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Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News



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Next Meeting

**The next
scheduled
meeting is
May 17th**

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President's Message

Greetings Guild Members,

It's springtime in Alabama, the temperature is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. Many of us are getting outside cleaning up our yards and doing some annual routine maintenance. Our Education Center can use some maintenance too.

At the last couple of Guild meetings I have mentioned that Mike Key could use some help doing outside maintenance on the WEC building. So far no volunteers.

We are blessed to have the wonderful building that we have for our education center. It's a beautiful historic building that requires annual maintenance and some minor repairs. If we can get a good group of Guild members together, I'm sure we can make quick work of these repairs.

If you can help please contact Mike Key at the next meeting or by email.

Thanks,

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!

John Wilkes, Eric Simmons, Frank Dean, John Vanover

WELCOME!

WEC MAY 2014-JUNE 2014 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11[20] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... No Supervisor	12	13 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	14	15	16 9:00am - 1:00pm No...supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm No...supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	17 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wayne Burris 10:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor
18[21] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... Brian Stauss	19	20 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	21	22	23 9:00am - 5:00pm R HARDWICK 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Eddie Heerten	24 9:00am - 1:00pm Jeff Hood 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson
25[22] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Michael Malinconico	26	27 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	28	29	30 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore...supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore...supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... no supervisor	31 9:00am - 1:00pm ... no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor
1[23] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor	2	3 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	4 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	5	6 9:00am - 5:00pm Ron Powell-Supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	7 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Walt Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson
8[24] 1:00pm - 5:00pm ... no supervisor	9	10 10:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	11	12	13 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith 5:00pm - 9:00pm ... Mike Key	14 9:00am - 1:00pm ... Wayne Burris 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson

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

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May 2014 Program: David Traylor

David Traylor will be our guest speaker for the May 2014 meeting. David has been woodworking for thirty-five years and teaching classes for twenty. He began woodworking as an apprentice at age seventeen and began making finely crafted furniture in 1976. David continues to make custom pieces for individuals, decorators and businesses. He has been featured in articles in both the Birmingham Magazine and the Birmingham News.

David has an active history with the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. He was involved in the creation of the Guild. He has taught classes through the Guild and has been a judge for the Guild's annual woodworking shows.

David's hands-on approach to woodworking helps each student develop his/her own skills, use his/her own creativity and acquire his/her own problem solving techniques. He believes that understanding the history of furniture, the wood being used, and the region where a piece is made is just as important as the fundamentals of making a quality piece.

I certainly look forward to hearing David speak about his approach to woodworking and the art of starting and finishing a project.

Ed

Annual Tool and Supplies Auction

Our annual tool auction was a great success. Many of our members participated by both bringing in items to be auctioned and bidding on items to take home to their shops to enjoy. We always appreciate the donations which brings in money that helps the Guild. I personally bid on some interesting, and in some cases, useful items although I have had a little difficulty explaining to my better half what I'm going to do with an X-Ray reader. I find it interesting that no matter how much stuff I have, I can always find something else that I want. Notice I didn't say need. What I need now is more storage space for my stuff. I'm already looking forward to next year's auction.

Ed

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

Project: Alabama Sheriffs Boys Ranch Tables

When Alabama Sheriffs Boys Ranch of St. Clair County Director, Anita Thompson, recognized the need to replace the 40+ year old dining tables in one of the cottages, she reached out to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild for help. The Guild has a long history with the Boys Ranch where Guild members have worked on several projects including the building of study desks and beds, and helping remodel kitchen cabinets and spruce up the place with painting. The Guild also built the Boys Ranch signage as well as conducted a session where the boys were mentored on building Blue Bird houses. Building a couple of dining tables was a perfect way to provide some quality time for members and to give back to the community, a win-win opportunity from any viewpoint.



The task at hand was to build dining tables that together would fit into the oversized Dining Room of the Beeson House. More than just for dining, it is a gathering place for the boys and house parents to work together on homework or group games. Project Lead Bill Shivers afforded the opportunity to the Guild and gathered up volunteers to design, build and deliver the finished tables to the Boys Ranch.



The Boys Ranch was fortunate to have another benefactor, the BE&K Alumni Association, who donated chairs to complete the project. The chairs provided a target to aim for as the table color and finish was selected.

The Woodworking Educational Center became a beehive of activity this past April; Guild members met, custom plans were drawn and lumber was shaped to specifications. The table tops were cut to size, oak planking sized making up the table skirts and edging, and bonded together in preparation of tapered legs strong enough to withstand the daily use of the boys of the Ranch. Experienced hands and newcomers alike joined together to bring the project together learning new techniques and helpful “tips” in shaping, joinery and finishing. Not to be outdone, our roaming Quality Control guru used a practiced eye and made sure all surfaces were sufficiently covered and drips were not to be found.

The tables were completed and caravanned to the Boys Ranch just after Easter. The House Parents, Bob and Carol Hensell, were delighted with the new tables and chairs which fit perfectly in the



spacious dining room. Guild members were treated to lunch of “Southern, Comfort Food” prepared by Anita and house parents Carol Hensell, Karen Hooks, and Lisa Whitwood. The day was a perfect ending to a perfect project.

Many thanks go out to the Guild members who gave of their time, skills, and knowledge on the Boys Ranch Project: Albert Chieves, Cliff Daniels, Henry Hager, Monta King, Bob Maze, Robert McClure, Bob Moore, Patrick Murphy, Bill Shivers, and Randall Robertson.

