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## Alabama Woodworkers Guild

# Guild News



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### Next Meeting

The next  
scheduled  
meeting  
is October 22

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## President's Message

At the September General Meeting those in attendance heard fantastic testimonies from 3 of the Guild's most respected members- Cliff Daniels, Bill Newman and Ray Ziegler. They told us about the history of our Guild, what the Guild is presently doing and what the Guild has plans for in the future to benefit all of us members. They told us about the struggles, the successes and the great work this Guild does for the community and how many we have taught the art of woodworking and how all of us have benefited from being a member of the Guild. They told us how the Guild has unselfishly helped the community and its members and now the Guild needs it members to be unselfish to help the Guild as it does struggle to make its annual expenses and needs funds for any foreseeable WEC repairs that will happen in the future due to the age of the building.

Now we all know about our fund raising campaign through the well written letter we have received. The campaign has started and it will end on December 31, of this year. I was asked a great question by Peter when the Board launched this campaign at the General Meeting. The question was "What is the monetary goal we are trying to reach?" I answered that we do not have a monetary goal and we don't. I wish I could give you a dollar amount but the Guild's expenses change annually. But don't believe the Guild just needs a few hundred dollars because it needs way more than that annually. Our dues only pay 60% of our annual expenses. Even the comfort bucket at our General Meetings only give us around \$30 per meeting and our expenses just for that meeting are around \$200 as we have a \$75 speaker fee, \$25 door prize, donuts and coffee for 65-100 members who attend. But that is only part of the reason for this campaign. Other reasons are that we are positioning ourselves to be able to receive grant money and vendor participation with equipment and educational scholarships for the members from such companies as Dewalt. However, this will never happen unless we can show companies that we are financially stable in being able to pay our bills and be self-sustaining. That is one of their main criteria when deciding. These partnerships will have enormous benefits for all of us in the Guild in the future.

So no monetary goal but we do have a **"Participation Goal"** which is the Guild needs every member to participate with a contribution. The Board welcomes any amount as we know that there are members who struggle financially. We know that some members can give thousands or hundreds and some will struggle to give a dollar. All is welcomed and needed. For me, I look at this request as a "no brainer" as I receive so much more from this Guild and you the members than that paltry \$75 I give annually. To meet our financial needs, we need whatever you are willing to give. So please give it serious thought, listen to your heart and pray for guidance.

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## On the lighter Side :

Arguing with a women is like reading  
the Software License Agreement.

In the end, you ignore  
everything and click  
"I agree".

## Annual Christmas Party-December 7

Remember, the Christmas Party is coming up in December...so start planning now to attend, bring a veggie or dessert dish (I love banana pudding) and start now making those handmade door prizes (these are clearly very popular, everyone share your talents! The extra thoughtfulness of a woodworker oriented door prize TRULY sets it apart from the rest. Buddy, get those pens ready. And Eddie, I plan on winning one of those beautiful bandsaw boxes. I almost won a scroll saw art piece from Steve last year...but somehow my wife swapped for a little wooden elf. He was made in China and his leg fell off before we got home. I just painted an eye patch on him and now he stars in our Halloween décor by the trick or treat candy pail.

## New Members

Here are our most recent new members:

Scott Crocker

Anthony Bedsole

Wayne Bagwell-Welcome back renewer from past membership...

**WELCOME!**

GET YOUR ENTRY FORMS FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW FROM THE WEBSITE IF YOU DID NOT RECIEVE ONE IN THE EMAIL YET !!!!!

SHOW AT THE HOOVER LIBRARY !  
RECEPTION ON THURSDAY NIGHT



Next Guild Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st, 2017

**8:00am October SketchUp Workshop Topic: Importing Images into Your Designs**



This month, the Alabama Woodworker's Guild SketchUp Workshop will cover how to import images like molding profiles and turn them into components. I made extensive use of this technique when creating this model which is a very close copy of Lonnie Bird's Open Hutch as seen in *Fine Woodworking* magazine. We will meet at 8:00 am, Saturday, 10/21/17 at the WEC.



