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Guild News



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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting will
be on January
21, 2012.

President's Message

Do you know why they could not have a live Nativity scene in Washington this year?-----
-They could not find "3" wise men in all of Washington.

Just thought I would start the new year with a little humor ----- and truth!

Well another year has slipped past us. Can you believe it is 2012? This past year (2011) was a very good year for the guild - we had 2 seminars with approximately 55 members in attendance, 3 classes with an attendance of 27 members, Bob Moore led an extensive project for the American Village in Montevallo, we had a record year for the toy program with over 8600 toys delivered to Children's Hospital and others, we had a great Christmas party with approximately 100 people in attendance (we had lots of door prizes and Mike Key won the raffle and walked away with the two Milwaukee routers) and we ended the year by making and installing the cabinets for the Habitat for Humanity Christmas House in Calera. Many thanks to Monta King and his team for such a successful year. But no matter how successful a year turns out there is always room for improvement. Any organization becomes better and better as it's membership gets more and more involved in its activities. Even though we had good member involvement in a lot of areas last year, I would like to see even more involvement from the general membership. You will be hearing a lot from me throughout the year encouraging everyone to become more involved in all guild activities. I believe that more member involvement will result in more publicity and, ultimately, more new members.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that the new year will bring happiness and prosperity.

* Don't forget " DUES ARE DUE"

DUES ARE DUE!!!

Don't forget your checkbook at this month's meeting. Your 2011 Alabama Woodworkers Guild Dues are now due.

Please see Walter Barnett at the meeting or you can mail your dues (still just \$50) to:

**Alabama Woodworkers Guild
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**Happy New
Year!!!**

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People's Choice Award

Each year at the "Annual Show" we ask those that visit the show to vote on their favorite item and we give a "Peoples Choice" award for the item that gets the most votes. This year, the award went to Cliff Daniels for his "Motorcycle Rocker" pictured below. Congratulations Cliff!



January Pre-Meeting and Meeting

Pre-Meeting: We are fortunate to have a large quantity of recently donated wood in a variety of sizes and species. Mike Key will take this opportunity to teach us how to calculate board feet and, as time allows, give us a refresher on the jointer.

Meeting: Our very own Charlie Ard, a long time member of the guild, will kick off the new year with a presentation on boat building. Several of our members were fortunate enough to take his class two years ago and now the rest of us get the chance to see what we missed. Chili and all the fixings will be served for lunch. The cost is \$5.00 a person.

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We are very fortunate to have the following patrons who support the Guild. They are excellent suppliers of products or services in the local area that provide monetary support or allow us to use their various facilities for Guild functions:



WEC JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR

| January 2012 | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--------|--|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| 8[2] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Mike Key | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Free 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore |
| 15[3] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 21 9:00am - 1:00pm Monta King 9:30am - 10:00am Pre-meeting (WEC) 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (WEC) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Cliff Daniels |
| 22[4] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 28 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss Pat Bush |
| 29[5] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King | 30 | 31 | 1 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J.R. Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South) | 2 Feb | 3 | 4 | 4 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King |
| 5[6] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Mike Key | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 9:00am - 1:00pm Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush |

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Roland Wall
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Call For Submissions

Send your articles, musings, pictures, poetry, etc. to Wayne Burris at Waterseeker@hotmail.com for consideration to be included in the next issue!

2012 Membership Directory

The 2012 Membership Directory will be coming out soon so make sure you update your contact information. You will be able to do that at the January Guild meeting. If you are unable to make it to the meeting this month and would like to have your contact information updated, please contact Brian Stauss with your updated information. You can e-mail Brian at kybgs@bellsouth.net

Please note that you will not be included in the 2012 Membership Directory if you are not up to date with your Guild dues.

Guild Christmas Party

The guild met at the Homewood Senior Center on December 8th for its Annual Christmas Party. The party turned out to be great with slightly under 100 people present. The meat was furnished by the guild and all other food was provided by members and all was delicious. The entertainment was provided by Tina Hood and, as usual, she did an outstanding job. A large number of door prizes were given away; some were donated by businesses like Hardwood Of Alabama and Woodcraft but most were provided by the Membership and most were things they had made. Thanks to all who brought door prizes. Mike Key won the latest raffle and took the two Milwaukee routers home. We owe a real big thanks to all who helped with the party, but especially to Troy and Rosemary Stroud who coordinated and directed this whole affair. If you missed the party you missed a great time and I hope you will make plans to be there next year.

What's Cooking?

The Guild cooking teams will only be cooking once each quarter this year. They will be cooking at the January, April, July, and October meetings. Meals are usually \$5.00 per person.

Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event

Some of our members have expressed interest in attending an upcoming Lie-Nielsen event in Atlanta, GA. Here is some more information about the event.



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Annual Show

Thanks to everyone who entered pieces in last year's annual show. A special thanks goes out to John Lawson for organizing the show and to Nelda Kelley for putting the show collage together. Thanks John and Nelda!



Guild Member Survey

Chris Mazur has come up with a member survey form. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to him or Preston Lawley at your earliest convenience. This information will help the Guild better serve its members. Thanks for putting this together, Chris!



