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Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News



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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting is
March 15th

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

The Board of Directors is working to find a solution to the hardwood purchase for the membership. We are all searching for a hardwood source with good quality and reasonable prices.

I went to Hardwoods of Alabama to get an "official" response to their recent decision to discontinue sales to the public. The response was not what we hoped for. They will sell to the Guild using the following guidelines.

1. There is no more going inside and sorting through the wood.
2. They will only stock domestic hardwood.
3. They will order exotic wood for us and will most times be there the next day. The price will be the standard price, but there will be a \$15.00 handling fee.
4. There are two options for buying wood:
 1. A \$300 minimum that we can pick-up there. This can be multiple species.
 2. A \$500 minimum that they will deliver to WEC with a \$15.00 dollar gas surcharge. This can also be multiple species.
5. There is a 5 to 10 percent discount on an order of \$500 of a single species.

The Guild does not need a business license to order from them.

Roy Lumber in Bessemer is going to sell hardwood to the public in the near future. They are getting set up to start in the next few weeks. They will sell most domestics and will sell by the board so we can select the boards that we want. No information on pricing yet.

The board members are contacting any other sawmills/hardwood dealers we can find. Our intention is to find a source for hardwood that we can replenish the inventory at the WEC and sell to our members at a reasonable price and to locate dealers that will sell to the public.

I will give you the latest information at the next meeting.

Regards,

Ray

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Annual Show


**PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS
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!

Arthur Schneider, Ronald Wilson, Andrew Cole-Tyson,
Gene Webb, Tom Morrison

WELCOME!

WEC FEBRUARY 2014-MARCH 2014 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9[11] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Brian Stauss	10 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	11 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	12	13	14 9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell-supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell-supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	15 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wayne Burris 9:30am - 10:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Walt Barnett
16[12] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Monta King	17 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	18 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	19	20	21 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Eddie Heerten	22 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wayne Burris 1:00pm - 5:00pm Michael Mallincontico, Supervisor
23[13] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Brian Stauss	24 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	25 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	26	27	28 9:00am - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Monta King	29 9:00am - 1:00pm Pat Bush supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Pat Bush supervisor
30[14] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	31 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	1 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	3	4	5 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wayne Burris 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.com/awg>

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March Program

Our March program will be from Ronald Young. Mr. Young is a master woodworker from Chattanooga, TN who builds fine furniture such as dining room tables, side boards, beds and cabinets as well as small pieces. He recently taught a class on string inlay at Woodcraft in Knoxville. He will have a slide show portfolio of his furniture and might bring a couple of small pieces that he has made such as a Tea Chest and a Pennsylvania Spice Box. This will be a great opportunity to hear a master craftsman talk about wood-working and maybe share some of the many tips and techniques that he has learned.

Ed Bullock

Additions to the Shop

The Guild bought a variable speed lathe and a router table from Troy Stroud's estate sale, both of which are in service at WEC.

At last week's Board meeting, the board agreed to also purchase an edge sander, which is on order.

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.

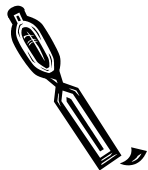
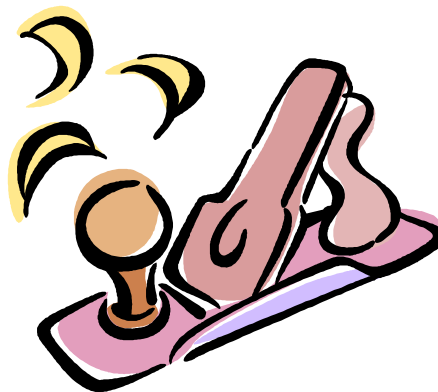
Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your wood-working skills a notch or two? Do you have a special project in mind, but are just a bit uneasy about getting underway? Looking for tips to save time and effort, plus get better results?

