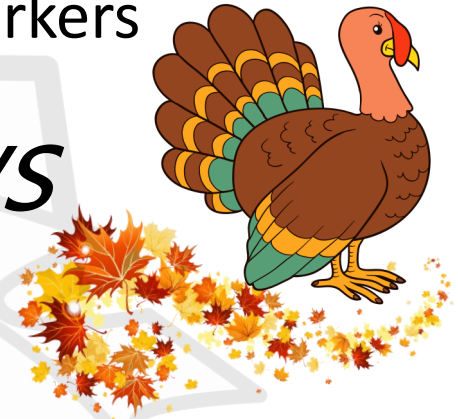
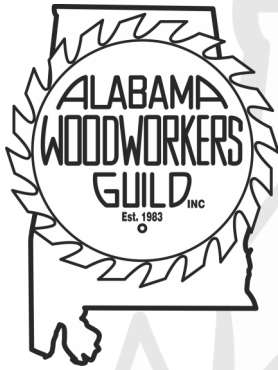


## The Alabama Woodworkers

*Guild News*

November 2024

**“Making saw dust with a purpose”****2024 Guild Officers and Directors****President:** Jay Bagwell**Past President:** Terrence James**Vice President:** Rick Ford**Treasurer:** Alden Snow**Asst. Treasurer:** Steve Simcik**Secretary:****Board of Directors**

Chole Betke                      Ken Blackwood

Albert Chieves                Julie Erwin

Bob Free                        Tom Hession

Mike Key                        Tuck Kornegay

**President's Message**  
**Jay Bagwell**

Just a reminder we will be holding elections at the November meeting, selecting the Officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2025. Currently, we are still looking for a volunteer to fill the role as Vice-President. If you have ever thought of serving the Guild, please consider this!

A huge thank you to Melissa Bail, who will be taking over as editor of this newsletter in January. Linda Simcik has created this newsletter for the past several years, and a BIG thanks to her for all the hours spent keeping us informed.

As the year comes to an end, and my time as President comes to a close, I wanted each of you to know it has been my honor and privilege to serve on your behalf. I'm confident that the Guild will be in good hands going forward next year and many years to come!

**“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**

## Editor's Note

I have been compiling and editing the news letter since I joined the Guild in 2018. It has been my pleasure to serve in this role for the past six years, however I think it is time to bring some fresh energy and creativity to the newsletter. This is my last edition of the "Guild News"

But all is not lost... Please welcome our new editor Melissa Bail to the Guild family. Melissa and her husband Grant are new members and have graciously decided to jump in with both feet, as Grant will be our new assistant treasurer.

Melissa is an experienced editor, as she produced her sorority newsletter. Please give her a hand and feed her all the great stories and information the guild has to offer.

Thank you,  
Linda Simcik

## October Meeting

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

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

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

**10:00 am: General Meeting**

Election of 2025 Officers and Directors



# 2024 Class Schedule

## Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

Every Thursday Evening

5:00pm-8:00pm

Cost Free

## 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.

## A Little Bit of Woodworking Trivia

Did you know the circular saw was invented by a woman in 1813?

Tabitha Babbit was a member of the Harvard Shaker community. As she was watching men cutting lumber with a whip saw she noticed that half of their motion was wasted. She thought that creating a round blade would greatly improve efficiency and reduce manpower. It is said that the first blade was attached to her spinning wheel! The circular blade was later attached to a water powered machine.

Because of her Shaker belief that information should be shared freely, she never patented her invention. Therefore, very few know of her accomplishment.

# New Members

Wade Wells

Grant & Melissa Bail

Damian & Lisa Panajia

Chad Steenwyk

Taylor & Presley Howard

Jack Marshall

Kent Upshaw

## Advanced Intarsia

Linda Simcik

I had the opportunity to observe and help with Cris Hutto's Advanced Intarsia class held on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

The participants were given a pre-cut teddy bear project to shape and assemble. In addition to cutting a large part of intarsia is the shaping, sanding and finishing the pieces of the completed picture. The instruction on cutting was presented in two previous classes taught by myself and David Robinson. It was a long day, for sure, but the students got a good grasp on visualizing and shaping pieces to make their teddy bear come to life.



## RENEWING YOUR AWG MEMBERSHIP BEGINS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

On October 1<sup>st</sup> 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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