

GUILD NEWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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President's Message

I hope you and your families are well. I hate that the virus has put a damper on our time at the WEC. I also hope that hasn't stopped you from making sawdust.

I get text messages from members every day talking about tools they are buying or projects they are finishing. Since the Luthier group started back meeting on a limited basis I've seen guitars and violins being built. The hand tool group has shown off some of their handiwork as well. Check out this case full of



Christmas ornaments from the Wood Art group.

Woodworking is, for me, a relief and release from everything negative going on in the world. I know it doesn't make it go away but it helps calm my mind so I can cope with it. When I start carving a violin scroll, it's like meditation. You can't concentrate on anything but the task at hand. You might give it a try with that in mind.

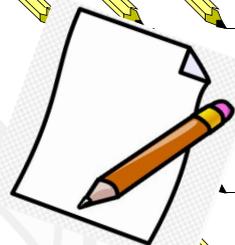
Be sure to check the calendar to see if a supervisor is on duty and come back to the WEC even if it's just to work on a project for a little while or to say hello.

Stay safe,

Van Phillips

"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)

Education Committee



We wish to thank everyone who completed the survey. It was a terrific response and we received valuable information. Many members suggested topics and teachers for future Master Classes. Using that survey information the Education Committee reached out to 22 instructors. We received 18 positive responses (two are no longer teaching and two are booked for 2021). The committee is in the process of selecting Master Classes for 2021. We are excited by the possibilities for 2021.



Project Christmas Tree

Members have continued to make ornaments during the virus hiatus. Since the guild has had a slow opening I have begun collecting ornaments on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have a wide range of techniques – wood burned, carved, inlay, marquetry, turned, painted, fret work, and scrolled. The quality, and not to mention the quantity, is outstanding. When you are at the guild stop by the display case and look at all the beautiful ornaments and the intarsia tree topper. Get inspired and make a few for Children’s Hospital. It’s a worthwhile cause!

Now for the sad news. Because the virus is dangerous to many medically compromised children at Children’s Hospital major fund raisers for 2020 have been cancelled. That includes the Christmas Tree project. All is not lost! I will carefully pack up all ornaments and we will save them for next year. We still have some work to do. Ornaments are still needed to complete the tree. In addition we need some toys made that will sit under the tree. We can use puzzles, pull toys, cars & trucks, games, etc. If you are tired of making ornaments think about making some toys. I will still collect ornaments and toys on Tuesdays and Fridays.

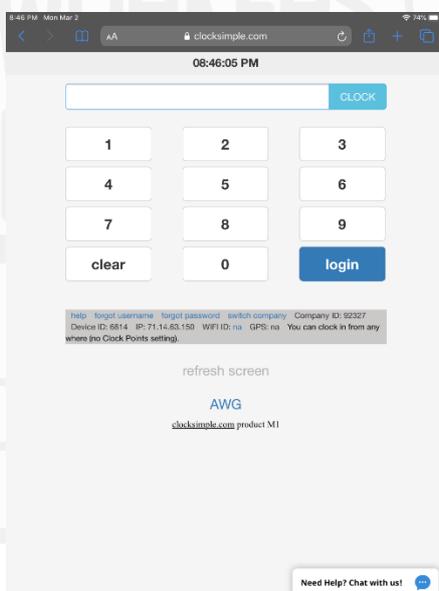
Toy Group

Toy Group is now open for business! Although at a slower pace as many of our recipients are not yet ready to accept out side donations yet. But we will continue to make as many toys as we can store. All are welcome as long as we maintain social distancing. Our hours are still 9am-12noon.

We also thank Chris Huto for donating wood to the toy group.

There is a New Way to “Clock-In” at the WEC

Now that the WEC has resumed normal open hours and the Special Interest Groups have been untethered with regards to how many SIG members can be onsite, a gentle reminder of the new method for “Clocking In” at the WEC may be in order.



