



Woodworking Education Center  
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# Guild News



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## Next Meeting

There will be no meeting this month.

Instead, we will have our annual Christmas party on December 8.

We return to our regularly scheduled third Saturday of the month in January.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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## President's Message

It was an honor to present Children's Hospital with over 8,600 hand-made wooden toys this year. The Guild's "Friday Group" and others have done an outstanding job of faithfully constructing these toys all year for the purpose of helping relieve some of the anxiety associated with a child going to the hospital.

**Congratulations on a job well done!**



Additionally, can you believe the detail on the American Village project that **Bob Moore and team** put into the educational props? The team put in over 400 hours building signs, trees, buildings and a magnificent boat for crossing the Delaware River! [An amazing project!](#)

Then there are the cabinets for the Habitat for Humanity Christmas House. They are almost finished and ready for installation in a new home just in time for Christmas. This year the Christmas House is located in Calera and is being co-sponsored by the employees of ABC 33/40. Installation is targeted for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

This has been an excellent year for the Guild. We have gained several new members and have completed many worthwhile projects both individually and as a Guild. The majority of the Guild's success this year can be attributed to one trait...member participation. You have embraced the many educational opportunities offered by the Guild and have contributed your talents to Guild projects unselfishly. This makes for an excellent Woodworker's Guild!

As we close the year and enter the holiday season let me wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!!

Monta King



**HABITAT CABINET UPDATE:** THANKS to all who turned out to help! The large turnout made the job go much easier. Now the installation is scheduled for this coming Saturday, December 10th. All of you who can make it please **be at the WEC at 8:00AM Saturday** to load the cabinets and take them to the job site.

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**GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This coming week we will have our annual Christmas Party in lieu of our regular meeting for December.

The Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Homewood Senior Center 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  
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**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.

**From I65 North:** take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. 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.

**Woodworking Education Center (WEC)**

We recently acquired a large quantity of mixed species of wood. Its is all in the North room and is not sorted. Look for a cut rate sale in the near future.

We have retired the Walker-Turner band saw. It got to the point we were afraid someone might get hurt on it. One of our members (Lloyd Harper) was upgrading his shop and sold us his Powermatic 14" band saw with a riser block at a very reasonable price. A big thanks to Lloyd.

I guess no matter how many times you remind everyone about clean up some folks just don't get the message. Please take the time to clean up after yourself before leaving the WEC.

Pat Bush spent a lot of time recently organizing things at the WEC. Please help by putting things back where they belong when finished using them.

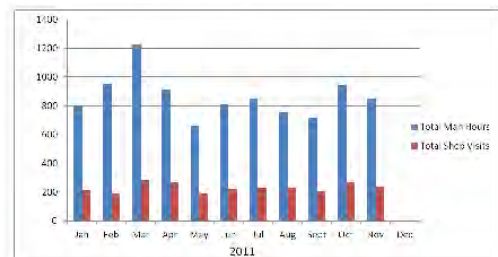
We also had a Bunn coffee maker donated by Walter Barnett. Once we get a shelf built for it and water piping run to it maybe we can get rid of the other 6 or 8 pots we have.

Cliff Daniels

AWG Shop Usage Report  
November, 2011

Total	Number of Shop Visits			
	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities (Shop improvements / maintenance)
238	34	24	65	115
% of Total				
100	14.3	10.1	27.3	48.3

Total	Number of Hours Worked			
	Charitable (Toys)	Supervision	Woodworking	Classes & Other Activities (Shop improvements / maintenance)
851.6	124.5	102	223.6	401.5
% of Total				
100	14.6	12.0	26.3	47.1



# WEC DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18[51] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	19	20	21	22	23 WEC closed for the Christmas Holidays	24 WEC closed for Christmas Eve
25[52] WEC closed for Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Free 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud - Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	31 WEC closed for New Years Eve
1[1] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... No Supervisor	2	3	4 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	5	6 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	7 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson
8[2] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Mike Key	9	10	11	12	13 9:00am - 1:00pm L. Smith 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm L. Smith 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... no supervisor	14 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Free 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor
15[3] 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... Brian Stauss	16	17	18	19	20 9:00am - 1:00pm R Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm .... Eddie Heerten	21 9:00am - 1:00pm .... Montia King 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm .... no supervisor

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Mr. Spencer with a Vestavia Hills High School Volunteer

**Home Repair Spotlight:  
The Spencer Family**

Just a few years ago, Leroy Spencer and his wife, Beverly, had their living room floor replaced. However, due to financial issues, they were unable to pay for the repairs. Leroy has cancer and has had several surgeries, making it impossible to fix the growing list of repairs on their home of 25 years.

