



# Guild News



## Next Meeting

Saturday,  
August 20, 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



The Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranch hosted a luncheon for all their sponsors last month. Of course, the Woodworkers Guild is among them. Representing the Guild were **Monta King, Harold Hall, Cliff Daniels and Bill and Kathy Shivers.**

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## President's Message

Many thanks to Hardwoods of Alabama for hosting our July Guild meeting! As usual, the meeting was chock full of interesting demonstrations, talks, good bargains and great food!

We want to especially thank **David Hopper** and **Billy Carroll** for the support of **Hardwoods of Alabama** toward our Habitat for Humanity kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities. Their donation of lumber and good prices on plywood is a tremendous help to the Guild in completing this project!



Additionally, **Joel Rago** of **Mohawk Finishing Products** donated 5 gallons of sealer and 5 gallons of lacquer to the project! You have seen demonstrations of Mohawk's quality line of stains and finishes at Hardwoods several times. Many of our members have included their products in their finishing with a high level of satisfaction with the results. You may recall that Joel taught our class on finishing and introduced many of us to just how easy spraying lacquer can be.

Speaking of the cabinets for Habitat for Humanity, a group of guys unloaded all the materials into the north room at the WEC last week. Please **DO NOT** use any of this material!!

Roughly, here is our plan for this year: **Preston Lawley** is going to coordinate the project along with **Robert McClure**. **Bill Shivers** is once again serving as the master architect, ensuring that the drawings of the cabinets will result in working cabinets that actually fit in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Preston will be calling a series of "work days" over the next several months relying on the Guild members who taught various segments of the class last year to "oversee" the building of the component parts this year. This will not be a "class" and there will be no charge associated with participation in the cabinet building. We want to encourage all members to participate in as many work sessions as they like. We will begin with milling up the lumber for exact thickness. Then move to building the face-frames, the carcasses, doors, drawers, assembly and finishing. Lastly the cabinets will be installed in the Habitat for Humanity Christmas House sometime in December.



This is always a rewarding project and a learning experience for all levels of woodworkers.

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## August Meeting

**Pre-meeting: Splint Wood Chair Seat Weaving -- Trav (Travis) Wilson -**

Trav has been a member of AWG since 2007. He is the husband of Becca and the dad of Alexandra "Alex" (3-1/2) and Lucy Wilson (1-1/2). He is the pastor at Moody United Methodist Church in Moody, Alabama. He learned about chair seat weaving while refurbishing his great-grandmother's rocking chair in 2001. When he does get free time, he enjoys spending it with his family, but he also enjoys coming to the WEC to hang out with and learn from The Over the Hill Gang.

**Main Meeting: Wood Dust Hazards and How to Control it in the Home Workshop -- Jerry Boling**

Jerry Boling spent 27 years working for the Air Force with International Officers and in the area of Distance Learning. He retired eight years ago. He and his wife are avid hikers and have spent the last several summers day hiking into the back country in several mountainous areas of the country and Canada. When Jerry is not traveling, you can usually find him in his workshop. His primary interest is making furniture, usually out of cherry. His latest efforts are at learning to turn which got a real boost from the AWG turning workshop held recently.

Jerry has been very interested in working in a shop with clean air. His mother died of pulmonary fibrosis and two of her brothers died rather young ending their days on oxygen, so he has been motivated to minimize the risks with wood dust. He made his own cyclone and a filter box using CleanStream filters to recirculate the air back into the shop and has an air cleaner also which has been modified. He has recently acquired a Dylos DC1100 Pro Air Quality Monitor which has helped him make his dust collecting and air cleaning much more effective. He will be demonstrating the air quality monitor and relate it to the homemade versus commercially made dust collection systems.