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
Eddie Heerten

Bob Moore
Dwight Hostetter
Bill Newman
Brian Stauss
Cliff Daniels
Buzz Kelly
Lynn Smith
Pat Bush
A.R. Bray

Furniture repair, band saw, track saw
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
Scroll saw, jointer, band saw
Finishing and stringing
Toys
Jointer, planer
Draw knife, planes, hand tools, antique hand tools



Contact the above by email or phone as listed in the Membership Directory or email Ron Griffin at: sawandsplinters@gmail.com

Woodworkers Education

Thirty three woodworkers attended AWG's Christopher Schwarz Seminar and were very pleased with what was presented.

This was a seminar on how to use hand tools and how to sharpen your tools and in the process we learned his techniques and secrets for making a Six Board Chest the old fashioned way. These chests have been around for hundreds of years.

Christopher shared his list of suppliers for tools, wood, and hard to find items to make just about anything out of wood.

With each lesson Christopher would give little hints to help you remember the technique that was used.

I personally was fascinated with his sharpening lessons and how simple they were.

When Christopher finished planing a board it was flat and ready to paint or finish and required no sanding. This was almost unbelievable, You had to see it, and feel the finished boards which were inspected by all.

Christopher Schwarz was very easy to understand and as questions from members were asked he would stop and address each one with great detail. His attention to detail was amazing about each subject and he demonstrated several ways to achieve the same result.

We waited two years for this Master Woodworker to come to AWG. It was worth waiting for.

I personally would like to thank Christ Mazur for putting together a wonderful event and taking care of all the arrangements over the last two years. Great job!

Also thanks to the members that helped to arrange the shop, clean it for this seminar, and clean up after it was over.

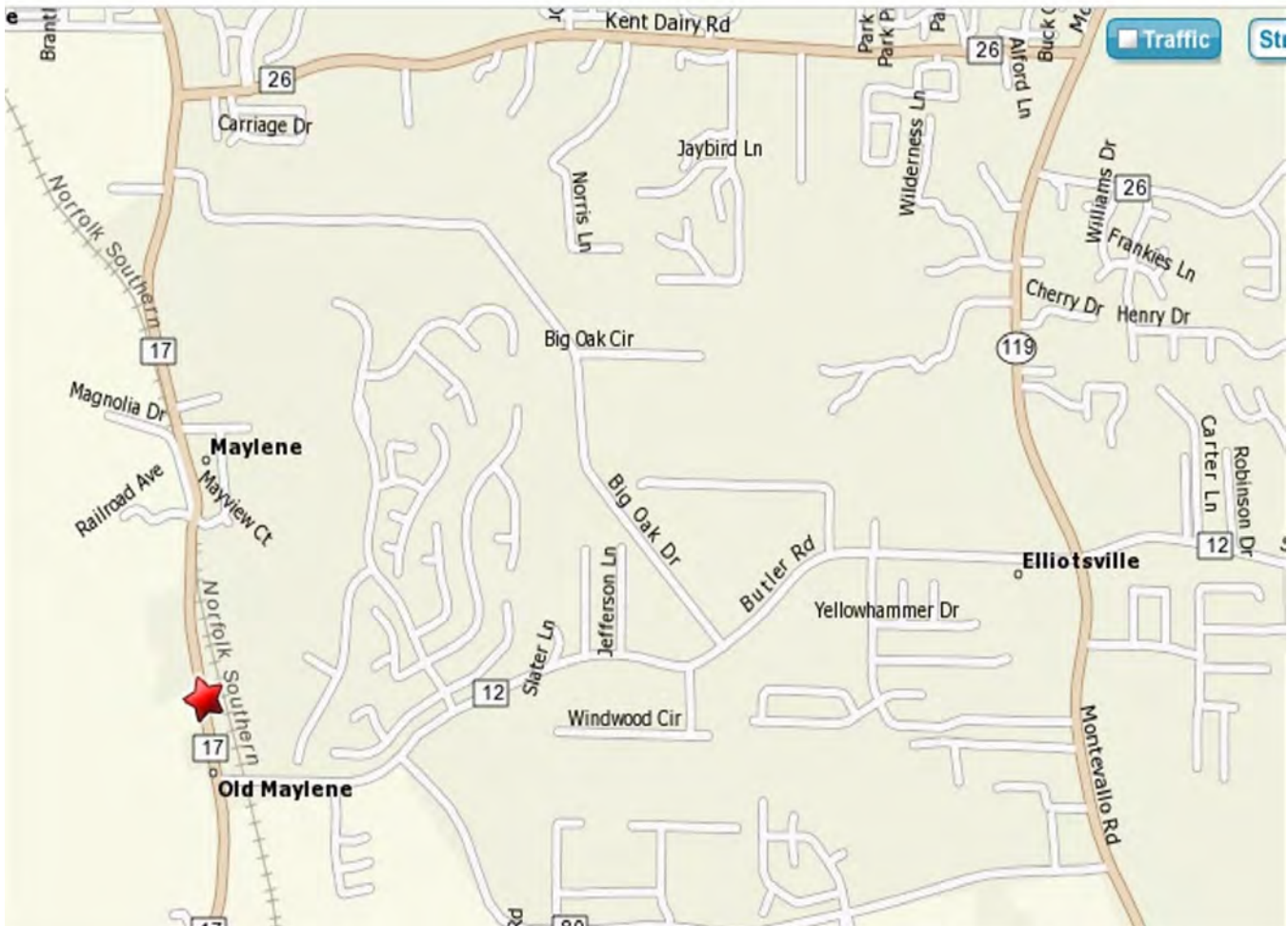
And last but not least, Eddie and Patricia Heerten and Wayne Burriss did a great job catering the lunches for both days. Our guest enjoyed eating a home cooked meal away from home.