Patrick Murphy

Photos From Last Month's Meeting



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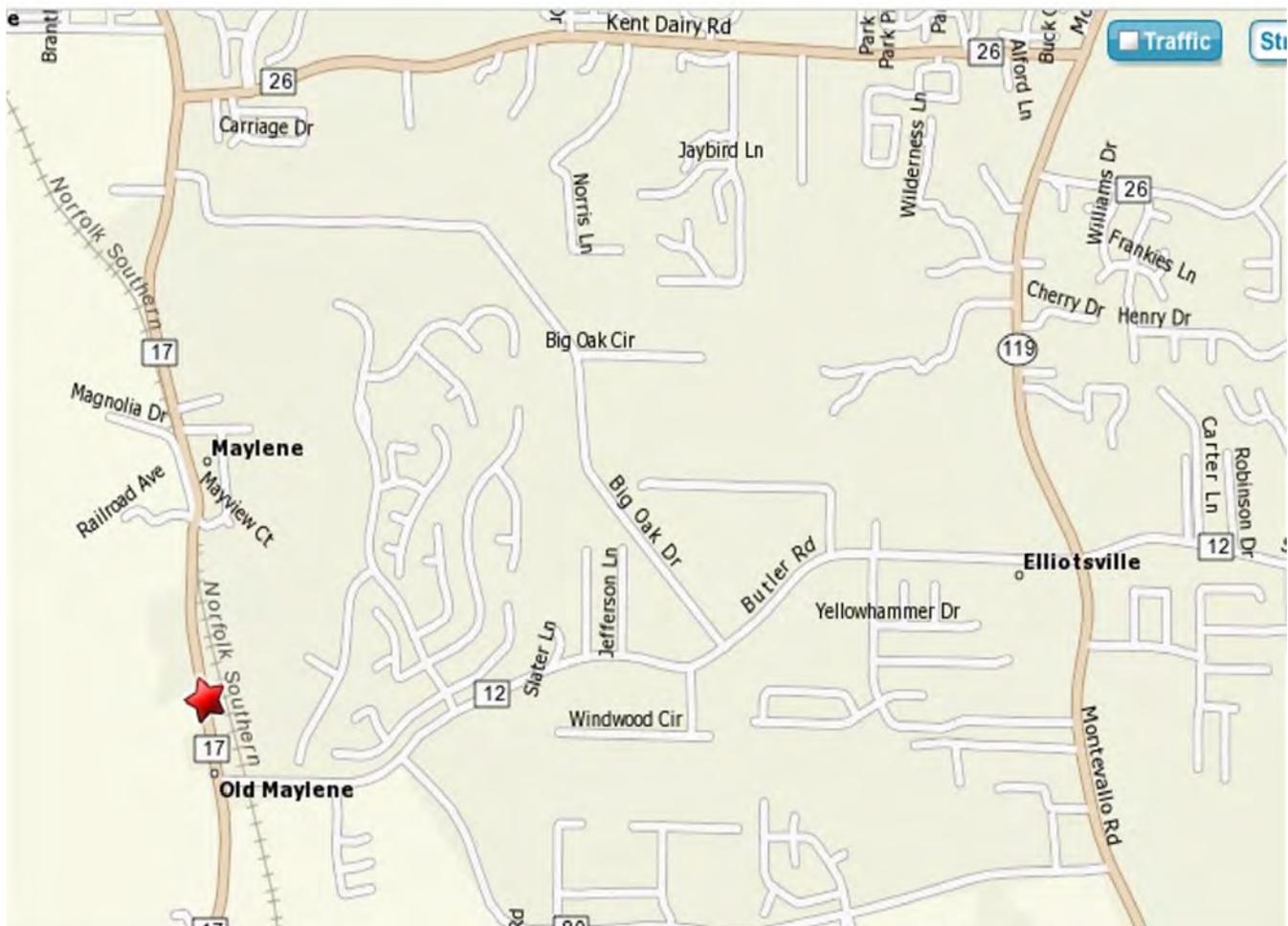
2014 Guild Orientation

On Saturday, May 11th many Guild members learned (from Cliff Daniels) about the background and purpose of the Woodworkers Guild together with shop procedures and member responsibility. This is a meaningful orientation to how your Woodworkers Guild functions and all members are encouraged to attend these sessions. There will be additional opportunities to take advantage of other orientation sessions in the near future in case you missed this one.

Monta King



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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About Us

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Woodworking Education Center, 10544 Hwy 17, Maylene, AL 35114

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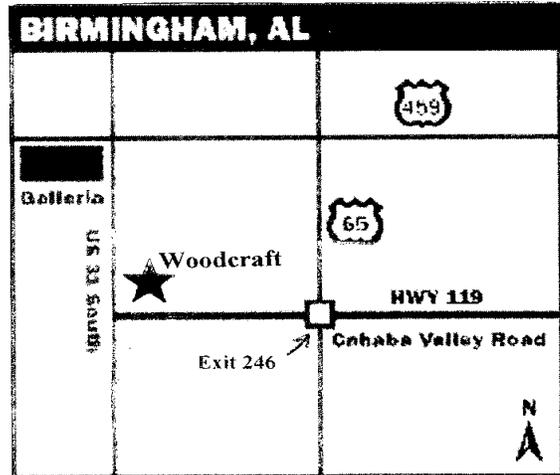
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