Their roof was leaking, they had lived without air conditioning for six years, and they were praying their 38 year old potentially dangerous furnace would last a little longer. In addition to the poor paint condition and broken windows, Mr. Spencer also discovered rotting wood on the outside of their home. [Read more...](#)

**"Our House" Sales Benefit Habitat**

Singer-songwriter Graham Nash is making his 1970's hit song, "Our House," available for purchase in support of Habitat for Humanity.

All proceeds from this special release will go towards Habitat's continuing efforts in Haiti. The song is available on iTunes for a limited time. For more information, [click here.](#)



**Trash to Treasure**

One person's trash is another one's treasure, or so the saying goes. This adage has proven true over the past year in a partnership between Habitat, the Alabama Woodworkers Guild and Children's Hospital.

A year ago, Habitat Go-To Gang and Guild member Lynn Smith, made Habitat aware of the Guild's need for useable, quality wood. Each year, members in the Guild spend hours crafting toys from wood scraps, but finding the supply of wood had been a challenge. [Read more...](#)

**HELP BUILD IT!**

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Earlier this month, members of Habitat Birmingham's staff and Board of Directors joined President and Mrs. Carter in Léogâne, Haiti, for Habitat for Humanity's 28th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

During weeklong build, 500 volunteers from around the world helped to build 100 homes in partnership with earthquake-affected families in Léogâne, a city 18 miles west of Port-au-Prince and near the epicenter of the 2010 7.0-magnitude earthquake.



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**Trash to Treasure, continued**

Since the beginning of the year, Habitat has donated its scrap wood from a warehouse in the west end, where volunteers pre-build window and door casings for future Habitat homes. Leftover wood from those activities has been gathered and provided to the Guild.

Throughout the year, twenty members of the Guild joined forces each Friday at the Woodworkers Education Center in Maylene. They had one goal in mind: to help bring joy to kids receiving treatment at Children’s Hospital.

Thanks to the constant supply of Habitat’s wood, the members crafted a record-breaking donation for Children’s – 8,616 toys. The donation is comprised of 4,185 cars, 2,002 boxes, 340 stools, and 350 helicopters among hundreds of other items guaranteed to bring smiles to thousands of young faces.

The service opportunity brings joy to more than the kids, however. New Guild member Paul Shank commented that “Friday mornings were the happiest part of my year.”

To find out how you can donate time turning “trash into treasure,” please contact Toy Committee Co-Chair Lynn Smith at [lynnsmith@charter.net](mailto:lynnsmith@charter.net) or visit the Guild’s website at [www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org](http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org).



Bill Snipes with some of the 600+ toys he made at his home.



Buzz Kelly and Ralph Hardwick loading out some of the boxes of toys for Children’s hospital. The Guild made over 8600 toys for Children’s Hospital this year.



Children’s Hospital Staff accepting the toy donation from the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.



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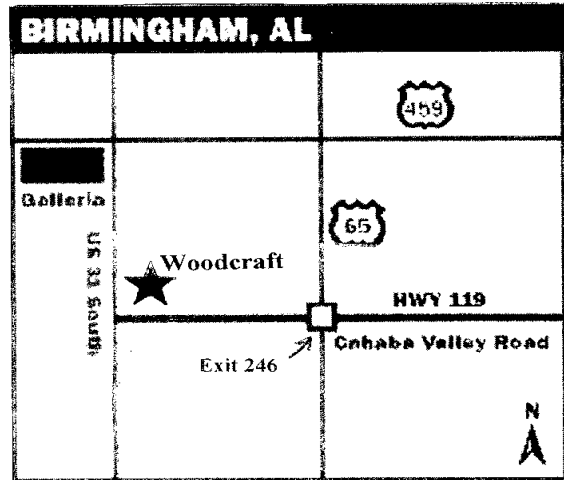
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