



# Guild News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you folks but even working in my basement shop seems to be hot and humid. The best I can do is get out of bed early and work till late morning. Spraying lacquer seems to be out of the question for me. Even my wipe on finish seems too lazy to dry and wants to attract every dust particle in the shop. Oh well, that's Alabama in the summer time!



If you made our June meeting you were brought up to speed on what our Friday Group is up too these days. **Ralph Hardwick** and **Lynn Smith** demonstrated how to make toys at home or at the W.E.C. and focused all of us on the children who are the recipients of our efforts. We want to thanks all those who make toys for the Children at Children's Hospital and especially those who show up at the shop every Friday and give of their time and talent.

The Guild was also blessed to have **Wayne Sutter of Woodline** join us and demonstrate the many fine products he has for sale. Woodline is the kind of company that stands behind their products and is easy for woodworkers to do business with. We really enjoyed getting to know Wayne and his wife and look forward to seeing them again in the future.



Speaking of good companies to do business with, don't forget we will be meeting at the **Hardwoods of Alabama** store for our July meeting. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get to see **Billy Carroll** and **David Hopper**, have a wonderful lunch and learn more about woodworking products and materials. **Come join us!**

Monta King

**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday,**  
**July 16, 2011**  
*(Always the 3rd Saturday)*  
**Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am**  
**Meeting 10 to 11 am**  
**Lunch immediately after.**  
*See page 2 for details*

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

## Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show

The annual Alabama Woodworkers Guild show is coming and the show is set again for October. The start date is October 22, 2011. That is a Saturday and registration will start at 10:30 am. The show will run all the next week including Saturday. All entries can be picked up on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

A reception will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> to honor the participants in the show. We hope every member of the Guild will attend this reception to view all the entries and please, bring your family or friends with you

A big thank you and congratulations to all who entered a piece in last year's show. We had exactly 100 entries and had a great show, let's see if we can have even more this year! To those of you who are new members, this is a great way to show off your first projects. Do not be intimidated about entering the show, that's why we have a beginner category and it is wonderful to see people enter their work for the first time.

You have over three months left to get your entries ready. If you need ideas or some help on your project ask someone at the next meeting and I believe you will find advice on most anything you can think of.

Last, the Guild has been asked to display some of their work as art downstairs during the entire month of October and upstairs during November. I believe this is a great honor for the Guild and look forward to seeing who will display their work.

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## JULY MEETING

We will be leaving the WEC for our July meeting to join Hardwoods with their Annual Customer Appreciation Day and Open House. The hours of the Open House are 8:00 – 2:00. There will be vendor demonstrations, door prizes and bargains. **Our program will begin at 10:00.** A member of Hardwoods' corporate management team will talk with us about issues facing various species of exotic and domestic woods.

Hardwoods is located at 180 Airview Lane (Shelby County Airport Industrial Park) in Alabaster.

**The Woodworking Education Center will not open until after the meeting at Hardwoods.**

### Directions to Hardwoods of Alabama

**Travelling South On I-65:**

**Take exit 234 toward Shelby County Airport.**

**Keep right at the fork to go on CR87.**

**Stay straight to go onto Shelby West Parkway.**

**Turn left onto Corporate Woods Drive.**

**Turn Right onto Airview Lane.**

## Education Activities Report

Experience has taught us that people have so many competing activities during summer months that summer class schedules are a challenge. There will be no classes scheduled until late summer or early fall. Work safely this summer.

Congratulations to Larry Ellison, who won the raffle for the workbench built in class!

Robert McClure

### 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!



## WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER ( WEC )

The WEC is doing well at this time, all equipment is in good working order. The vents have been installed in the shipping container.



A small amount of "Red Oak" lumber has been purchased and we are proceeding to acquire some more.

We still need your help with getting the projects rack cleaned up and lets try to keep it as clear as possible.

A group of 10 from the "West Alabama Woodworkers Association" (WAWA) visited the WEC on June 25<sup>th</sup> for a tour. According to their comments they were very impressed with the WEC and how effectively it is running. One individual stated that our shop was better than some of the well known schools that he has attended.

