



The Alabama Woodworkers Guild



Guild News



December 2022



January Membership Meeting: Saturday January 21, 2023



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President's Message Good Hands

As my term as President of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild comes to a close, I have look back on the last year and reflect. We managed grow our membership back to the heights it was before pandemics hit us hard. We managed to restructure the WEC Management Team and make needed up-grades to the shop. We managed to make needed repairs to the shop building. And we left the next leadership team with a healthy budget to continue our work.

You'll notice that every statement above started with "we". I may have been the President while these things happened, but I did not do any of this alone. I gives me a great sense of comfort to know that I am stepping down and handing the reins to a great group of folks. The Guild is in very good hands.

So, as you plan for your 2023 projects, please factor in a little time to support the Guild as well. Our Christmas Tree Ornament project for Children's Hospital is all year, but we need to have those ready by early fall, so if you plan to make ornaments for yourself, how about making an extra one to support Children's. Our toy group meets on Tuesdays during the day, but if you're working and cannot make that time, you can still bring toys you made at home. Please check with Toy Group for guide lines. If you have a special talent on some aspect of woodworking, how about teaching a class or doing a demo at one of our monthly meetings. There are countless ways you can lend your support and, trust me, you'll get as much back as you give by doing so.

I thank the many folks who always step up when we need them. I know the new leadership team will need everyone's help as well. But I also know they're up for the challenge.

Now go pay your dues for 2023 and then make sawdust with a real purpose!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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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

Annual Membership Dues

Annual \$100 dues payments for 2023 are due soon. 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, 2023 but why wait? 2023 Dues Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC:



An On-Duty Shop Supervisor can accept cash or a check for your dues or more preferably, you may renew online at our website: [Alabama Woodworkers Guild - Join or Renew](#).

Remember also that we need to have your Badge at the WEC in order for it to be updated with your 2023 Decal.

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



Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Class

By Hal Songer



We had a successful installation at the Habitat home. I think everyone had an opportunity to work on different installation areas and learned some new skills. Installing is a lot different than building, especially since it seems that no walls or floors are truly flat or square! It's a great chance to solve problems and make your finished project look terrific



I want to thank everyone for their hard work to get this project completed. I think Habitat for Humanity is unique in the way it helps people who really are striving to make life better for themselves and their families, and this project goes a long way toward providing a family with a quality home to make those dreams come true. I want to extend a special thanks to our instructors for the great work they did preparing for each class and presenting the information while demonstrating new skills for the students to learn. The ultimate goal for any class at the Guild is to make you a more accomplished woodworker, and I think our instructors provided that in every aspect of the class.



Toy Group

The mission of Sawyerville, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, is to create opportunities for children and youth in Hale County through free summer programs, mentoring, and scholarships. All of our programs work to serve God, broaden the horizons of participants and staff, improve race relations in Alabama, and enrich the lives of those living in poverty.

Each year the Toy Group provides toys for this worthy charity. Again we helped spread joy at the mission's annual Christmas party. Here are a few pictures :



Do You Shop on Amazon?

The next time you purchase that hard to find drill bit or supply, please check out Amazon Smile. If you select the Alabama Woodworkers Guild as your charity Amazon donates 1/2 percent of your total purchase. Doesn't sound like much but every little bit helps. A link to Amazon Smile can be found on our website's home page.

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Shop Usage Report

Total Usage Comparison	Tue, Nov 1, 2022 - Wed, Nov 30, 2022
Hours	1216
Visits	377
Individuals	118

Usage Comparison by Program Tue, Nov 1, 2022 - Wed, Nov 30, 2022

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	213	92	57
Luthier Group	226	61	16
Hand Tool Group	58	20	16
Wood Art Group	50	15	10
Toy Group	254	67	38
Class	123	26	21

Mentorship Program

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.

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

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





January Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2023

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

Program: Red and White Ribbon Winners show & tell



Long Sleeved T-Shirts Now Available

The long sleeves have arrived just in time for cold weather. The cost is \$25.

We also have insulated coffee mugs and tumblers

2023 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm —suspended for the holidays. Check website or ask Terry James when classes will resume

Woodcarving Master Class with Randy Walters

Friday, January 27th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, January 28th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, January 29th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm,
Cost \$150.00 for Guild Members; \$175.00 for Non-Members
See website for details and registration

Spray Finishing Class with Marty Schlosser

Friday, February 24th, 2023 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday, February 25th, 2023 - 8:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, February 26th, 2023 - 8:00am - 12:00 noon
Cost \$200.00 (Includes all materials)
Class size is limited to eight participants.
See website for details and registration - **Class is FULL**





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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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