



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild *Guild News*

February 2022



Don't let Six More Weeks of Winter keep you from coming to the February General Meeting on February 19th

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President's Message

I'm pleased to announce we will be starting a Tuesday night "Woodworking Fundamentals Workshop" beginning on Tuesday February 22nd. These will take place from 5-9pm. There will be an instructional topic for each session that will focus on basic instruction. Some nights will be focused on a specific tool like a Table Saw or Band Saw. Others will address techniques such as making box joints or sharpening chisels or milling lumber to size. I hope to have simple project-based nights too where we might make picture frames, boxes, or other small projects.

My plan is to have an open session from 5-6pm for folks to ask general questions and get advice on their own projects. From 6-8pm will be our planned topic. 8-9pm will be for practicing what we learn and clean-up.

What this will **NOT** be is an open shop night. You are welcome to bring your personal projects to the 5-6pm open session if you want to get help addressing problems you are having, but the Workshop will focus exclusively on the night's topic starting at 6pm. This is meant to be a group-oriented activity.

If you are interested in attending, please watch the Guild calendar on our website for the topic of the night. The first session will cover Table Saw usage based on our Saw Stop saws in the shop. We will cover safety, best practices, and cut planning as well as warnings about what to avoid. We will change blades and discuss blade types as well. You will get hands-on experience doing all those things.

If you have topics to request, feel free to send me suggestions at theterryjames@gmail.com And if you'd like to help lead a session, I will welcome your help.

I expect we will repeat some topics several times a year if there is interest enough to do so. There is no fee unless we provide project materials and no sign up required for now. Just come when you can and let's make some saw dust!

Watch our web site for more details.

-Terry James

"A man that works with his hands is a laborer. A man that works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman, but a man that works with his hands, his brain and his heart is an artist." - Louis Nizer

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik



Welcome New Members

Kristin Bachmann	Dennis Brink
Patrick Bachmann	Kim Ford
Tim Taylor	Nicholas Laborde
Peter Seeds	Terry Cash
Amanda Seeds	Mindy Cash
Chris Guy	Shaun Capps
Whitney Lowery	Antonio Carballo
Harrison Henneberg	Salim Dove

If you see any new members at the WEC, please stop and make them feel welcome.

February Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 19, 2022

SketchUp Class: 8am

Networking : 9am

Meeting: 10am

Program: **Toy Group Report**

New SketchUp Class

Jeff Branch is starting a new SketchUp project using **SketchUp Free**. The project is a simple table. Those interested in attending should bring a laptop and a mouse.



Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2022 are now due. These fees are the main source of revenue for the AWG. This is a real bargain! For \$100/year you have access to:

- Well equipped shop
- Woodworking Library
- Classes & presentations from nationally known master wood-workers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers

Deadline for payment is February 28, 2022. This is the last month your 2021 Dues Paid Decal will be valid and only a 2022 Dues Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC:

On March 1st, if you don't have a 2022 decal on your badge your shop privileges will be terminated and your badge removed from the wall. An On-Duty Shop Supervisor can accept cash or a check for your dues or more preferably, you may re-online at our website: [Alabama Woodworkers Guild - Join or Renew](http://AlabamaWoodworkersGuild.com).



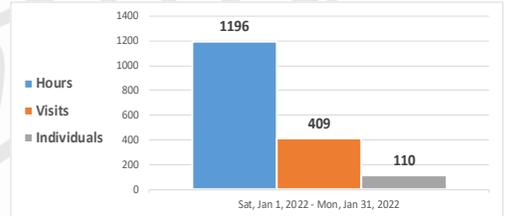
Remember also that we need to have your Badge at the WEC in order for it to be updated with your 2022 Decal.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Guild's activities!

Show & Tell

Have you completed a project you're especially proud of? Have you learned a new skill? If so, bring it to a monthly meeting for show & tell. We would love to see your creations

Shop Usage Report



Usage Comparison by Program Sat, Jan 1, 2022 - Mon, Jan 31, 2022

Program	Hours
Personal Projects	222
Luthier Group	302
Hand Tool Group	95
Wood Art Group	53
Toy Group	265
Class	30

Partner Challenge

The Partner Challenge is sponsored by the Wood Art Group and opened to all AWG members. This is a tabletop box project. One partner is responsible for constructing the box and the other partner is responsible for embellishing the box. Only traditional woodworking techniques can be used to construct and decorate the box. The box pattern is your choice. You can design your own box, use a magazine /book pattern, or use the patterns Bill Newman has designed for the challenge. The box must be finished and placed in the 2022 AWG Woodworking Show under the "Partner Challenge" category.

