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Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Guild News



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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting is
February 15th

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

I am probably not alone in this. Over the years I have purchased a workshop full of power tools, accessories, and jigs, some of which I have never used. When I was working a real job, getting the project done quickly was a main concern.

Now that I have more time to spend in the shop, one of the things that makes it more enjoyable for me is using hand tools. There is a bit of a learning curve with sharpening, using hand planes, hand saws, back saws, and chiseling. For me the time spent practicing cutting joints to develop the hand tool skills is both relaxing and rewarding. Now when I cut dovetails or mortice and tenon joints on a project they are functional and starting to look good.

Without any formal training the learning curve can be very steep. Now, as a member of the guild I can get some help from the mentors we have which is a huge benefit. I have also found some resources on the internet that can be very helpful. A few of these are the <http://www.renaissancewoodworker.com> with Shannon Rogers, <http://www.theunpluggedwoodshop.com> with Tom Fiddgen. Of course there are many others, *Fine Woodworking* and *Popular Woodworking Magazines* both have excellent websites and there is a lot of information available on youtube.

I am really looking forward to the opportunity to spend two days with Christopher Schwarz on February 22nd & 23rd. Christopher has written books on the Workbench, Hand Planes, Hand Saws, and historical accounts of early woodworkers. He is a past editor of *Popular Woodworking Magazine* and has made several videos on hand tool care and use. He teaches classes all over the U.S. and will also be teaching classes in England this summer. He has a wealth of historical knowledge on woodworking and furniture building. I'm sure his class on the Six Board Chest will be very informative and enjoyable.

If you're interested in attending this class, please contact Chris Mazur. (See page 8 for info)

Regards,

Ray

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YEAR'S**

ANNUAL SHOW!

**Start working on your entry
TODAY!**

New Members

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!

Jennifer Potter, Martin Jowers, Scott Rester, Guy Lovelace, Shayne Gervais, Tom Simpson, Mark Greenhaw, Donna Montgomery, Troy Sullivan, Patrick Murphy

WELCOME!

WEC FEBRUARY 2014-MARCH 2014 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9[7] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Wayne Burris	10	11 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	12	13	14 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	15 9:00am - 1:00pm Monta 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 Pat Bush supervisor
16[8] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	17	18 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	19	20	21 9:00am - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	22 9:00am - 1:00pm Closed for Christopher Schwarz Seminar 1:00pm - 5:00pm Closed for Christopher Schwarz Seminar
23[9] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Closed for Christopher Schwarz Seminar	24	25 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	26	27	28 9:00am - 1:00pm Cliff Daniels-- supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Cliff Daniels-- supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	1 <u>Mar</u> 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor
2[10] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	3	4 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	5 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2148 Highland Avenue South)	6	7 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	8 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor

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

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February Meeting

Our February program will be from Randy Flowers. Randy is a caricature carver and officer of the Tannehill Woodcarvers Club. Randy will show examples of his work and describe the tools and techniques typically used in woodcarving. I have always admired and appreciated the skills of master carvers and look forward to hearing Randy's program. Maybe some of us, that are not carvers already, will get inspired enough to try carving. You can get a preview of carving by visiting the Tannehill Woodcarvers Club web site at tannehillwoodcarvers.org.

Ed

Comfort Bucket

We appreciate your donations to the comfort bucket! The money raised there helps the Guild pay the bills at the WEC.



Mentoring

NOTE: You must be a member of the Guild to be eligible to participate mentoring classes.

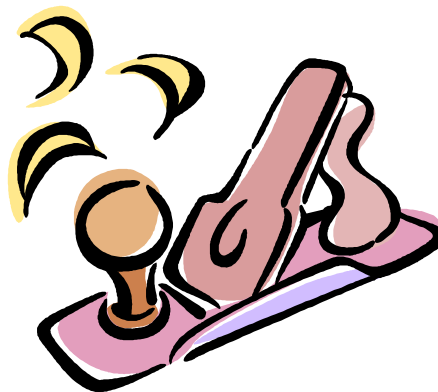
Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your wood-working skills a notch or two? Do you have a special project in mind, but are just a bit uneasy about getting underway? Looking for tips to save time and effort, plus get better results?

