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## President's Message

What a GREAT year we have had at the Woodworkers Guild. Many gifted woodworkers have joined together to share their abilities and enable a most satisfying year of promoting the art of woodworking in our community. Representing you, the Board adopted a vision of what we hoped to accomplish during the year and, together with you, we achieved the overwhelming majority of the items.

The Guild News was enhanced to include more pictures of meetings, show & tell and previews of upcoming programs

The Programs throughout the year were relevant and meaningful to members

A unique member survey produced an amazing Educational Curriculum together with great Seminars

The Guild Web Site was improved and enhanced

Post-meeting Lunches allowed more fellowship

Participated in several local festivals gaining much exposure and even a little money

Added more machines to the WEC and replaced the dust collector motor

Member tested the capabilities of the two Saw Stop table saws 😊

Added quality woods for sale at good prices to members

Supported Children's Hospital, Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch and others through several woodworking projects

Conducted a great Annual Show with over 100 participants

Learned how to build a complete set of kitchen and bath cabinets for Habitat for Humanity

Maintained an attractive appearance of the lawn and exterior of the property

Grew our membership by 60%

This is just the items I could think of after consuming an inordinate amount of turkey. The main point I want to emphasize is how ALL of us being personally involved in the Guild and lending our various talents toward corporate success can result in achievements in which we can all take pride.

**THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS on the role YOU played in making this a wonderful year for the Guild!**

Have a GREAT Christmas,  
**Monta**

Next Meeting  
**Saturday,**  
**January 15, 2011**  
 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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## Christmas Party!

Coming up in December we have our annual **Christmas Party** in lieu of our regular meeting.

We will be at the **Homewood Senior Center on Thursday, December**

**9th between 6 PM and 8 PM.** It is pot luck as in years past. The Guild provides the meat, drinks, and supplies. Members bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. Tina Hood and others will once again provide our entertainment! That's a real treat not to be missed!

I hope some of you have been out there collecting door prizes. It's more fun when lots of people walk away with prizes. Gift certificates, woodworking related items, and hand made pieces are all great prizes.

**Directions to 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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Go under interstate (3 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.

### November Program

The November meeting featured the Guild's toy building efforts for the year. The Friday Group made 3769 toys and other members made 1509 toys in their home shops. Representatives from the Children's Hospital were present to express their appreciation for the guild's efforts and to receive the toys. Also present were representatives of the Sherriff's Boys Ranch. They expressed their appreciation for the support that the Guild has provided to their organization over the years.

**Cliff Daniels** conducted a safety session on the Saw Stop table saw. **Brian Stauss** related his experience with the Saw Stop and then conducted an impressive demonstration of the Saw Stop technology.



The leader of the Friday group, **Ralph Hardwick**, with members of the Friday group and others who made Toys in their home shops. The members of the Friday Group are: **Bill Snipes, John Gasque, Chuck Marek, Paul LeSeuer, Jim Anchors, Randall Robertson, Buzz Kelly, Lynn Smith, Tom Gillespy, Buddy Finch, Troy Stroud, Bill Gresham, and Paul Owens.** **John Powell, Lee Beadles, Cliff Daniels, Leonard Sanders, Bob Moore and Harold Phillips** made toys in their home shops



Some of the 5260 Toys that were provided for patients at the Children's Hospital.



**Randall Robertson** putting the final touches one of many toys for children who are patients at Children's Hospital.



**Troy Stroud** creates another toy on the bandsaw. **Troy** has participated in the creation of thousands of toys over the past several years



**Faye Kelly** (left) and **Laurie Curry** from Children's Hospital told us how the toys were used to provide a touch of pleasure to children who are undergoing some difficult times.



**Anita Thompson** of Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch honors the Guild for the many projects undertaken by its' members. Receiving the award on behalf of the Guild is **Harold Hall** and **Bill Shivers** who have worked with the Boys Ranch for several years.

#### A Saw-Stop Believer !



**Brian Stauss** demonstrates the Saw-Stop technology that recently prevented him from having a very serious accident with a dado blade. He still has all of his digits and the cut finger has already healed.

**Premium DeWalt miter saw will be raffled off and a lucky winner will be announced at the December Christmas Party!**

Tickets for the raffle will be available at the Christmas party. Buy several at a discount and your chances will be improved. The saw was contributed by the local DeWalt representative

## AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar December/January 2010/2011

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|----------|---------|---|---|---|--|
| 5[49]<br>1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall<br>Robertson  | 6<br>Dec | 7       | 8   | 9<br>9:00am - 3:00pm<br>Thursday @WEC<br>6:00pm - 8:30pm Guild<br>Christmas Party<br>@Homewood Senior<br>Center | 10<br>9:00a-1:00p Ron Powell<br>11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys<br>1:00p-5:00p Ron Powell<br>5:00pm - 9:00pm ...<br>Eddie Heerten | 11<br>9:00am - 1:00pm ...<br>Brian Stauss<br>1:00pm - 5:00pm ...<br>Monta King   |
| 12[50]<br>1:00pm - 5:00pm ...<br>Eddie Heerten | 13       | 14      | 15  | 16<br>9:00am - 3:00pm<br>Thursday @WEC  | 17<br>9:00a-1:00p R Hardwick<br>11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys<br>1:00p-5:00p Troy Stroud<br>5:00p-9:00p Mike Key                | 18<br>8:00am - 9:00am No<br>Meeting This Month<br>9:00am - 11:30am No<br>Meeting<br>9:00a-1:00 Brian Stauss<br>1:00p-5:00pm Pat Bush |
| 19[51]<br>1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall<br>Robertson | 20       | 21      | 22  | 23<br>9:00am - 3:00pm<br>Thursday @WEC  | 24<br>Christmas Eve-WEC<br>closed   | 25<br>Christmas Day-WEC<br>closed  |
| 26[52]<br>Closed for Christmas                 | 27       | 28      | 29  | 30  | 31<br>New Years eve-WEC<br>closed   | 1<br>Jan<br>WEC closed for new<br>years  |
| 2[1]<br>1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob<br>Moore           | 3        | 4       | 5<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG<br>Board Meeting (J R<br>Prewitt & Associates,<br>2146 Highland Avenue<br>South) | 6   | 7   | 8<br>9:00a-1:00p Ron Powell<br>11:00am - 3:00pm- Toys<br>1:00p-5:00p Ron Powell<br>5:00p-9:00pm Bob Moore                            |

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

## Education Programs Update

One of the most ambitious classes ever attempted by the Guild is almost complete. After seven classes taught by more than a dozen instructors and assistants, the seventeen students known as "The Cabinetees" have successfully constructed a fantastic set of kitchen cabinets. The cabinets look great and will be a highlight of the soon to be constructed Habitat For Humanity house. Many, many thanks to everyone who assisted in this project.

**News Flash!!** We have recently been informed by Habitat that their original installation date of December 4th may be delayed until December 11th. We will contact all students and instructors when HFH gives us the final date.

2010 was a very busy year for the Guild's education programs. We began with a seminar in lathe techniques and followed that event with classes teaching the construction of Windsor Chairs, bandsaw boxes, boats, and cabinets.

2011 will be just as busy as we begin with a seminar led by **Joel Rago** who will demonstrate finishing products and methods. That seminar will be taught on Saturday January 22nd. The seminar will be followed later in January with a new class led by Mike Key that will teach the construction of a "Fred Baker style" workbench. You can sign up for either of those events at the January 15th Guild meeting. Then in March, we will host Marc Adams for a two day seminar. Watch for more details as Marc's seminar approaches.

What kind of class will then follow? What kind of class do you want? Several ideas are being discussed. If you have a class you would like to take, or more importantly, if you have a class you would consider teaching, please let Monta or me know.

Our sincerest thanks go to all the instructors and students who made these 2010 events possible. Continuing education is one of the primary goals of the Guild and there are great things yet to come.

Have fun but be safe,

**Robert**



**Walter Barnett, Daniel Moore and Troy Stroud** test the fit of door rails and stiles.



**Paul Lesueur, Troy and Walter** survey cabinet door parts.



**Troy and Dudley Massey** prepare for some sanding chores.



**John Davis, Walter Barnett and Randall Robertson** planning together.



**Dudley, Chuck McCormick, and Troy Stroud** at **John Lawson's shop**

**John Davis, Mike Key and Randall Robertson** with dovetailed drawer boxes



**Dan Browning** demonstrates his technique for spraying sanding sealer.



**Harold Hall and Dan Browning** teaching basic spray coating to the "Cabinetees".

### New editor for the Guild News

**Cheryl May** has graciously agreed to become the new Editor for this publication. Please give her the support that you have given to me in the past year.

**Bill Newman**

### Welcome New Members!

**Mel Dearing, Ron Jacobs, Joe Roberson**

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### **Best Of Show**

This chess board and stand by **Nevin Newton** were chosen by attendees at the 2010 Alabama Woodworkers Fall Show as "**Best of Show**". The work of art is constructed of walnut, maple, purpleheart, yellowheart, lace, cherry and ebony. According to **Nevin**, there are 1827 individual pieces of wood in the project.

**Mr. Newton** told this reporter "A great amount of the wood came from old furniture that people have thrown out. The center hub was turned on the new Powermatic lathe at the Guild's wood shop. The top was turned on another Powermatic lathe, same size, with the motor head reversed and turned off the end of the lathe. I also had the use of a floor tool rest."

"I got the Idea and design from a similar taller chess table made by Malcolm Tibbetts and shown in his book, "The Art of Segmented Wood Turning".

"His book has taught me a lot of turning techniques and ways to make designs" said **Nevin**."It took me four months to complete."





### About Us

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Woodworking Education Center, 10544 Hwy 17, Maylene, AL 35114

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