some others. So if you buy from the guild you not only get a better price, but you also help the guild financially.

Cliff Daniels

Hope Christian School Visits the Woodworking Education Center



Cliff Daniels demonstrating the scroll saw.



Ralph Hardwick tells the guests about toys



Ralph demonstrates one of the penguin action toys



Troy Stroud explains some basic principles.



Troy demonstrating the use of the band saw.



Cliff turns an item for the enlightenment of the visitors



Cliff has their full attention and interest



Each of the students picked out a gift to remember the day

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2010 Christmas Party

The date has been set for the 2010 Christmas Party. It is December 9th. Please mark your calendars. You will not want to miss this wonderful time of fellowship for you and your spouse. The Guild will furnish ham and chicken, and you are requested to bring a side dish or dessert (and a smile). Also, if you happen to know a woodworking affiliated merchant willing to donate a door prize or two that would be nice... **The party will be held at the Homewood Senior Citizens Center.**



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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