Thanks to everyone.

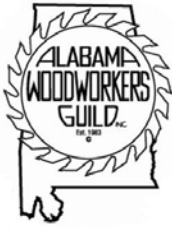
Preston Lawley



Directions to the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC)



From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on U.S. 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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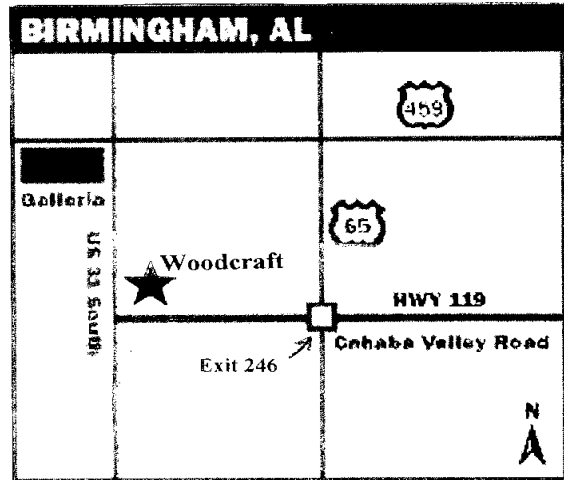
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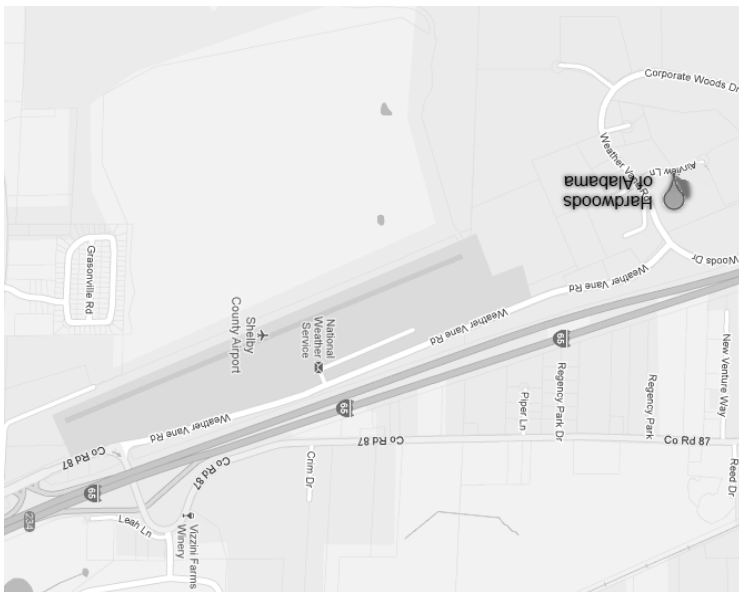
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