

April Meeting in Maylene



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President's Message

Last Sunday I was running an errand that took me out to Maylene. I took a few minutes to walk around while it was quiet and marvel at the transformation. There stood a bobcat where gravel had recently been spread. A new bathroom cabinet and a wood rack had been installed since I was there last. I thought how proud **Fred Baker** would be to see his tools in use at the Center. I was thankful that **Fred's** family gave us the first choice on many of his tools.

Over the years it seemed a few of the members of the Guild did all the work. The faces would change from time to time as changes in health, priorities, and lives took their toll. Some folks just burned out and eager new faces came along. I'm concerned that we are burning out a new group. With this center, there are still a few carrying a lot of weight but I am happy to see more of you out there getting involved and sharing the load. ***Our Guild open house for the center is coming up on April 19th*** but we'll be holding **our April meeting there on April 17th. Our ribbon cutting and media day will be May 2nd with our opening to the public on May 3rd. Then comes the Glen Huey seminar on the 16th and 17th of May.**

Bill Newman and his team have done a heck of a job planning and putting together work groups. The coordination effort for something like our Woodworking Education Center is complex and time consuming even if you never do any of the real work yourself. Our implementation team has not only planned and coordinated but they have taken on quite a few projects themselves. Those of you have contributed should be very proud of your accomplishments. I know I am proud of each and every one of you. Thank you.

Next Meeting
April 17th
IN
MAYLENE

Meeting 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

DON'T FORGET: The WAWA-PALOOSA in Tuscaloosa is Saturday, May 3rd. The location is the University Presbyterian Church Student Center on the corner of 8th Street and 12th Avenue, 1-1/2 blocks west of Bryant-Denny Stadium. (see details in March Guild News)

Norm Ellis

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Timothy Thomas, Pelham
Mark Lester, Hoover

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The Basics of Woodturning With Will Pate

We are excited about our first meeting in the new building called the "WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER" because it gives us the capability of having live demonstrations. We can let the chips fly !!! Our program will be on "The Basics of Woodturning" as requested by a large number of our members.

You will learn how to use a gouge, a scraper, a skew, and a parting tool, and maybe others. Sharpening each tool will also be covered and safety will be stressed. One of the large Delta lathes will be used for this program.

We are fortunate to have **Will Pate** as our speaker, a master of the art. Will is from Birmingham and is well known for his knowledge of turning. He has already been to the Center to adjust the Delta lathes and decide how to set up.

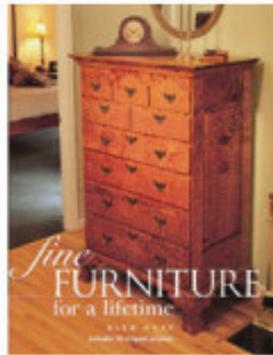
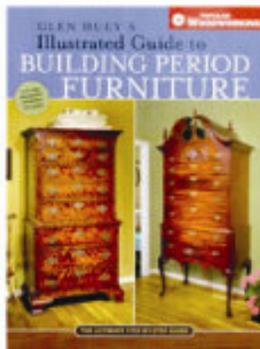
The Guild has a huge pile of turning blanks, check them out while you are there.



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a **Glen Huey** Seminar
*Inlay and Construction Techniques
as Applied to Period Furniture*



The focus of Glen Huey's work is creating 18th and 19th century period designs. A senior editor with "Popular Woodworking" magazine, Glen is the author of "Fine Furniture for a Lifetime", "Building Fine Furniture", and "Illustrated Guide to Building Period Furniture". Huey travels to exhibit at shows around the country, and has had pieces featured in national magazines. Born and raised in Ohio, he and his wife Laurie live in Liberty Township, Middletown, Ohio. Glen has been making furniture for over 25 years. He specializes on 18th and 19th century reproduction furniture continuing the work of his father, Malcolm L. Huey.

Friday & Saturday
May 16 & 17, 2008
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Admission:
\$75 one day
\$125 two days
lunch included

Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc.
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10544 County Road 17
Maylene, AL

Contact: Jim Caldwell, Seminar Chairman 205-967-0415, k4jpm@bellsouth.net
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www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

**Have trouble remembering our web address? You can also find us at
www.awwg.info**

The Maylene School House in 1998 when Habitat for Humanity took ownership...just thought you might enjoy seeing the before as we enjoy the after.



