



GUILD NEWS

Alabama

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President's Message

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Get Involved – The Guild provides many opportunities to get involved.

We have three active groups, Toy Group, Hand Tool Group and Luthier Group as well as many classes. All of these are excellent ways to learn new woodworking skills and share the skills you have with others.

Whether you are new to woodworking or a seasoned woodworker the groups and classes are the best way to meet others who share similar interest and in turn build a stronger guild.

Groups and classes, like Sunday School, is where you get to know each other better and feel more comfortable asking for help with a project you just can't seem to get right.

So, my advice to you is get involved, it's good for you and builds a stronger guild.



“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

Toy Group is still going strong. We are approaching the end of our year and are working hard to meet our goal of 12,000 toys. We welcome all the help we can get. If you are looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings, stop by and we will put you to work!

P.S we have a lot of fun too!



Luthier Group



Music-----Music----Music

To date, the Luthier Group projects have included:

- Bouzouki
- Telecaster
- Guitars
- Dulcimers
- Ukuleles

Now several are starting a violin build.

Another WONDERFUL development with the group--monthly JAM sessions

The first Monday of the month, banjos, ukes, violins, guitars, etc gather together to play music on our creations.

Come join us for building & playing!!



Pay Less Income Tax by Supporting the Alabama Woodworkers Guild!

Did You Know?

Seniors Can Save Taxes with an IRA Charitable Rollover. A popular way to transfer IRA assets to a charity is via a tax provision which allows IRA owners who are 70½ or older to direct up to \$100,000 per year of their IRA distributions to the charity. The money given to the charity counts toward the donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), but doesn't increase the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI) or generate a tax bill. Keeping the donation out of the donor's AGI is important because doing so (1) helps the donor qualify for other tax breaks (for example, having a lower AGI can reduce the threshold for deducting medical expenses, which are only deductible to the extent they exceed 7.5% of AGI for 2016 and 10% of AGI thereafter; (2) reduces taxes on the donor's Social Security benefits, and (3) helps the donor avoid a high-income surcharge for Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. Congress made the technique permanent in 2015 and the Guild is a qualifying charity to receive IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions.

Did You Know?

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild is a qualified charitable organization. The Guild qualifies for charitable gifts because we are an IRS sanctioned 501C3 nonprofit and currently in good standing (up to date with all of our tax filings). This means that a cash contribution made to the Guild is fully tax deductible when the gift is non transactional meaning the individual receives no benefit from the gift.

Opportunities for **Senior Guild Members** are even more lucrative since they can save taxes with an IRA Charitable Rollover. A popular way to transfer your IRA assets to a charity like the Guild is via a tax provision* allowing IRA owners, who are 70½ or older, to direct up to \$100,000 per year of their IRA distributions to a qualified charity of their choice. The money given to the charity counts toward the donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), but doesn't increase the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI) or generate a tax bill. The IRA Charitable Rollover must be distributed from your IRA directly to the Guild.

For more information on IRA Charitable Rollovers consult IRS Publication 590B page 13 or consult your tax advisors.

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September Guild Meeting Saturday October 19, 2019

8:00am—9:am: Sketch Up class

The subject will be SketchUp Extreme Basics. This is an excellent class for beginners. Bring your laptop and a mouse (a computer mouse, not a rodent!)

9:00am—10:00am: Mentoring Session

* Networking,

* Show & tell,

* **10am—12noon General Meeting:**

This month's program: Recognizing the Art Show winners.

September Meeting Recap

Van Phillips & Henry Raymond gave an informative and amazing demonstration on the CNC machine. They explained how the CNC works and showed some incredible items they created.



Steve Stutts also gave a demonstration on using and maintaining a draw knife.



Upcoming Classes

No classes are scheduled for the rest of 2019 at this time. Please check the website for any updates/additions

If you have an idea for a class or would like to teach a

Shop Notes

- South unit return air duct rerouted and inside coils for both units cleaned.
- Disability Hand Rail installed in Shop area restroom.
- Part of threshold removed from door into kitchen for easier wheelchair access.



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



The Toy Group needs copy paper boxes to pack toys. If have any to donate, you can just bring them to the WEC and tell the supervisor on duty that they are for the Toy Group. Thank you for your help.



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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A fully equipped woodworking
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woodworking techniques and
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Email: _____

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