

# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

## *Guild News*

August 2022

**August Membership meeting: Saturday August 20, 2022**

**There will be a few items up for auction—bring your wallet**

### Guild Officers and Directors

**President:** Terrance James

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**Linda Simcik**         **Alden snow**

**Mike Casey**

## President's Message

### Discipline

A member who shall remain nameless sent me a link to an article called "Cruel to Be Kind" by Christopher Schwarz. (<https://blog.lostartpress.com/2022/07/28/cruel-to-be-kind-means-that-your-shops-clean/>) It's a humorous discussion of the on-going battle of keeping a shop in order and how, when you are "in charge", it's sometimes impossible to enforce the rules without being a little bit "snippy". I am pleased to say that most of our members do a decent job of keeping the shop clean after they work. I think they do so because it is known that it is expected so the Supervisors usually don't have to press the point. I always try to leave the shop even a bit cleaner than I found it so as not to incur the wrath of Randy.

I wish I could claim the same at my home shop, but if I am being honest I cannot. Virtually every horizontal surface is cluttered with "stuff", there is always a layer of sawdust on the floor, and there are wood and brooms and project pieces and jigs leaning up against every wall. Quite honestly, it's a trip hazard. I have gone through short spans where I "do better", but it hasn't lasted.

So now that I have made my confession, I will make a pledge to get better. My goal is not to have spotless shop that some folks manage to keep, but rather to just expect the same discipline of myself that the Guild expects of all its members. I know when I do manage to clean up and organize, it makes my shop time a lot more enjoyable and productive, so starting right now I am committing to have my shop surfaces usable clear, and the floors at least swept clean each day. The clutter is a bigger challenge, but it's GOT to get better. I have tackled it before by just getting rid of lots of things. That's REALLY hard for me, but each time I have done it I have not regretted the purge.

So, ask me how it's going after a few weeks. If I change the subject and look away, just slap me and say, "Show some discipline, man!"

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

## Shop Usage Report

Usage Comparison  
by Program

Fri, Jul 1, 2022 -  
Sun, Jul 31, 2022

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	224	93	67
Luthier Group	166	50	51
Hand Tool Group	192	58	51
Wood Art Group	77	20	14
Toy Group	268	65	39
Class	102	48	45

## Toy Group

### Time for a Change

I have been leading the Toy Group for the last four years and it is time for a change.

We are looking for at least two people to take on the leadership roles for the group to bring fresh ideas and energy. Although I have been running solo for the past few years, it is better to have at least a team of 2 people.

You don't have to be an experienced woodworker or manager, if I can do it anyone can do it! You will also make some wonderful friends and get a tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

I will be there with you for the first few months to you get acclimated..

Please consider this opportunity. Toy Group is the longest and largest outreach program of the Guild, and we want to see it continue.

Thank you,  
Linda Simcik

## 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? Check out our mentorship program on the website.

On the home page click on the "Mentoring" tab. 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.

## Dog Days of Summer



**Shop not airconditioned?**

**Come and work in the cool and comfortable  
WEC**

**Hours: Friday 9am - 9pm;**

**Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm**

# Tinglewood Festival

## September 10, 2022

The Tinglewood Festival is a free (no admission charge) one day event held in Orr Park . This Festival is a signature event for the City of Montevallo. The Festival is organized by the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Montevallo Main Street, and the Montevallo Arts Collaborative.

Each year the Guild is invited to participate. This is a fun **ALL WOODWORKING** event. There is food, music, lots of vendors and a chainsaw carving competition. There may also be a classic car show.

The last couple years we have had membership information & literature, a lathe and a scroll saw. This year we want to have several 15 minute demonstrations. And your help and talents are needed. We need demonstrations on Wood Turning, Scroll Saw, Musical Instrument Construction, Pyrography, Carving, and any other skill you can demonstrate.

If you are interested or have any questions you can send me an e-mail: to:

[linda.simcik@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:linda.simcik@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

In addition to promoting the Guild, you will have the opportunity to browse the vendors and talk to other woodworkers. You may even come up with a few new ideas!

Please sign up by July 30th so we can work out a schedule.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board, or send me an email.



