



The Alabama Wood- Guild New

March 2023



1983 Celebrating 40 Years 2023

"Making saw dust with a purpose"

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Happy Anniversary everyone!

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. We are commemorating this milestone with some limited edition merchandise for sale with a 40th year logo, and we are in the early stages of planning a special event later this year with food & fellowship for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Did you know that the AWG has scholarship funds set aside for our members to pay for woodworking classes? Any member in good standing can use this scholarship for master class at the AWG, or any outside courses as well. Please do not let your financial situation prevent you from taking classes, we would love to see some of these funds used this year! Anyone interested can apply on the Education tab on the AWG website.

I would also like to mention that April will be our big silent auction at the AWG, where we ask you to bring your unwanted tools, jigs, shop equipment, etc. to auction. You can elect to have the Guild keep between 20%-100% of the proceeds, so it's a win/win for everyone. So this and next month, while you are doing your 'spring cleaning' please keep the auction in mind. We will provide additional details in next month's newsletter.

"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

Announcing AWG

Annual Silent Auction

Spring Cleaning your shop? Before you get rid of unwanted “stuff”, bring it to the auction.

Setting up your shop on a budget? Check out the auction. You can get some great deals.

When: Saturday April 15, 2023

Where: WEC

Bidding begins at 9:00am

Pay with: Cash, Check, Credit Card

March Membership Meeting Saturday, March 18 , 2023

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

Program: Richard Brewer will be doing a demo on veneering

The Comfort Bucket



There's a bucket sitting on the Kitchen Island at each of our meetings. Its concept dates back to the days when the Guild met at the Homewood Senior Center. That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet. Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!

Coming Soon!

You may have noticed on page one that this is the 40th year that the AWG has been in existence. To commemorate this milestone some limited edition merchandise will be available. T-shirts, hats, mugs are some of the items you can order.. Since these are limited edition, the Guild will be taking orders. So, be on the look-out for ordering information on the website and on the t-shirt case in the WEC kitchen.

We will also be looking for help from all of you to plan this year's activities. After all, the Guild is here for the members and we want your input. If you are interested in helping send an e-mail to info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org, contact any board member.

Thank You.

SPRAY FINISHING CLASS WITH MARTY SCHLOSSER

Steve Simcik

One of the great benefits of belonging to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild is the opportunity to attend a class taught by a renowned individual in that field. The Spray Finishing Class taught by Marty Schlosser which I recently took at the WEC is a great example of what I am talking about.

Marty Schlosser is a longtime friend of the AWG. He has been designing, making, and finishing furniture for nearly 50 years. Marty conducts spray finishing workshops in Toronto, Canada and writes blogs for Fugi Spray (which are full of valuable information). His home is in Canada, but he will vacation on the Gulf Shore for several weeks during the winter months. During this time, Marty will visit the AWG to be the Program Speaker at one of our monthly meetings to share his knowledge, do a demonstration, or teach a class.

Personally, most of my prior experience with spray painting was using a prepackaged metal can with a button on top. So, I was a little concerned that I might quickly become overwhelmed in a class lead by someone of Marty Schlosser's caliber. My concerns quickly dissipated. Marty was able to cover a lot of information in an easily understandable way. With frequent reminders that personnel protection is paramount, Marty talked about and showed us, what seemed to me, everything you possibly would need to know about spray guns and the liquids you sprayed through them. When it came to the "hand's on" portions of the class, Marty would: **Tell** us what to do, **Show** us what to do, and **Let** us do it. Then under Marty's watchful eyes, he would guide us on how to improve what we were doing.



This was a 3-day class which I feel went far beyond the basis. From how to properly prepare the wood's surface, to talking about sanding sealer, dyes, stains, lacquers, varnishes, to how to determine the viscosity of the fluid (and what to do with that information), how to achieve correct spray pattern, to the proper way to move the spray gun, and to cleaning your spray gun. Of course, there was more things covered but you get the jist, he covered a lot of information and we got to do some to spray painting!