**9:00am October Mentoring Series: The Classy Clawfoot Leg**

This month Ray Ziegler will talk about crafting Claw Foot Legs to really enhance your next project



**10:00am October Program: Chain Saw Carving**

This month we are very pleased and fortunate to have Justin Bailey, proprietor of Woodlot Artisans LLC and Chainsaw carver extraordinaire come and share with us about the up and coming art of chainsaw carving. Justin will share his passion for carving and tell us about how to get into the art form as well as upcoming competitions and demonstrations.

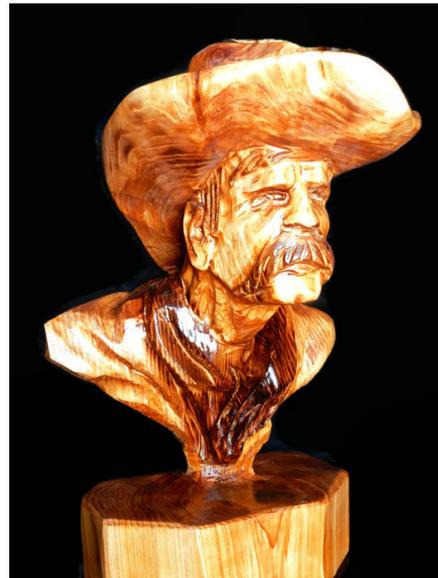
Check out the [Woodlot Artisans Webpage](#).



Justin and Heather Bailey began Woodlot Artisans in 2015, as a husband and wife carving team and opened Woodlot Artisans Chainsaw Art Gallery and Studio in November of 2016.

Heather Bailey has carved for more than 11 years. Some of her favorite carvings have been custom orders. She is very well known for her sculpted dog portraits.

Justin Bailey has been carving for over 7 years and specializes in western busts and the human figure. Many of his monumental designs have been carved on site in the Birmingham, AL area.



## SIG: Special Interest Group News Bulletins

## Scroll Saw Group

Karen Chrin joined the guild around August 8th along with some friends. She immediately joined the Toy Group and then she contacted me about teaching her to learn to use the scroll saw. I spent the first part of toy day repairing the blower on the old Delta Scroll Saw and then used it to teach her about the saw. She had no experience on shop tools so we had to start at the beginning.

She is one of the easiest people that I have ever taught. I would tell or show her once and she had it. I checked her off on her orientation sheet in one session (having never used an electric saw before). Next week she was cutting out toys. Her crooked cutting over and above the line soon turned to smooth cuts on the line. All it took was some practice. She met with the Scroll Saw Group a couple of times and then she settled on the saw that she wants at home. She ordered her saw and is waiting for delivery.

Now she has enough experience and does work well enough to teach someone else. We are very proud that she has picked out a pattern and is cutting a clock piece to enter in the Wood Show.

Karen has been checked off on several stations now and she is still a fast learner. Show her once and she has it. THANKS FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT LEARNER KAREN AND WELCOME TO THE GUILD.

The next meeting of the Scroll Saw Group will be next year. Watch the newsletter for the next date and time. We are thinking about moving the group meetings to a Saturday Morning and we will meet in the classroom. The next meeting will be in January.

## ANNUAL SHOW OCTOBER 15-22

Bring your projects to the library on Sunday, October 15 from 2-5 pm. Use downstairs entry.

Judging will be done Tuesday October 17.

The member reception will be at the library Thursday 19 from 6-8 pm. finger foods and soft drinks will be served.

You may pick up your items on Saturday afternoon (October 21) from 2-4 pm or Sunday afternoon (October 22) from 2-4 pm.

SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS TO COME SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT !!!

## SHOP NOTES

Each month we plan to add some interesting "shop notes" to rekindle your interest and to improve your skills as well as offer new opportunities to the Guild membership...

- When planing a board to flat (good steady cuts, not too much bite) knowing the board is flat is pretty easy...because you took so much wood. But if you are just taking a bit...or as little as possible (wood USED TO grow on trees, now we have to buy it) then this tip is essential:
- Use the ol' No. 2 pencil to scribble all around the board. It is flat when it removes all the pencil marks. Ha! The thing about a GREAT tip like this one is that...
- ...it keeps on giving. You can do the same with the bed sanders (we have two) and save both wood and sandpaper (this paper DEFINITELY does NOT grow on trees). Scribbles, hash marks, wavy lines, checkerboard or circles – all work just as well. I personally have been known to draw a stick figure of my enemies (namely my brother) on the board...you get the point. Just kiddin' – take it easy.

