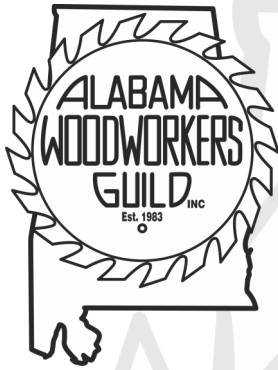


The Alabama Woodworkers



Guild News

October 2024

“Making saw dust with a purpose”



2024 Guild Officers and Directors

President: Jay Bagwell

Past President: Terrence James

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President's Message Jay Bagwell

The annual show is off to a great success! This year we had 110 entries, making this one of the biggest years ever for us. A huge thanks to Terri Hjetland, Linda Simcik, and Steve Simcik for making the show this year better than ever!

I am pleased to report that the Guild has received the largest donation in our history. This week we received the funds generously donated by the estate of our former member, Ed Ramsay. These funds will be used for numerous infrastructure projects at the WEC, most of which have been planned for years, but delayed for financial reasons.

At our general meeting this month, the nomination committee will be giving their report to the membership on the nominees for the Guild leadership next year. Please remember, you do not have to be nominated by the committee if you wish to become an officer of the Guild. Our voting will be open to all members that wish to serve. It has been my pleasure serving as your President these past two years, and I'm confident that the next group of leaders going forward will continue making the Guild better and better, each year!

“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

A BIG Thank You!

Thanks to all the guild members who stepped up and helped with this year's show.

Linda Simcik, Steve Simcik, Sandy Smith, Randy Hjetland, Terry James, Bill Newman, Van Phillips and Ken Blackwood.

There are always lots of jobs that need to be completed to produce a quality show we can be proud of. Our guild has many members who willingly give of their time. Special appreciation to Linda and Steve Simcik for all their work on the show committee.

And...

Appreciation goes to all the guild members who volunteered to work a shift or two during the show as well as those who signed up as substitutes. All volunteers answered many questions and educated the public about woodworking. You are a very important part of the show.

Last but not least

The show committee wishes to express thanks to each member who placed entries in the 2024 AWG Woodworking Show. We had 57 members place 110 entries in this year's show. Some members submitted several entries in the show. That's a lot of woodworking! Special thanks to the Special Interest Groups for organizing the challenges.

We had a great show this year. The depth of woodworking techniques demonstrated by our members is amazing. The variety in the show this year is amazing. The quality of work improves every year. Keep making sawdust!

October Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:15 am: CNC/Laser Group –meeting in class room

9:00-10:00 am: Networking, mentoring

10:00 am: General Meeting

2025 Slate of officers and directors will be announced at this meeting

2024 Class Schedule

Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

Every Thursday Evening
5:00pm-8:00pm
Cost Free

Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class

August 24th, 2024 thru November 9 , every other Saturday
9:00am-4:00pm
Cost \$100.00
See website for more details.

Class: Advanced Intarsia Class with Chris Hutto

Date: November 2, 2024
Time: 9:00-5:00
Cost: \$75
Class size: 3

Class: Ring Turning Class with Dravyn Godwin

Date: November 23, 2024
Time: 9:00-5:00
Cost: \$75
Class size: 8



For more information or to register and pay visit our website : <https://wp.awwg.info>

Click on the education tab.



New Members

Abdul Elkhatib

Bruce & Pat Cooper

James Carr

Keith Pickens

Daniel Lowery

Ron & Dee Haynes

Jeff & Cindy Johnson

Lee & Katherine Johnson



They are Here!

A new batch of t-shirts have arrived!

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Thank you to Dean and Lee from Woodcraft for their excellent and diligent judging at the Annual Show.

RENEWING YOUR AWG MEMBERSHIP BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

On October 1st we will start collecting dues to renew your AWG Membership for 2025. After many years of annual dues being \$100, dues have been raised to \$150, as voted on by the membership in April of 2024. As before, your spouse can also be a member at no additional cost. Also, as before, full time students will be eligible for a discounted student rate of 50% of the Individual Rate.

There are three options an individual can use to renew their AWG Membership for 2025.

1. Online at <https://wp.awwg.info/> under Join or Renew. You will select the type of membership you are renewing, either "Regular Membership" or "Parent/Guarding & Youth Membership". The application is very straight forward. Just be sure to accurately give **all** the information requested. After completing the application, you will be taken to a PayPal page where you can pay with your PayPal account or a credit card. Note: This is the preferred method, however, full time students wanting the discounted rate need to renew their AWG Membership at the WEC using Option 2 or 3.
2. Using the "2025 AWG Membership" envelope. These envelopes are located at the WEC on the glass display cabinet in the kitchen. Just PRINT CLEARLY all the information requested on the envelope, place cash or a check inside the envelope, and then give the envelope to the Shop Supervisor. The Shop Supervisor will review the information given on the envelope to ensure all the information has been completed before he inserts the envelope (with payment) in the slot of the locked drawer. Some important information that is requested (and needed) on the envelope but in the past is frequently left blank or overlooked:
 - * Date
 - * Not checking the information in the current directory to verify if the information has changed.
Note: If there are no corrections to be made, those lines can remain blank.
 - * Not giving the name of your spouse if the spouse does not want to be an AWG Member. In the AWG Directory we give the name of the spouse. If the spouse is not an AWG Member, all we need is their name. If you are married and prefer not to give the name of your spouse, please just write "Blank" after "Spouse Name".
 - * Ensure that if you are giving your Cell Phone Number, that you are filling in the blank after Cell Phone. Based on the envelopes I received, I am surprised at the number of people who do not have a cell phone or elect not to give their cell phone number.
3. Using the "Alabama Woodworkers Guild Membership Application". This is the yellow tri-fold brochure located by the front door. Just like using the 2025 AWG Membership Envelope, PRINT CLEARLY all the information requested and give the application and cash or check to the Shop Supervisor. The Shop Supervisor will insert the application with payment in the slot of the locked drawer. Note: I prefer you use the Membership Envelope rather than this application.

If you have any questions about renewing your 2025 AWG Membership, I will be happy to answer them.

Thanks,

Steve Simcik



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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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