As a huge bonus, through Marty's connections, Fuji Spray, Target Coatings, and Inest Awata sponsored this class with their donation of the equipment and products we used in this class to AWG. The value of these donations is over 3 thousand dollars, which the Guild was allowed to keep.

The Spray Finishing Class was a great class that I am so glad I had the opportunity to take. I learned a lot more than I thought I would. So, when the next Master Class is offered in an area of woodworking you are interested in, I strongly recommend that you take it.



Shop Usage Report

This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	373
Members Participating	38.07%
Members Not Participating	61.93%

Usage Comparison by Program	Wed, Feb 1, 2023 - Tue, Feb 28, 2023		
	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	191	81	51
Luthier Group	328	96	34
Hand Tool Group	132	43	34
Wood Art Group	63	16	13
Toy Group	274	72	48
Class	277	69	44

Relief Carving Class

Geoff Wymer

The Guild hosted a wonderful opportunity for members to expand their skills into the area of wood carving through a relief carving workshop. The participants could choose between several projects and methods. This included hand carving and power carving. The 3-day workshop resulted in some amazing pieces of craftsmanship and artwork. A special thanks goes out to Randy Walters, from Columbia TN, for leading the workshop. He is truly a great craftsman, mentor, and artist.



2023 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm No cost to members A different subject every week. Check the WEC calendar for details.

Box Class with Bill Newman and Gary Crosson –class is full

Saturday, March 4th, 2023, 9:00am-5:00pm

Instructor - Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Cost \$45.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Cam Clamp Class with Van Phillips

Saturday, March 11th, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Instructor - Van Phillips

Cost \$50.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

This is a “build it” class. You will build (4) 8” cam clamps.

Scroll Saw Inlay Class with Cliff Daniels –class is full

Saturday, April 8th, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Instructor - Cliff Daniels

Cost \$35.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Box Class with Bill Newman and Gary Crosson –class is full

Saturday, May 6th, 2023, 9:00am-5:00pm

Instructor - Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Cost \$45.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

This is a “build it” class. You will build a 8 x 5 x 3.25 box.

Pen Turning Class with Cliff Daniels

Saturday, June 24th, 2023, 9:00am-1:00pm

Instructor - Cliff Daniels

Cost \$70.00

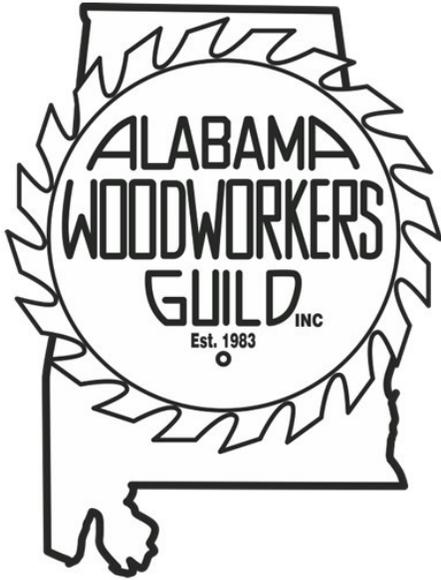
Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class

August 26th, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

Cost \$100.00



Save the date!

**ANNUAL ART
SHOW**

October 14 - October 20 2023

Hoover Library - Lower Level

Start planning your entry ***NOW!***

It will be here sooner than you think.

The show is open to all members—no matter your skill level!

Enter EVERY year to show how your skills have improved!

More details to come...

Annual AWG Woodworking Show

For those that are new to the Guild, here is some basic information you need to know:

WHO: For all guild members

All skill levels (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced)

WHAT: A woodworking project that hasn't been entered in the show regardless of date of completion

Any woodworking project completed in a class either at the guild or outside the guild

WHERE: Hoover Public Library

WHEN: October 14 – October 20, 2023

WHY: To show the public that woodworking is alive and well

To inspire current members to continue woodworking and learn new skills

Get critiques from the judges to improve your skills

HOW: 1. Make something to enter in the show

2. In October, print and complete application that will be on the website

3. Bring entry and application to the Hoover Library on October 14

Who are these Leprechauns?



Van, Terry & Henry?

Or

Patrick, Lynn & Cliff?



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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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