Effective April 1st, a new scanning system: Clock Simple; was installed. This system will allow members to come into the WEC, get their Badge and scan the barcode on the back of their Badge. All of the current members who left their Badge on the Badge Wall in the kitchen have had the barcodes affixed to back of the Badge. Those of you who carry your badge home or leave them in your vehicle will have to see the On Duty Supervisor to learn your badge number before you can Clock In. Please leave your Badge next visit so it can be updated and it would help if you dropped an email to info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org to let us know you badge is available to be updated. The Supervisors are available to help you during this transition. Your Board of Directors has approved this updated check in process in order to help track the number of WEC visits and time spent in different activities of the shop. This data is used to help support our requesting of grants and other contributions from outside donors.

Your Help is Needed: AWG Road Sign

Again, for those who have not yet visited the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC) in a while, we have had an event which has destroyed our Roadside Sign.



Without going into the details, our sign was hit by a vehicle and now is in need of repair/replacement. We are looking for members who would be willing to work as a team to self-help repair/restore the sign with possible improvements along the way.

Alabama Woodturners Association

One of our local woodworking groups the: Alabama Woodturners Association (AWA); has shared an announcement with us and is offering their mid-year reduced membership to anyone interested in joining their organization. Membership is not mutually exclusive and there are several AWG Members who are also members of AWA. If you are really into or want to be into Turning, this could be a great opportunity.

The Alabama Woodturners Association (AWA) is offering a special early rate to make joining during this uncertain time a little easier. We generally drop our \$40 annual membership fee to \$20 around July, but this year we're dropping it earlier to allow folks to join us our great series of IRD's (Interactive Remote Demonstrations) and hopefully a return (sooner rather than later) to our usual in-person meetings.

In addition to our early-year meetings where we covered basic bowl turning and thin-wall turning with piercing, we adjusted to the quarantine with IRD's from world-renowned turners Mike Mahoney in April and Trent Bosch in May.



Our next meeting on Saturday, June 13th, will feature another IRD with internationally-known woodturner, Cindy Drozda. Cindy has invested heavily in the cameras, software, and resources it takes to really make video demos worthwhile, and it shows.

We are planning more IRDs in the future but also have some great out-of-state turners lined up, in person, for later in the year. This is all in addition to our off-cycle Zoom meetings featuring Show and Tell, as well as Shop Tours.

To join, just log onto our site AlabamaWoodTurners.com and pay through the PayPal button.



Sketch-Up Classes

Due to the coronavirus, there has been no SketchUp class and none planned. But, I am interested in seeing what can be accomplished on line through a Zoom web meeting or some YouTube videos. I would like to establish an email list for any member who would like to be up to date on upcoming Sketch-Up classes, etc. If you are interested, send your email to: jeff.branch@alabamawoodworkersguild.org.

Est. 1983

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild presents Inlay Master Class With Ronnie Young



July 25th & 26th, 2020
Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00pm - 4:00pm



Ronnie is an exceptional woodworker from Chattanooga, TN. He has been building American Period Furniture for the past 40 years using traditional construction techniques and local hardwoods.

He is also the winner of the prestigious 2016 Cartouche Award.



In this class you will learn a brief history of inlay use over the years, various types of inlay such as line, banding, paterae, corner fans, bell flowers, keyhole and lock installation, etc. will be discussed. Ronnie will demonstrate how to make these and show and use the tools required, Participants will be able to use a scratch saw and a rotary tool to practice inlay in wood.

The Cost of the Class is
\$100.00 for AWG Members
\$150.00 for non-members

Visit <https://wp.awwg.info/education/> To sign up for the class.

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About Us



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

Since 1983

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.



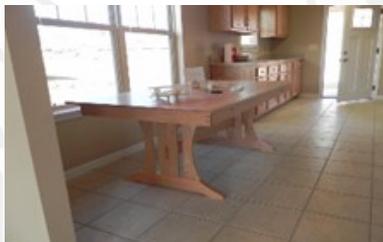
The guild also constructs kitchen and bathroom cabinets each year for Habitat for Humanity



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



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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/>