Here's what you need to do: join a Guild mentored group now. It's the way to go for all of the above with others at your skill level, and best of all, at no cost except for materials.

Refer to Shop Schedule for schedule of mentoring sessions

Some examples of topics offered:

Bench Making
 Table Saw instruction
 Lathe Fundamentals
 Pen Turning
 Hand Tools - sharpening and techniques
 Furniture Building - Chairs, Table tops, Tables
 Instruction in - Router table use
 Instruction in - Jointer, Planer use
 Dovetail jig making
 Hand-cut Dovetails
 Pocket Hole Jig Instruction



If you have questions on woodworking technique, tool usage, or buying equipment or tools, feel free to contact a Guild mentor.

John Lawson
 Mike Key
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 Dovetail jig
 Lathe, furniture, table saw, hand-cut dovetails, bowl turning
 Hand tool sharpening, table saw, joiner, planer
 Lathe, segmented turning, baskets
 Boxes, jointer
 Cabinet construction
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 Finishing and stringing
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 Jointer, planer
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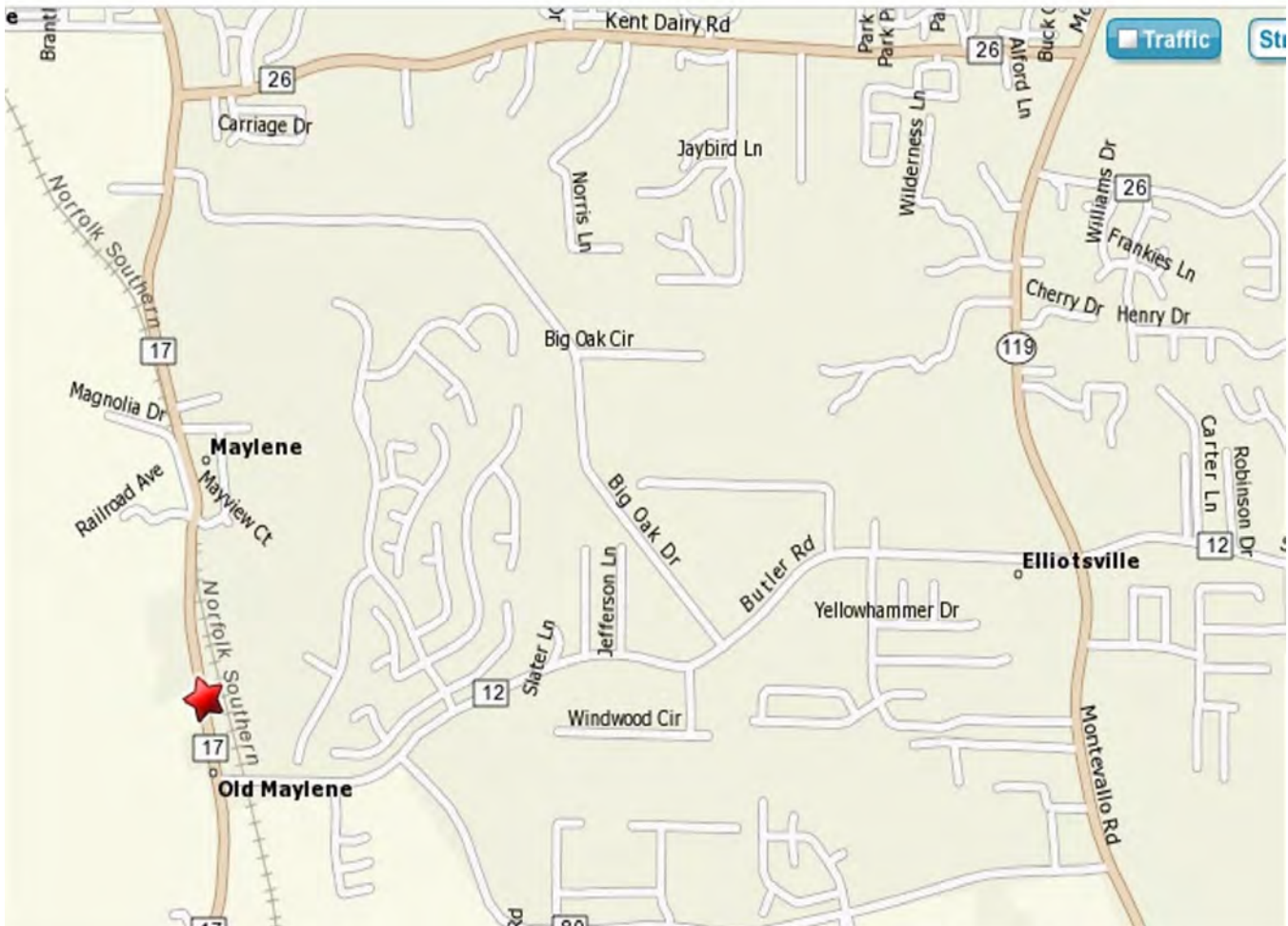
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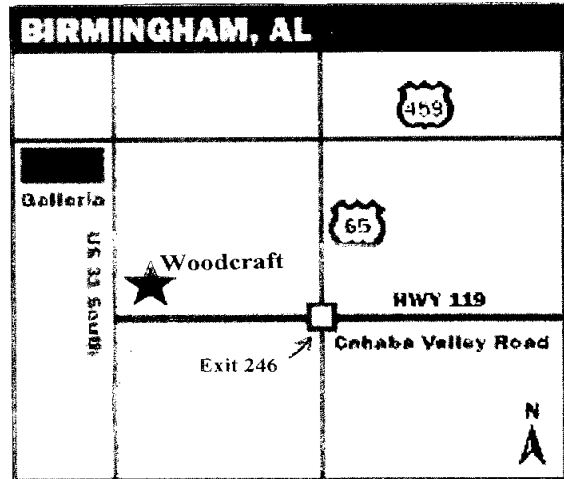
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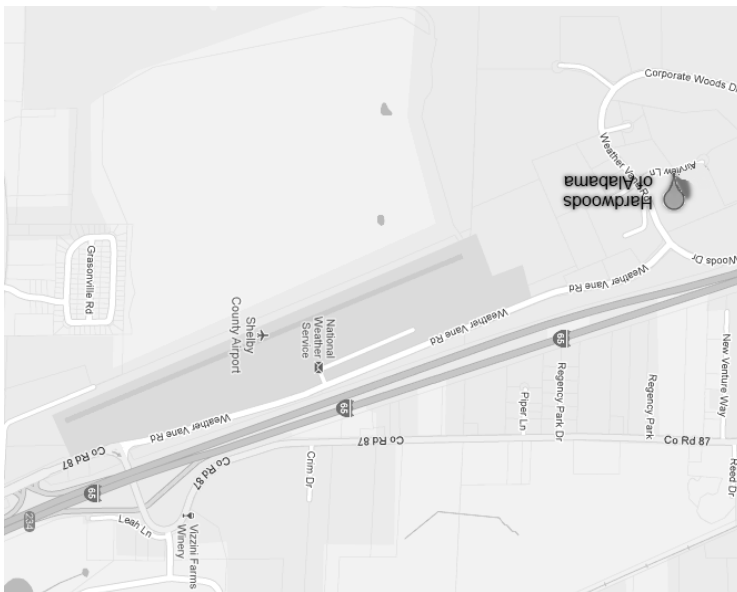
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