Cliff



## Want to make some wooden toys?

It's easy...let me show you how. First go to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild web site and download some plans. Here, let me help you...click on this: <http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org/toy%20plans/Toy%20Plans.pdf>



Now, draw an outline on a piece of wood.



Next, cut it out with the band saw.



Sand it a little.



If you're making cars, bore holes for the axles and windows.



Attach the wheels and axles.

Now, you are pretty much done....**EXCEPT**, now you can make a few more while you're at it for donation to deserving children at Children's Hospital or another fine charity!

OR...consider joining the Friday Group of dedicated toy makers each Friday at around 11:00AM at the W.E.C. (bring a sack lunch!)



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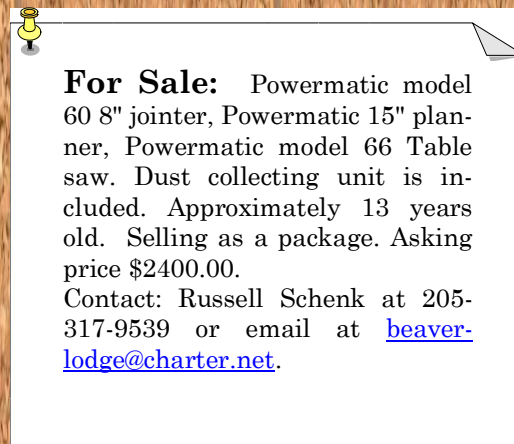
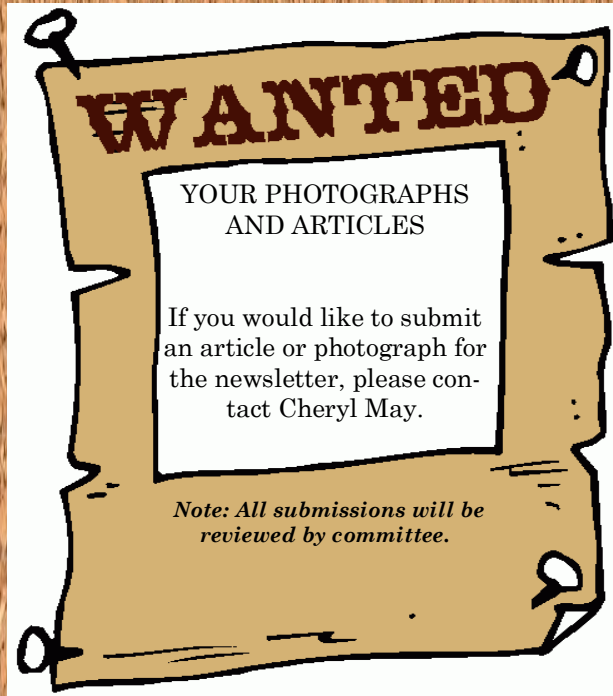
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# WEC JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17[29] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	18 19	20	21	22	23	23 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm ....Eddie Heerten
24[30] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Brian Stauss	25 26	27	28	29	30	30 9:00am - 1:00pm Preston Lawley.... supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush... supervisor
31[31] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush...supervisor	1 Aug	2	3 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	4	5 NEWSLETTER: Officer Articles Due 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm No Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	6 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor
7[32] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor	8 9	10	11	12	13	13 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor
14[33] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell - Supervisor	15 16	17	18	19	20	20 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Hardwoods of Alabama) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore

Directions:  
Take I65 to Exit 246  
Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road)  
3/4 of a mile to US 31. Turn right on US 31 and travel north approx. 0.3  
mi. Our store is on the right (east) side of US 31. Our new address is:  
2215B Pelham Parkway, Pelham , AL 35124

Phone  
2059883600  
Fax  
205-988-3612

Website:  
www.woodcraft.com  
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Store Hours  
M - T - W - F: 9AM- 7PM  
Th: 9AM-9PM  
Sat: 9AM-6PM  
Sun: Noon-5 PM

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