

# GUILD NEWS

## Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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### President's Message

As a Guild we have a stated purpose to “*promote and administer programs which will benefit the woodworking community and advance the art and craft of woodworking*”. We have generally fulfilled this purpose through two main pathways, community service and education.

We are well known for our service to the community through our Toy Group which produced over 12,000 toys last year for organizations such as Children's Hospital, Birmingham Ministries, YWCA, and many other hospitals and organizations. Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity permits us to build cabinets for the Holiday House each year. And we have assisted the American Village with special projects like toys, or the reproduction of period furniture like the surgeon's chest.

Now our education deserves a real spotlight too. With guest lecturers like Bob Lang, Jeff Miller, or this year's guest Mike Pekovich, we bring an opportunity to our Guild members to learn a new skill or technique first hand that they would have otherwise missed out on. Our mentors are also highly skilled and have taught dozens of classes the last few years.

But there is one area of education that we need to constantly improve and review, and that is **safety**. Safety in the shop starts with *you the Guild member*. You must be trained by a supervisor to use the tools in the WEC, and you need to ask for help when you are not sure of how to operate a piece of equipment. We have added new pieces of equipment in the shop recently, a new drill press, band saw, planer, and 6” joiner have all been added in the past year. Yes, they look a lot like the old ones, but there may be a few differences you have not noticed. Maybe that band saw uses a different size blade, perhaps that drill press has a different depth stop mechanism.

Recently the Board of Directors implemented a new policy that requires retraining if you have been absent from the Guild for more than a year. I hope you will join with me in embracing this new policy as a positive step toward your personal safety and the safety of those working around you.

Ray

“A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist.”~Louis Nizer (1902–1994)

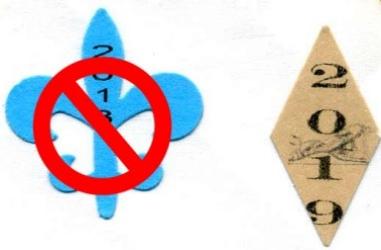


**2019 Annual Dues are due by the end of the Month.**

February 28<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and now is the time to renew your Alabama Woodworkers Guild annual \$100 membership. So what happens if I do not make the deadline? Well first, your WEC Badge which must be displayed to use the WEC will be removed from wall. Beginning this year, your WEC Training Record and Liability Waiver will be removed from the Binders the supervisors use to confirm your access to use the WEC and equipment. Your Membership in the Facebook Closed Group will be rescinded. Finally, you do not want to let any of the upcoming classes get away from you because you are no longer a "Member in Good Standing".

The Board of Directors has implemented a policy beginning this year whereby if a Member has been away from the Guild for a year or more, Training Recertification and an Updated Liability Waiver will have to be completed. This policy has been put into effect to assure the safety of the members and the protection of the Guild. In other words, if your last Valid Membership Year was 2017 or before, you will need to be recertified and complete a new waiver.

You may join or renew by going to the website (<http://wp.awwg.info/about/>) and clicking the "[Click here to join or renew online now](#)" link to pay via PayPal. You may also bring a check or cash to the WEC and give your dues to the On Duty Supervisor.



While you technically have a "grace" period through the end of February before your membership actually expires, you will not be able to use the WEC or sign up for any classes scheduled after February (i.e. Mark Pekovich's March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Class!). Don't wait to the last minute, get your dues payment off your "To Do" list today!

**Special Event**  
**Friday February 15, 2019**  
**7-9pm**

**Airbrushing 101 – An Introduction to Airbrushing**

Presented by Marty Schlosser



Airbrushing is an easy way to add artistic elements to your woodworking projects and bring them up to a new level.

In this two-hour workshop, Marty will introduce us to the basics of airbrushing, demonstrate the process, then allow everyone the opportunity to try their hand at it.



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## February Guild Meeting: Saturday, February 16th

### 9am-Noon

#### 9:00am February Mentoring Series:

Inlaying a Dutchman/Butterfly Key with a Router and Hand Tools

Presented by Marty Schlosser



#### 10:00am February Program:

February 16 General Meeting Announcement

We are pleased to have Marty as our speaker for the program as well as a mentoring session Friday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm and on Saturday for a mentoring session from 9:00 to 10:00 and, of course for the program. Here are some details:

Marty Schlosser

843 Kananaskis Drive  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada  
Ph 343-363-8270  
martysschlosser51@gmail.com

#### Biographical Sketch



(Marty with Garrett Hack at Wood Objects 2014, Perth, Ontario, Canada)

Marty has always been an avid woodworker, designing and crafting one-of-a-kind furniture. Upon retirement after 37 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he set up shop as a custom furniture maker in Canada's national capital of Ottawa. There he continued building upon the skills and design acumen amassed throughout his life, making bespoke furniture for the residential and commercial markets. He has always appreciated the advantages of working with both powered equipment and hand tools and employs them equally in his work. His furniture pieces are known for their daring curves and complex geometric structures.

Marty shares his love of the craft with others. He has authored more than 20 articles for the Canadian Woodworking and Home Improvement magazine and the Lee Valley newsletter and conducts twice-annual [spray finishing workshops](#) for Fuji Spray. Marty is a Past-President of the Ottawa Woodworkers Ass'n, a proud recipient of their Danny Proulx Memorial Award and the founding member of the Kingston Wood Artisans Inc. (KWA). He also established the [KWA Symposium](#) and [KWA Artistry in Wood](#) events, held on alternating years.

Although his professional woodworking career is now behind him, Marty continues to design and craft furniture for family and friends in his home-based 1,100 sq ft studio workshop.

