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Next Meeting

The next
scheduled
meeting is
November 21st

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

Thank you to all of the Guild Members that participated in this year's Annual Show. It was a very nice show with 84 pieces submitted by 30 members. I received some nice comments from the general public about the quality and craftsmanship of the articles displayed. We still had some open space, I hope we can fill it up next year. I also want to thank the members that volunteered their time to monitor the show each day and to thank Frank Higgins and his wife for providing the delicious food at the Reception.

This year's Christmas Party will be held at the Riverchase United Methodist Church located at 1953 Old Montgomery Hwy, Birmingham, AL 35244 on December 3rd. The doors will be open at 6:00pm and dinner will start at 7:00pm. The Guild will provide the main course, the drinks, and the bread. Please bring your favorite dish to pass. This always adds so much to the meal. If you can, please bring something small that you made or something for a door prize.

Thanks to everyone for a great year,

Ray

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November Meeting Program: Over the Hill Gang Rides Again (or The Toy Group's Year in Review)

Our November Main Program will feature Patrick Murphy, Toy Chairman providing the member a recap of the accomplishments and recognition of the Guild's Toy Group (affectionately referred to as the "Over the Hill Gang"). For the newer members, we'll travel back a few years to touch on the start of the Toy Group and our early successes and community outreach.

Currently scheduled to appear and share some of the firsthand knowledge of the impact of the toys will be representatives from Children's Hospital of Alabama and Greater Birmingham Ministries.

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Come on down and find out a little more about who the "OTHG" are and why they're making sawdust on Tuesdays!

WEC NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15[46] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	16 9:00am - 3:00pm Over the Hill Gang - Toys Shop is CLOSED except for Toy work.	17 4:30pm - 9:00pm Hand Tool Workshop Ray Ziegler (205) 451-6846	18 9:00am - 1:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy; Emer:205-585-5677 1:00pm - 5:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy; Emer:205-585-5677 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	19 9:00am - 1:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy; Emer:205-585-5677 1:00pm - 5:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy; Emer:205-585-5677 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	20 9:00am - 12:00pm Monthly Pre-Meet @ 9a, Regular Meeting at 10a til Noon. 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ray Ziegler supervisor	21 9:00am - 1:00pm Cliff daniels supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm Cliff daniels supervisor
22[47] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	23	24	25	26	27	28
29[48] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten	30	1 Dec	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	3 4:30pm - 9:00pm Hand Tool Workshop Ray Ziegler (205) 451-6846	4 9:00am - 1:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy, 205.585.5677 1:00pm - 5:00pm Supervisor: Patrick Murphy, 205.585.5677 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	5 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor
6[49] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss	7	8	9	10 4:30pm - 9:00pm Hand Tool Workshop Ray Ziegler (205) 451-6846	11 9:00am - 1:00pm Lynn Smith supervisor 9:00am - 3:00pm H4H Cabinet Delivery needed: WEC to H4H Holiday House 1:00pm - 5:00pm Lynn Smith supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm no supervisor	12 8:00am - 4:00pm Cabinet installation at H4H Holiday House, Location TBD 9:00am - 1:00pm no supervisor 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor
13[50] 1:00pm - 5:00pm no supervisor	14	15	16	17	18 9:00am - 5:00pm R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	19 9:00am - 12:00pm Monthly Pre-Meet @ 9a, Regular Meeting at 10a til Noon. 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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October Pre-Meeting Mentoring Topic: SketchUp-Digital 3D Design Tool

Our October Mentoring Series featured Guild Member and Craftsman Jeff Branch. Jeff shared with us the 3D Computer Modeling Design Tool: *SketchUp*. While SketchUp users include architects, designers and engineers, it allows even the most basic of woodworkers to be able to design and create their own projects.

Jeff shared what SketchUp is all about and how it can be used to create simple and easy to use project plans and documentation.



Jeff is an accomplished woodworker and maintains his own Blog: [Jeff Branch Woodworking](#); where he tracks and offers free wood working plans. The Guild is working with Jeff to create detailed plans for next year's Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class!



While SketchUp is a computer based tool, one does not have to have the internet up to use it. SketchUp has a free downloadable application called: [SketchUp Make](#). Jeff showed the group some simple commands and how to navigate in the tool.

Mentoring

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

Are you an intermediate or beginner woodworker with an itch to raise your woodworking 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.



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Toys
Jointer, planer
Draw knife, planes, hand tools, antique hand tools
Cutting Boards
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Project Photography



Contact the above by email or phone as listed in the Membership Directory or email Robert McClure at rmcc22@bellsouth.net

October Pre-Meeting Mentoring Recap: SketchUp-Digital 3D Design Tool

Jeff shared there was a lot of information available online regarding SketchUp and there are videos available on YouTube which can help anyone to get started using the software. If there is a sufficient demand from the Guild to conduct an in house class on SketchUp Basics, Jeff would be willing to lead. Just make your interest know to President Ray Ziegler for scheduling.



Many thanks to Jeff for sharing his knowledge and skills with us all!