Directions to AWG Woodworking Education Center

From **I 65 South**
 Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.
 Turn **right** at US31 N,
 Turn **left** on AL 119/Montevallo Rd
 Turn **right** on CR12
 Turn **right** on CR17
 Look for school house **on your left**

Buddy Finch writes:

That guy **Browning**
 He is something astounding

Aided by that fellow **Hall**
 You can be sure the job did not stall

Their reputation bore no tarnish
 As they sprayed that lacquer and varnish

The two **Lee's** the boards did carry
 And right behind was **Bill** and **Troy** trying not to tarry

Buzz took a turn at spraying
 and **Owen** did his part by sanding

Bartlett was there to inspect
 And to insure all was correct

So all the action in **Lawson's** shop
 Let us get all the boards done in shape tip top

In closing I hope no one will cry or pout
 If by chance I have their name left out

(In other words, the AIDB game boards are finished!)

Don't Forget Pledges

With all of the energy, enthusiasm and hard work that have been put into the Woodworking Education Center by so many members of the Guild, let's keep in mind this is an intermediate stop in our goal to have our own facility that will include space for the shop, classes/seminars, monthly meetings and other activities of the Guild. I certainly do not want to distract from what has become available to us and what has been accomplished with it thus far, but pledges that were made toward reaching the ultimate goal of our own facility are still needed to be in a position to act when the next opportunity arises.

Payments can be made in any amount at any time. Shortly after the end of the year a receipt for the total of your tax deductible contributions will be sent to you.

Thanks to everyone for the continued financial and physical contributions to the efforts and projects of the Guild.

Mel Brown has DVDs available at www.bama4u.org/video.htm. A wide variety of topics for Woodworkers and Woodturners. We often forget the details by the time we get home. Guild members get a special price for only \$10 each DVD including postage.

Note from our friend and Patron Ron Peyton of the Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking:

On a sad note, my house burned down two weeks ago and we are trying to put things back together after living there for 30 years. We were devastated in that it burned to the ground No one was hurt and we got out with the clothes on our backs. The school was not harmed and we are still having classes. We also will be having the Turning Day at Dogwood on June 7th just as we did last year so come ahead. Just thought you would like to know.

Baker Estate Tool Sale
Sunday, April 20th
1:00 PM until 4:00 PM

This sale is for AWG members only. Though many of **Fred's** tools have already found a home at the AWG Woodworking Education Center, there are lots of items still available. **Fred's** basement is still filled to the brim with treasures and treats. Come check it out and bring cash. What's left we are selling to the public in May.

2100 Grayson Valley Drive, Birmingham. From I59 take the Pinson/Trussville Exit 141. Turn left on Chalkville Road. Travel 1.4 miles. Turn left on Grayson Valley Drive. House is .9 mi on the right just before the first 4 way stop.

Woodworking Education Center at Maylene rapidly moving toward completion

A few critical items remain to be completed before our April 19 target date for opening the shop. Successful workdays have moved us closer to our goal. On the past 4 Saturdays members came to Maylene with enthusiasm and willingness to work hard to complete the items. In addition to the work done on each of the workdays much has been accomplished by individuals and small groups.

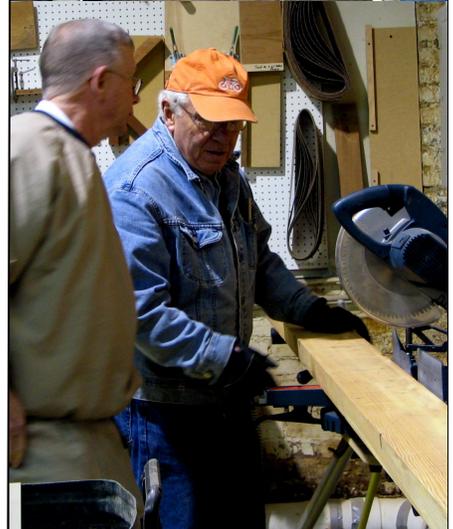
- The large power tools are in place and wired for power.
- The receptacles along the front and rear walls are installed and wired.
- The tool cabinets have been painted and some tools have been placed in them.
- The toy group's room is painted and shelves are installed.
- The clamp racks are built, installed, and painted.
- The Delta lathes are assembled, tested and shelves added.
- Many power and hand tools purchased or given to the Guild are at the WEC.