Another planer tip. (and sander)

If you have adequate thickness to your board, make multiple passes of the board without adjusting the thickness. Do this by cutting a reasonable amount (no more than a quarter turn of the handle – ever), then flipping the board over via sideways and planing the bottom too. Then flip back over sideways and run through one more time for a third pass in the planer on the top/finish side – always starting and finishing the cycle with the top/ finish side up. Think Shampoo, Rinse and Repeat. This will lead to a better top/finish cut every time. And like I said earlier, the thing about a GREAT tip like this one is that...

- ...it keeps on giving. Use the bed sanders in this same pattern but flip your board end over end. Both of these tips assure a better product, less stress on both wood and equipment.

**One Last Tip:** To assure a great sanding experience for both yourself and your fellow guild member – PLEASE use the rubber block to clean the sandpaper before, during and after you use it. This applies to all sanders. Did I mention how expensive sandpaper is??? As always, thank you for pitching in from the shop management team .

## Opportunities

“Hello my name is Brian Hoffman, I'm a project manager for a company installing equipment at Mercedes. We are in need of some wooden ramps built for a Automated vehicle charging station. I have technical drawings, and if you know of anyone that I can contact to perform the work that would be great! My number is 205-887-6030 or you can message me here with any details. Thank you!”

I have been a member in the past. I am the chapter manager for Alabama Rabbit Rescue and do woodworking to support the rescue. We recently bought a house for the rescue and are renovating it. We need cabinet doors and drawer fronts. The pine frames are in good shape. Could you recommend anyone that could make new doors and fronts? The kitchen is very small and we can paint them and install them. We are a 501(c)3 charity if anyone needs a project, but I would gladly pay someone to make these. Thank you! My cell is 205-541-7048.

I have the following items for sale:

10" Jet tilting arbor table saw JTAS-10xl-1

6" delta joiner Model 32-195

Jet JBOS-5 bench top oscillating sander

Craftsman 12" lathe

Rikon dust collector

Numerous bar and parallel clamps

Thank you,

205-910-7297 Ronald Albernese ralbernese3505@charter.net

Have to sell it all.

Full shop including:

Nova 1624/44 + Lots of accessories

Rikon 10-325 14 in bandsaw

sanders.saws, +++

I am located in Lillian AL just over the border

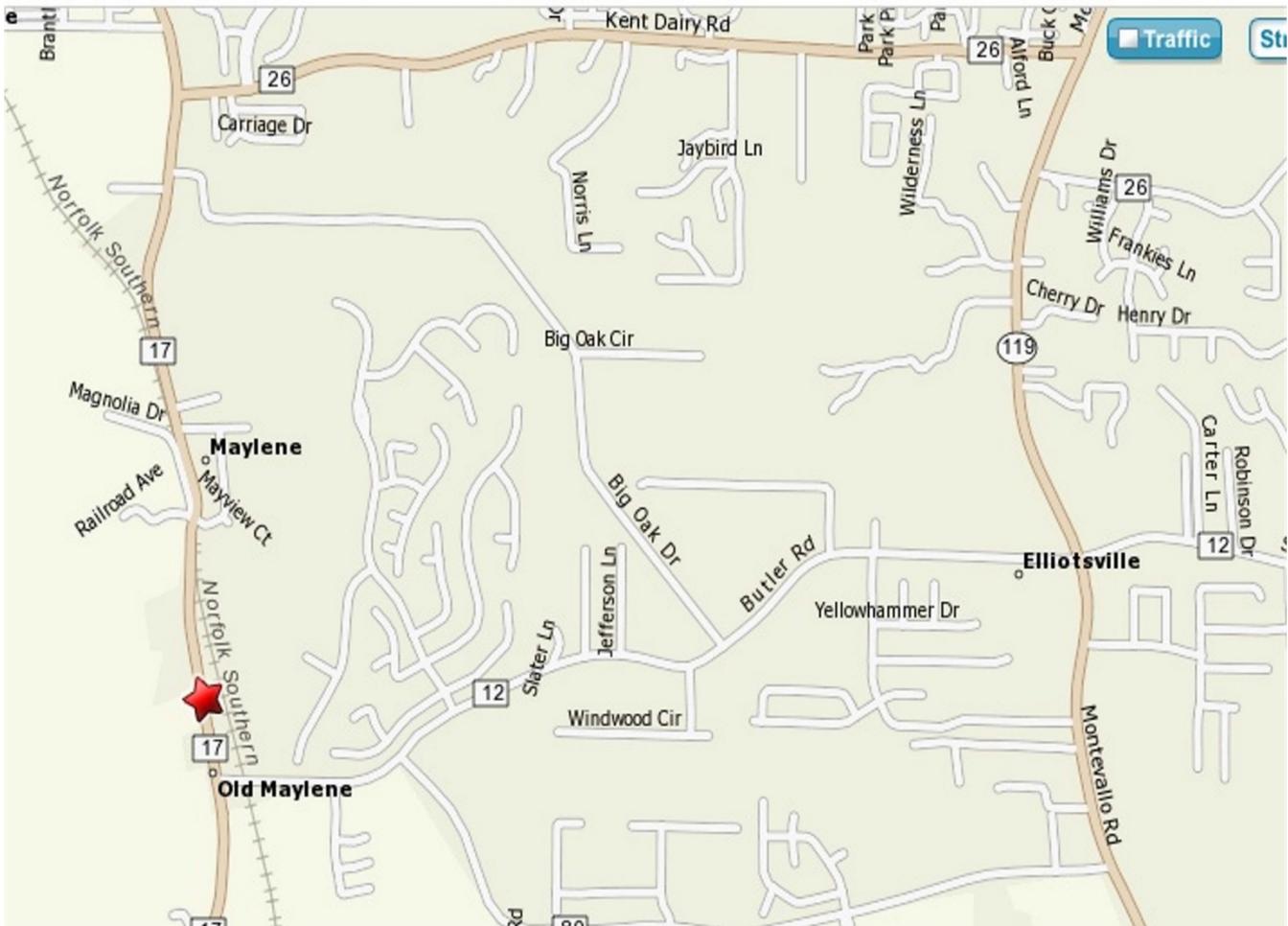
Call or email if any of your members are interested

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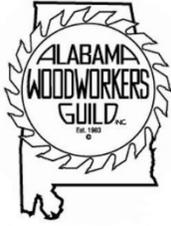
I own a custom door manufacturing business in Montgomery, AL. We are a small company, but we ship our doors nationally. ([www.doorsbydecora.net](http://www.doorsbydecora.net)) We are currently looking for some skilled workers to work in our finish department. I didn't know if any of your members might be looking for work, but if they are, we would be very interested in talking with them. We are also frequently looking for skilled craftsmen to work in our manufacturing plant. I would love to talk with you if you think you might have someone that would fit with our company. Thank you for your time.

Charles Jones [jk@doorsbydecora.com](mailto:jk@doorsbydecora.com)

## 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

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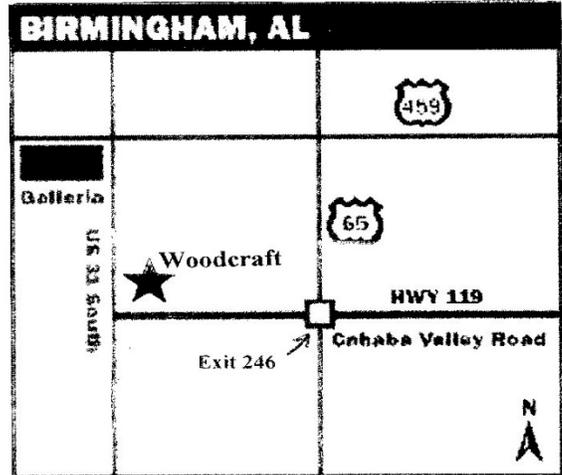
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Take I-65 to Exit 246.

Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road) 3/4 of a mile to US 31.

Turn right on US 31 and travel north approx. 0.3 mi.

Our store is on the right (east) side of US 31.



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