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MEMBER SURVEY

One of the purposes of the Guild is to promote knowledge of woodworking skills by means of presentations by outside professionals as well as existing members. In order to accomplish this task, we need to know from you, the members, exactly the education that the Guild can furnish. Please complete the survey and return to Chris Mazur or Preston Lawley.

WOULD YOU CLASSIFY YOUR WOODWORKING SKILLS AS (MARK (X))
BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE SKILLED

ARE THERE ANY TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT IN THE SHOP THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TRAINED ON AND CERTIFIED TO USE? (INDICATE BELOW)

IS THERE ANY WOODWORKING AREA THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE AND RECEIVE HANDS ON INSTRUCTION AND/OR A PRESENTATION? (INDICATE BELOW)

**DO YOU HAVE A DESIRED SPEAKER IN MIND TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR TOPIC?
 (INDICATE BELOW)**

AWG Member Survey, Continued



IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUILD AND HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOU? (INDICATE BELOW)

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE WITH OTHER MEMBERS? (INDICATE BELOW)

WOULD YOU PREFER INSTRUCTION OR PRESENTATIONS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY (OR BOTH) OR SPECIFIED EVENINGS. (INDICATE BELOW)

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GUILD MEETING OR PRE-MEETING PROGRAM? (INDICATE BELOW)

Thank you for your cooperation. Remember, the Guild is here for you!

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Habitat For Humanity Cabinets



The 2011 Habitat For Humanity Holiday House has a wonderful set of cabinets due to the efforts of many members of the AWG. The cabinets were built in approximately a dozen work sessions during the Fall. The final stage, the installation, was completed under the direction of Team Captain Charlie Ard on December 10th. As shown in these photos, fourteen volunteers were there to assist on that Saturday morning and the final result was very impressive.

This worthwhile project is an annual event for the Guild and this year's cabinets were some of the best we have ever made. Many people helped make this outcome possible but a special thank you goes out to the project leaders including: Bill Shivers, Monta King, Cliff Daniels, and Preston Lawley.

Walker-Turner Bandsaw is up for Auction

The guild is taking bids for the Walker Turner Bandsaw. The saw is being sold as is to the highest bidder and the minimum bid is \$50.00. To place a bid, place it in the cash drawer at the WEC or email your bid to mkeyww@bellsouth.net The saw is a 16" saw with new bearings in the motor, needs some minor repair and alignment. The ending date for bids is at the January meeting.



Paul Revere Project at American Village

Robert Moore spearheaded a project to help out American Village. Bob and his team put in a lot of hours making this happen for American Village. The work will be seen by thousands and thousands of school children and visitors to the American Village. Thanks Bob and thanks to everyone that donated their time to this project! .



Summary

Paul Revere Project for The American Village



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild (AWG) donated their time in completing several program sets for the Paul Revere Program's educational mission. The work consisted of the following items:

1. 20 building cutouts with braces and trim
2. One cutout of the "Old North Church" with brace and trim
3. One cutout of the "Provincial Powder House" with brace and trim
4. Six free standing trees
5. Three directional sign posts with bases
6. Six sign posts with bases
7. One row boat, on casters, with lantern support post for crossing the Charles River



The work was performed in the AWG's shop between 9/15/11 and 12/1/11. Thirteen members of the Guild participated. Eight of the 13 worked on 5 or more of the 10 primary work sessions. Approximately 450 man-hours were expended toward the project. The Guild considers it one of its best community service projects.

Robert Moore 12/2/2011

Robert Moore, AWG Paul Revere Project Manager

Monta King

Monta King, President, Alabama Woodworkers Guild



From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday season and that the New Year finds you in good spirits. In keeping with Cliff's push for members to get more involved, I'd like to pass a story on to you about getting to know your fellow guild members and presenters at the meetings.

Not too long ago, the guild had a guest presenter come in and talk to us about carving. Tim Tingle was the presenter. He talked a little about carving tools and techniques, carving at Orr Park, and shared some pictures of his work with us. After his presentation I went up and spoke with him. I have been interested in wood carving for a number of years but never really did much about it.

While talking with Tim, I learned that he was looking for someone to teach. I took him up on that and I work with him at Orr Park now, weather and work schedules allowing. I've been out there 2 or 3 times now and even have my own carving started there on the back side of a tree that Tim and I carved a lion into. The first day I went to the park to work with him, he had a meeting with some people that have some land in Costa Rica they are interested in putting some carvings on.



I pretty much just did the roughing-out work Tim had shown me on the lion and listened while they talked. Later, Tim took them on a tour of the park while I continued to try to get a handle on the new tools and techniques.

Just the other day, Tim called me up and told me that he is planning on going to Costa Rica and wanted to know if I wanted to go and help out. Of course I do!!!! Now it's just a matter of time off work and money to buy the plane ticket.