## Got ?s

There are a lot of changes happening in the Guild. If you have General questions, comments or suggestions about the Guild and your membership send and email to: [info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org)



## New Members

Jonathan Berryhill	Trent Carruth
Mark Ebersold	Amy Belt
Lannette Ebersold	Robert Shepherd
Dalton Smith	Kim Williams
Victoria Jauk	Helmut Jauk
Teresa Cannon	James Cannon

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

### July Membership Meeting

#### Saturday, August 20, 2022

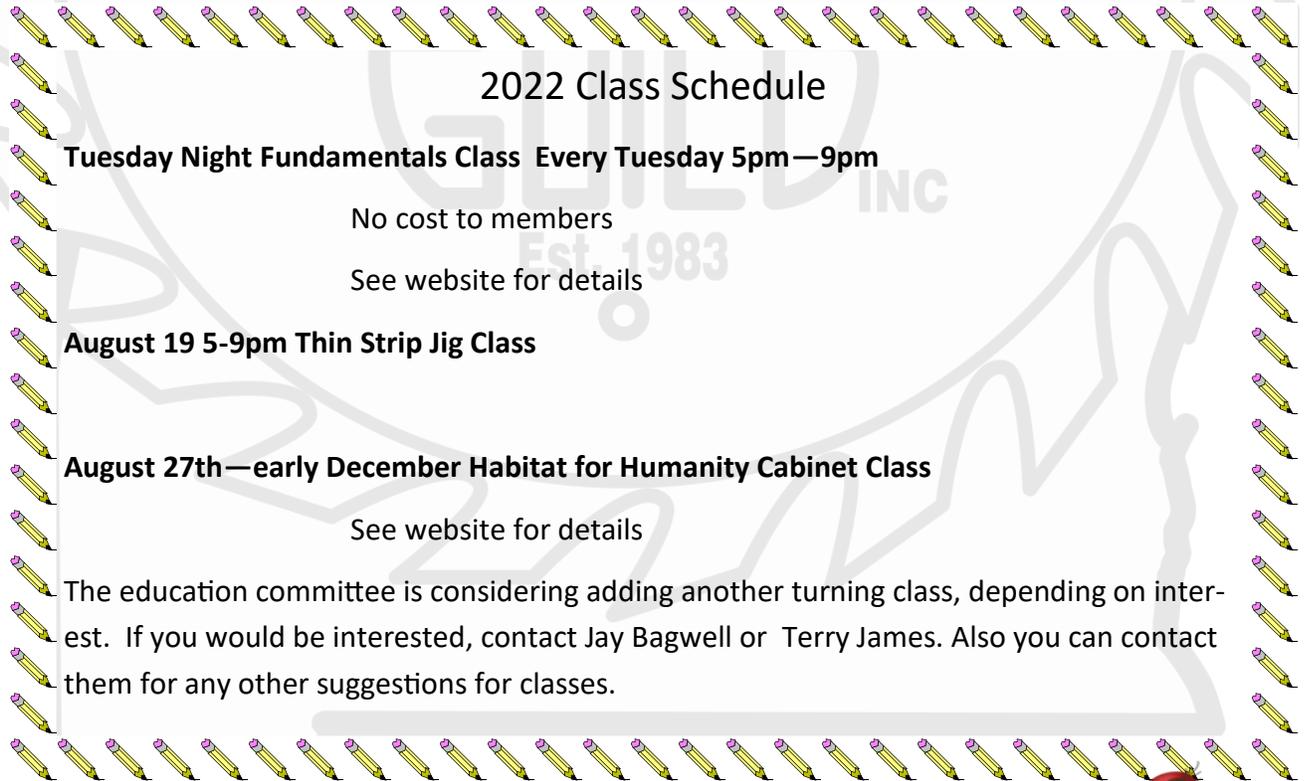
Networking: 9:00am Meeting: 10:00am

**Program:** *Bill Newman will present some methods of obtaining increased accuracy in your work by using direct measurements and controlled incremental adjustments in set-ups. He will also show some of the projects that he has worked on with others in his shop."*

**NOTE**

**There will be a few items for auction this month:**

- 8' workbench
- Surplus forstner bits
- 12' Craftsman bandsaw
- 10" bench top table saw



## 2022 Class Schedule

**Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm**

No cost to members  
See website for details

**August 19 5-9pm Thin Strip Jig Class**

**August 27th—early December Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Class**

See website for details

The education committee is considering adding another turning class, depending on interest. If you would be interested, contact Jay Bagwell or Terry James. Also you can contact them for any other suggestions for classes.



### Woodworking

Is one third planning, one third execution and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake you just made during execution





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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 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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