- Gravel is spread for the loading ramp and driveway.
- We have a dumpster at the shop so to keep the area clean.
- The yard around the shop has been thoroughly cleaned.
- The second bathroom has been renovated.
- The security system has been installed and is in service.

The completion of the shop and commissioning it to service are major steps in the evolution of our Guild. We are moving into a first rate facility with the potential to further the goals of the Guild and to serve the community to an even greater degree. We will soon be selecting and training Shop Supervisors to provide oversight and coordination of the operation of the WEC. These individuals will be the key to successful operation of the shop. Please lend them your support in making our new shop successful.

Bill Newman

Lawson Table Class Continues



Congratulations to Nelda and Buzz

Congratulations to **Nelda** and **Buzz** whose shop was the featured shop in the most recent issue of Woodcraft Magazine. If you have not seen the article, it is worth the price of the magazine for that article alone.

The article is well done, including many pictures of their shop (and the Kellys), insight into how **Nelda** and **Buzz** got started in woodworking, and the progress that they have made since starting. Of course not much of this is news to Guild members who have observed this progress over the years they have been members of the Guild and the Guild

which has benefited from the hard work and participation from both.

The rest of the woodworking readers are now aware of what we have known for years, **Nelda** and **Buzz** are true woodworking enthusiasts who give freely of their time, energy and knowledge to help other woodworkers, foster, support and promote the interest of the Guild in all its efforts and projects and are always there when you need a helping hand.

In addition to "Congratulations", let's add a big "Thank You".

Walter Barnett

We are pleased to add two new sponsors:

Martin Marietta Aggregates furnished two truckloads of gravel for the dock area and driveway out front. This will give us better access to the building. Plant manager, **Ricky Horton**, plans to join the Guild. Look for him and tell him "Thanks for the gravel".

A-1 Sand & Mortar in Alabaster volunteered and hauled the gravel on March 31st. It is great to have the support of local businesses. **Butch Clark** indicated an interest in joining the Guild. Keep your eyes open for Butch and make him welcome.

A. R. Bray

Guild Patrons

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Keep Your Tools Sharp!

Fred Sandlin, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members. Call **Fred** at (205) 663-7524.

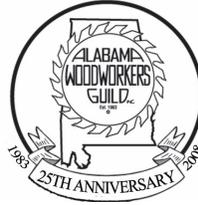


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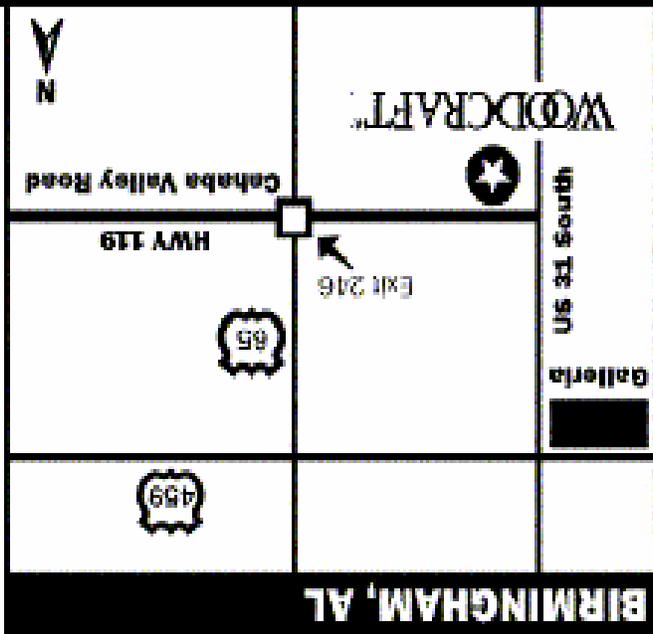


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