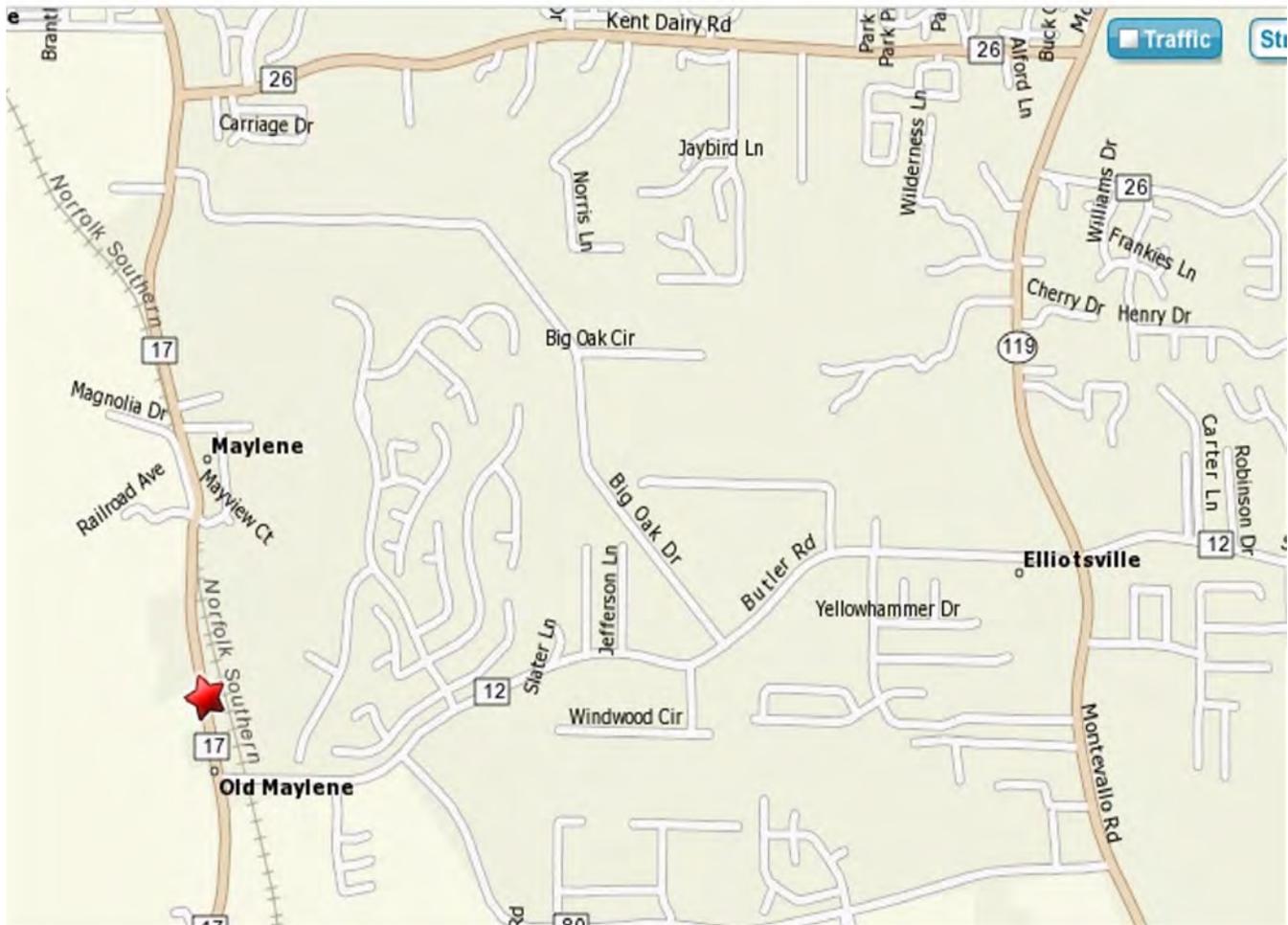
The moral of the story? This wonderful opportunity never would have come my way if I hadn't taken the initiative to talk with Tim, went out to meet with him at the park and worked with him. And none of that would have happened without the Guild. Follow your passion. You never know where it will take you.

Thanks to Tim and all who have gone before and are willing to share their experience and knowledge with others.

Wayne Burris



Directions to the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC)



From I65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on State Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance



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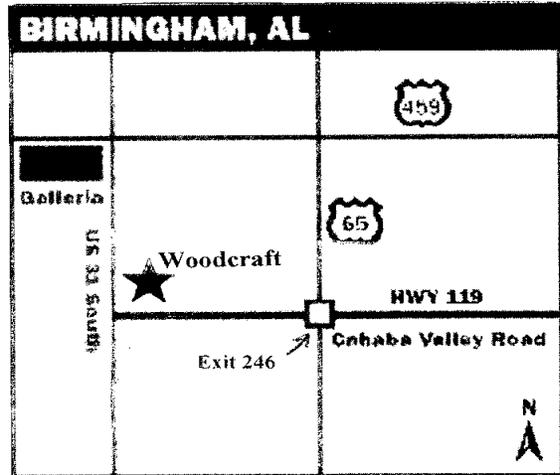
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