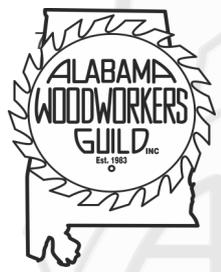


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GUILD NEWS

Alabama

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

I want to remind you of two upcoming major events. First the **Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class**

**Class 1 - August 24, 2019
9:00am-4:00pm**

Each year the Guild builds kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities for a Habitat for Humanity Holiday House. This class will take you through the complete steps of building cabinets, from face frames, carcass construction, doors, dovetailed drawers, finishing, and installation in the home. You work in teams of 4-5 people and everyone gets to do every step of the project. Starting the end of August and finishing with installation mid-December, the class will meet once or twice a month to complete the cabinets.

Class 1 - August 24, 2019 - Orientation and Face Frame Build

Class 2 - September 7, 2019 - Carcass Construction

Class 3 - September 14, 2019 - Drawer Boxes

Class 4 - October 5, 2019 and possibly October 6, 2019 - Doors and Drawer Fronts

Class 5 - October 26, 2019 - Spray Finish

Class 6 - November 9, 2019 - Attach Doors, Drawers, and Pulls

Class 7 - Early December - Installation of Cabinets at Holiday House

Class 8 - TBD - Holiday House Dedication

This is always a popular event. The classes take you through the complete process of building, finishing, and installing a set of kitchen and bathroom cabinets. I can say firsthand as one of the instructors that we all enjoy and learn the process of building and installing the cabinets. As you can see from the above schedule, the first class starts on August 24th. So, if you are interested and haven't signed up, please do so soon. It's always helpful to know many participants a head of time, so we can plan our classes accordingly. Thank you.

The next major event for this year is the Annual Guild Show at the Hoover Library starting on October 13th thru the 20th. It is the opportunity for all guild members to display their projects to the public. The pieces in the show are judged by an outside expert. There are several skill levels to enter your project in, from beginner on up to advanced. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three in each category. The judging and the ribbons are not the most important part. The most important is to participate and enjoy the fellowship that comes from just being involved with the guild members. It seems like a long time from now till October, but the time flies to finish your projects in time for the first day of the show. I speak from experience.

I hope to see you at both events,

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)



Toy Group

Things are heating up in the shop on Tuesday mornings. Not just because of all the toys that are being made. It's just plain HOT. But the heat does not bother us. We just keep on sawing, drilling and assembling. We have completed well over 5400 toys so far this year. We have also picked up some new hospitals that receive our donations.

If you are a new to the guild and are free on Tuesdays we would welcome your participation. No experience needed. In fact working with toy group is a great way to learn and practice new skills.



Amazon Smiles on AWG

Who doesn't shop on Amazon? I know I do a lot. But did you know that when you shop on Amazon you can also support the AWG? By accessing Amazon through **Amazon Smile** and selecting AWG as your designated charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchase back to the guild. It's an easy and effortless way of supporting the guild while you shop.

So please, the next time you shop on Amazon, please go through the Amazon Smiles site. You can get there by going to [amazonsmiles.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) or you can go to our website and click on the bright yellow button on the home page.

July Guild Meeting: Saturday, July 20 2019

9am-Noon

9:00am—10:00am Sketch Up Class :

New Time: 9:00am—10:00am

This month, the SketchUp Workshop will focus on the web based free version of SketchUp and we will have a basic class on how to get started with SketchUp, drawing simple boxes and discussing how to move them in a 3D environment.

10am—12noon General Meeting

This month's program is how to dry wood. Presented by Randy Hjetland. Randy spent his career in the forestry industry, so he is very knowledgeable on anything wood.

This should be of interest to all of us lovers of wood. Especially those with sawmills.



Program Notes

If you have an interest in seeing a program on a specific topic, drop me a note. Van.phillips@alabamawoodworkersguild.org

Upcoming Classes

H4H Cabinet Build Class begins in August 24th.

This class is a great way to learn a lot of different wood working skills. The end product is a complete set of kitchen and bath cabinets for one of the Habitat for Humanity December "Home for the Holidays" houses.

Please check the website for exact dates and registration.



June Meeting Recap

June's meeting program was presented by David Erikson on the art of Kumiko. He gave an interesting history and demonstration on how Kumiko is created.

If you want to see an example of Kumiko, check out the new exterior door by the classroom. That piece was created by David.

Shop Notes

- A new roll up door has been installed @ the loading dock.
- We have three new supervisors:
Steve Simcik, Mike Betke & Buddy Heerten

Please take a moment to thank these guys and all of the shop supervisors for giving their time and effort to keep the shop safe and in good shape.



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 to confirm. **If calendar has no supervisor scheduled then the shop is closed.**



- The board is exploring the possibility of certifying all supervisors in CPR and First Aid. If there are any members with CPR and First Aid training experience and want to help, contact Ray Ziegler.



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 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 Hospital and other deserving organizations.



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



Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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.

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“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

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(Work) _____

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

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Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

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