Jerry will be telling us about hazards of wood dust to the skin and internally. He will be talking about the various forms of wood dust and what is done to control or contain them. He will focus on the dust that presents the most danger to our health by talking about settling rates and what is necessary to remove the most dangerous forms of dust. He will also take us on a little visual tour of his shop focusing on his cyclone and filter box, ductwork layout and his shop made blast gates. Jerry will also inform us about the use of galvanized sheet metal and pvc ductwork and what he did to make his system most effective. He will also touch on air cleaners and how to improve them. He even has some tips on how to make your contractor saw dust collection work below the level of the table.

Jerry doesn't claim to be an expert, but he has spent considerable time and effort on the Internet studying the problem of controlling wood dust plus he has practical experience in making a cleaner and safer shop.

Dwight Hostetter

## 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.

Robert McClure

## Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

The stock of "Red Wood" lumber has been replenished and the price has even been reduced.

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

We are still having some problems with the Grizzly drum sander. What I have seen is the same thing that has always happened. Mainly the person using the sander is not following the instructions on the machine. In addition be aware of the following:

- \* Do not use a metal hammer when installing the clips (this is damaging the drums )
- \* Do not use the sander to clean up your glue joints (scrape the joint to remove the glue before running through the sander ). If you don't the glue will stick to the sandpaper and will not clean off with a gum cleaner.
- \* Do not use the old strip of paper as a template for the new strip ( the old one has probably stretched or the ends torn off ).
- \* You should never take a larger bite than 1/8 of a turn on the lowering crank and it should be even less for wide boards. I remind you again this is a sander and not a planer.

We are wasting a lot of this sandpaper which is fairly expensive.

We have had an incident over the last couple of weeks where the Dust Control filters in the closet were full of dust and practically running over. It was obvious the filters had not been serviced for some time. I know they are in the closet and it is easy to forget but they have to be taken care of. They should be cleaned at least once a week and more often if the equipment is used heavily. If you use the equipment then it is your responsibility to see that these filters are cleaned just like it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself including emptying the dust control drum outside.

Cliff Daniels

## 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 about two 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.

John Lawson

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11 [37] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King	12 13	13 14	14 15	15 16	16 17	17 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore

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

**From the editor ...**

As you can see, we've spiffed up the newsletter. To really make it shine, though, we need your help. We need our members to contribute. Send in your pictures. Share a tip. Tell us about your latest project, a new gadget you just bought, a class you took. Interview someone you find fascinating.

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Looking forward to hearing from you...

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Orders will be taken up until the end of September and will be delivered in October. You can e-mail, call, or send your order via US mail. Fantabulous Tees will also give 10% of the profits of any referral business by AWG members to the AWG so if you know anyone that needs custom apparel printed up, please let us know! Please contact us with any questions.

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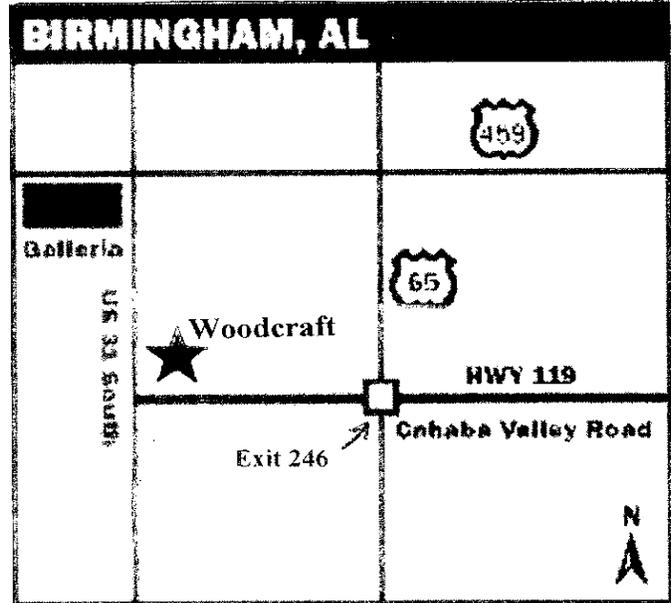
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