Partner Challenge Guidelines

* Tabletop Box Challenge

One person is responsible for box construction.

One person is responsible for box embellishment.

* Traditional woodworking tools on box construction. No CNC router or laser.

Traditional woodworking tools on box embellishment. No painting.

* Box must have minimum of 1 drawer.

* Minimum size: 6 inches on any side (width or length)

Maximum size: 16 inches on any side (width or length)

* Optional: lid and feet. No legs, must sit on a table.

* Finished boxes will be submitted in the 2022 AWG woodworking show in a special Partner Challenge category. Each box will be judged according to construction and embellishment.

Toy Group

The Toy Group is up and running for 2022. In contrast to 2021, we have plenty of wood and boxes to get us off to a new start. That being said, please don't forget about us as you clean out your shop storage and walk by the copier at work. We can always use more wood and boxes. We need the standard copy paper boxed and 1" - 2" pine (2x4's are great).

At February's membership you will get to see the magic that happens turning 2x4's into the toys that bring joy to a lot of children that are hospitalized, undergoing treatment or whose lives have been affected by devastating situations.

Thank you for your support.

Members Doing Good

An article published in Samford's Alumnae Magazine

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Lynn Smith

By Daniel Dodson



Lynn Smith '76

spent his career as an electrical engineer for Southern Company in Birmingham, Alabama. Now in retirement, he has dedicated his time

to volunteering for various organizations locally and around the world. He worked as the part-time accountant for Hope Manifest, a nonprofit that works with other nonprofits to help the organizations thrive. Because of his commitment to service, Smith is one of Samford's 2021 Humanitarians of the Year.

"One of the nonprofits Hope Manifest was working with at that time was EDGE (now WaterStep), out of Louisville, Kentucky. EDGE trains people from third world countries or people planning on traveling to other countries on health and hygiene, sanitation and hand pump repair. Through this, I was able to participate in WaterStep's hand pump repair class," Smith said.

After completing the class, Smith was asked to visit Haiti following the 2010 earthquake to repair hand pumps. He eventually acquired enough field experience during multiple trips to Haiti that he began teaching the hand pump repair class in Louisville and other countries.

Smith is also involved with

MedWater, another nonprofit that provides training in health and hygiene, sanitation and water purification techniques. He has traveled all over the world, including Uganda, Ecuador and Romania.

Smith is a member of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild and has been building wooden toys for patients for children's hospitals across the Southeast.

Smith said he is "shocked and humbled" to receive the award.

"My name may be on the award, but the accolades belong to all the other people. The others that saw something in me that moved them to invite me to come alongside them to work with them to accomplish things that I could do, but would never have done by myself," Smith said.

The Humanitarian of the Year award is given to Samford graduates of true distinction, wide respect and acknowledged leadership. Nominees are recognized for having given selflessly and working tirelessly to better the lives of others and society at large by staying true to the Samford University mission. ▶

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The Great Race

If you were a Boy Scout "back in the day", you probably remember the annual "Pine Wood Derby". Well the derby has continued on through many generations and is alive and well today.

At January's meeting we received a request for help to cut out the cars for the scouts. Well, three of our members, Van Phillips, David Erikson and Jay Bagwell answered the call. Take a look:

It seems like they were pretty busy!



Mentorship Program

Our mentorship program is new and improved! Do you have a desire to connect with someone that is proficient at a skill that you would like to learn about? Check out our mentorship program on the website.

On the home page click on the "Mentoring" heading. There you will find an extensive list of subjects for you to choose from. Click on the skill you want to develop and fill out the needed information. You will be paired with the person that can help you. You will be contacted by the selected mentor to get started. Some folks may meet you at the WEC while others may prefer to work in their personal shop.

Don't hesitate! This a great way to learn a new skill and develop friendships with fellow woodworkers.

Break-ups are hard, but have you ever tried letting go of a piece of scrap wood you may think you might use later?



2022 Class Schedule

March 12-13 - Mike Pekovich ~~Canceled~~

April Basic Bandsaw Class. There are a total of 4 sessions:

April 23rd 9:30am—11:30am

1:00pm—3:00pm

April 30th 9:30am—11:30am

1:00pm—3:00pm

Classes are free to members. Register on WEC website

August 27—Nov 12 Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Class



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About Us

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

Our monthly meetings will be conducted at the WEC for those who can attend and also virtually via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM. Be sure to check out the mentoring sessions that start 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.

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL. The WEC is open Friday-Sunday for the membership and for visitors to drop by to see what we are all about. Please, before dropping by, check the WEC Calendar on our website (<https://wp.awwg.info/calendar/>) and make sure a Supervisor is scheduled to be on-duty

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



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