Resources (in case you only get a hard copy of the Guild News or the links do not work in the online Newsletter):

1. Jeff's Blog can be found: <https://jeffbranch.wordpress.com/>
2. SketchUp Make Free Download can be found: <http://www.sketchup.com/download>
3. Jeff's Blog contains helpful SketchUp Tips: <https://jeffbranch.wordpress.com/sketchup-resources/>

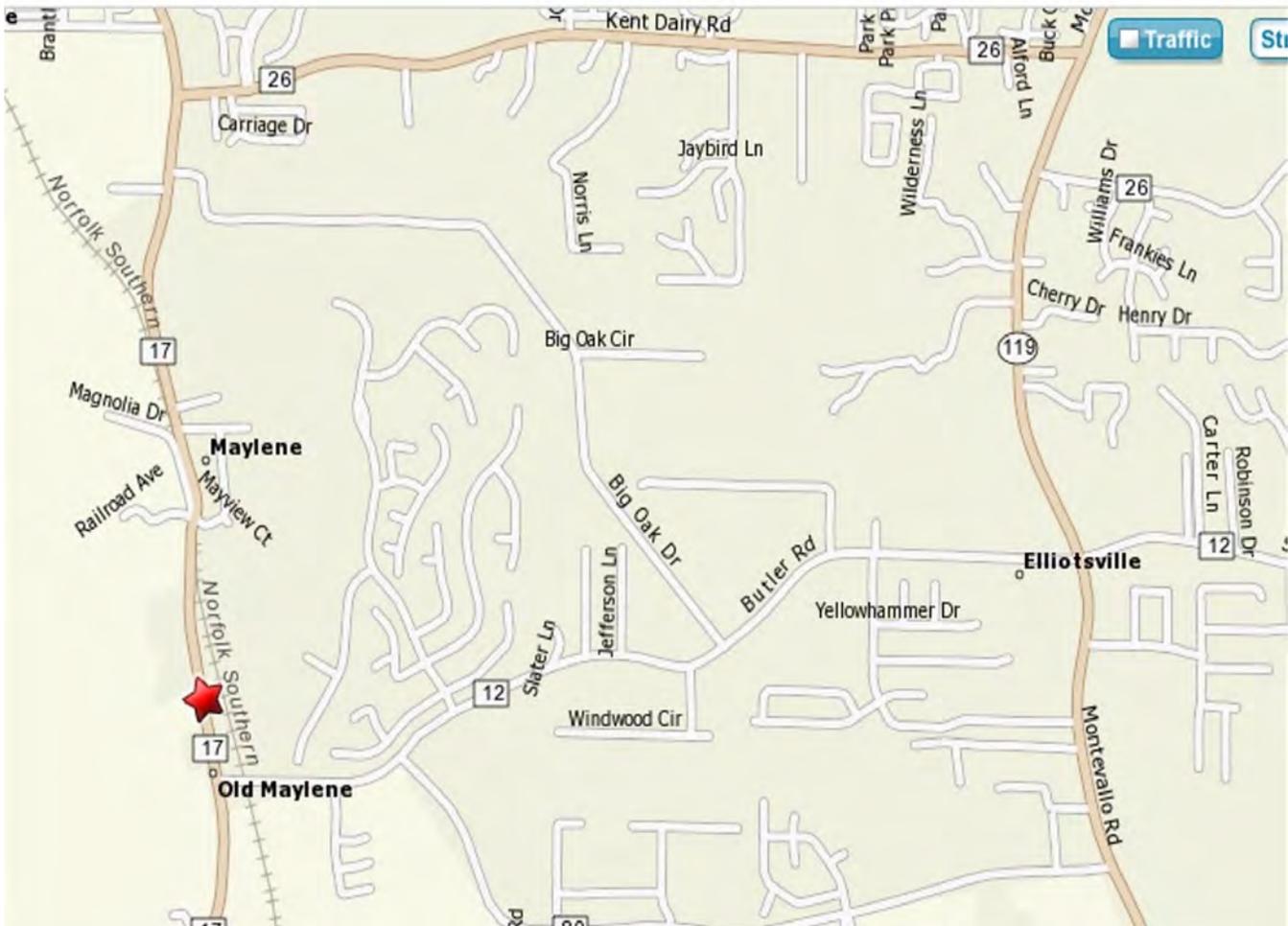
New Members

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

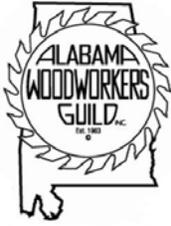
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WELCOME!

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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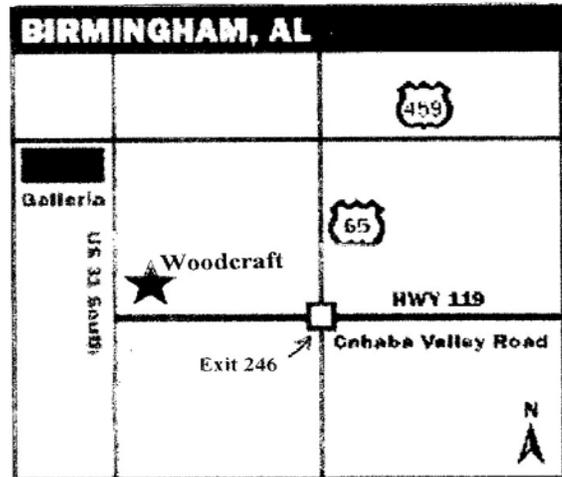
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