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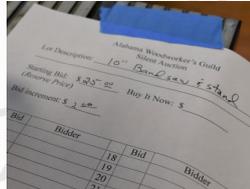


### January Meeting Recap

2019 is off to a great start as the January general meeting had the one of the highest attendances on record.

Instead of a mentoring session in the 9am hour, there was a silent tool auction.

There were a lot of great items up for bids and happy woodworkers went home with some great deals (including the editor of this "fine publication").



The general meeting program was to recognize the blue ribbon winners and best of show winner from October's woodworking show.



Many visitors and new members were recognized, some even joined at the meeting. Many thanks to all who attended and look forward to seeing you in February.

### Upcoming Events & Classes

- Feb 15-Intro to Airbrushing
- Feb 16-General Meeting
- Mar 9&10-Display Cabinet on Stand class  
With Mike Pekovich

Be sure to check the website: [wp.awwg.info/education/](http://wp.awwg.info/education/) for more detailed information on classes

### Regular Shop Hours:

- Friday 9am-9pm
- Saturday 9am-5pm
- Sunday 1pm-5pm

**Note:** These hours are subject to change. Please visit the guild calendar on the website noted above to confirm. **If calendar has no supervisor scheduled then the shop is closed.**

## Luthier Group News

This has been a great month for the Luthier Group. Besides adding a couple new members we actually completed a few projects.

Backpacker Ukulele



Ukulele with Carved Top



Ukulele Tiger Oak Top



Dulcimer Carved Scroll



Ukulele Birds Eye Maple Top



Your Instrument can go here when you join us!



Music has been shown to have a positive effect on a person's health. It can trigger memories in persons with dementia and have a calming effect on children with learning disorders.

This month we began a partnership project to make 6 ukuleles for Emily Macher who is a Certified NICU Music Therapist. Here are her comments when we reached out to her:

**“ I would absolutely love to partner with you for this project. This is perfect timing because I have a class this year who has been very interested in learning to play ukulele. Currently, I am restricted in how I lead the group since I only have one. Having a set would allow students to model me and all be able to participate at once, taking out some of the peer pressure and assisting in group cohesion in our therapeutic setting.”**

## Shop Notes



- The large air compressor in the WEC classroom has now had piping run through the shop and classroom. It is available to blowing dust out of the equipment and removing dust from your projects.
- A large TV has been installed in the classroom. This TV and the TV on the cart have been provided to the Guild from a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. They will be used for meetings, classes and demonstrations.
- The various makes of drills and drivers have all been replaced by DeWalt units. Now we will have only 1 type battery and charging station.
- We have determined a location for the 6" jointer and are working on running a power circuit for it.
- All members whose membership has lapsed for more than 1 year will have to sign a new Liability Waiver and will have to go through equipment certification when they renew their membership.



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## Introduction to Carving Class

Steve Stutts instructed a class on basic carving in two 4 hour sessions in February. I cannot express enough gratitude for Steve's dedication to teaching, his patience, and individual attention, and I'm sure my four classmates would agree. I didn't know what I was in for when I signed up for the class. The main thing I've ever used a chisel for is paring tendons and mortising hinges. At the start of the second class, I was carving a molding, and for my first shot at it, I have to say it is something I wouldn't be embarrassed to show others. Steve focused on fundamentals. Most accomplished woodworkers would agree that mastering fundamentals is indispensable to a good outcome. Steve taught the fundamentals of hand placement, balance, using your whole body, and how to get an incredibly sharp edge on a tool, which alone was worth the cost of the course for me. I never thought I'd carve anything before I took Steve's class, and now I'm not afraid to carve that same anything.



Article and Pictures Submitted By Peter Bibbo





Happy New Year Wood Workers! With the new year comes new ideas. We thought it would bring some new features to the Guild News. This section, "Bulletin Board" is a place where you the membership of AWWG can communicate to the entire membership.

Do you have some tools to buy, sell, trade? Now you can get the word out here.

Do you have a good woodworking tip? Have you found a good source for information? This is the place to share it.

You can submit your items by emailing them to [news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:news@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

1. There are rules to follow and must be approved by the "editorial board"
  2. Details of any transactions will take place between members.
  3. Be sure to include some contact information so interested parties can get in touch with you. Guild leadership, supervisors & newsletter will NOT be a conduit of information
  4. We will NOT ENDORSE any particular product or brand.
  5. The board reserves the right to refuse a submission if they feel is inappropriate
- We hope that you will take advantage of this feature.



## About Us

Since 1983

We are an organization of woodcrafters with skills ranging from beginner to master craftsmen.

**We meet at our Woodworking Education Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00AM.** Our members share woodworking tips, bring projects to show and tell, hear guest speakers, and see live woodworking demonstrations at every meeting. Our free library contains books on techniques, videos, and project plans .

## Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL.

## Community Involvement



In Hospital and other deserving organizations.

Addition to monthly meetings the Guild also has a group of dedicated woodworkers who meet at the WEC to make toys and various wooden therapeutic devices for Children's



The guild also constructs kitchen and bathroom cabinets each year for Habitat for Humanity



**Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking**

# The Annual Show

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. Members enter projects they have worked on all year and make



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10544 Highway 17

Maylene, AL 35114

**Easy to find and plenty of free parking.**

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

### ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

“Making sawdust with a purpose”



#### Membership

Come check us out and become a Guild Member,

**Only \$100 a year!**

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild offers:

- Monthly meetings
- A fully equipped woodworking shop
- Mentoring for new techniques
- Teaching new and old techniques and use of tools
- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

#### Join

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and a check for \$100 to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

or go to <http://wp.awwg.info/join/>