



January meeting in Maylene at WEC

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President's Message

Welcome to the new year and a new president (me, not that other guy). Thanks for electing me president again after 8 years. I hope we can make it a fun and productive year. We have a new shop that is set up and running smoothly. We have lumber for sale and expert shop managers to assist people. This is an outstanding asset. We owe a debt of gratitude to the many people who worked on it.

In the coming year, I hope to use this space to describe the many projects our members are working on, so let me know what you are doing. I was in **John Lawson's** shop recently and he was making pepper mills. Working out the jigs and tools to get the parts centered was a nice little job, but the results were good.

We have a seminar on **March 21 with Jim Stafford**, I hope to see a lot of you there and I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. So let's get busy and make some chips.

C. Ard

On Jan 15th you will get a chance to learn how to
"KEEP YOUR CHAINSAW RUNNING".

At the pre-meeting starting at 5:30 and running to approximately 6:15 will be a demo and discussion on chainsaw maintenance and safety. This will be conducted by Larry Reynolds who has recently been to school on chainsaws. You might even want to bring a chainsaw for Larry to look at.



Next Meeting
January 15th
IN
MAYLENE

Pre-meeting 5:30
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Fabulous woodturner to honor us with presentation !!!

Below is a note from Joe Wujcik which was provided for our intro to him. However, after visiting his website, more had to be said. Go there and see his work.

To Fellow Woodworkers,

I am a professional woodturner that lives in Calera, Alabama. I have come to this place through many travels as a Mine Engineer/Manager. I left this profession to become an artist. Wood turned vessels became my medium.

Mr. Bray has asked me to present a demonstration to ya'll on January 15. I will hopefully pass on information about woodturning (specifically hollow forms with wings), but also give you an idea about what is involved to become a professional artist. It is definitely a leap of faith.

See you in January!
Joe Wujcik

www.josephwujcik.com

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A. R. Bray says we could use some help at the end cleaning up the wood chips generated by our 2 speakers.

Annual Dues of \$50
due in January

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

I hope you noticed that the November newsletter included a calendar for the month of December. This calendar showed the hours of operation of the WEC (open each Friday, Saturday and Sunday PM) and the supervisors on duty during those hours. We plan to have the following month calendar in each Guild News (see page 4 for January/February). We hope this helps to schedule any work you plan to do at the WEC. So far each scheduled period has been staffed - thanks to all the shop supervisors!!

Other happenings at the WEC:

The two heat pumps donated by Lennox have been installed by Norrell (thanks to **Jeff Powell**) and are now in operation.

Because of the new heat pumps and other added equipment the electrical service from Alabama Power Co. had to be upgraded to a 400amp service. This work is all now complete.

A new 24" drum sander was donated by a cabinet shop in Irondale (thanks to the efforts of **Lee Beadles**). We hope to have it in operation shortly.

Harold Hall donated a Walker-Turner 16" band saw-it requires new parts and some maintenance work. Hope to have it in operation soon.

The dust control system piping ,electrical work and the insulated room around the filter is complete (this was necessary to eliminate the noise inside the shop). The system is now in operation and works great.

You can see from the above that there has been a lot of work done at the WEC in the last several weeks and several members have been involved. I will not try to name them for surely I would miss someone but there are two that have worked many long hours and deserve our thanks. They are **Bill Newman** for his efforts on the electrical work and **Dan Langford** for building the filter room. When you see them show your appreciation.

The Guild is very fortunate to have such a great shop for the use of our members. If you are not using it you are missing a great benefit. If nothing else come down and fellowship with other members.

Cliff Daniels



December Habitat Project

You would be proud of the beautiful cabinets that were assembled and installed by the Guild for the Habitat for Humanity December house in Wylam. The homeowner (above) was delighted with the nice maple cabinetry.



Since time was short, **Charlie** ordered the cabinets ready for assembly. **Charlie Ard** provided breakfast and lunch for the assembly crew that included: **Cliff Daniels, Jackie Tyler, Dewey Purvis, Dan Browning, Monta King, John Lawson, Brian Burke, Brian Stauss, Buzz and**



Nelda Kelly, and Troy Stroud. Delicious gumbo **Charlie!**

The next weekend we met at **Charlie's** shop at 7 AM to load and deliver the cabinets to the site in Wylam. The install crew included: **Charlie Ard, Mike Key, Dan Browning, Dewey Purvis, Tom Surtees, Jeff Hood, Jim McKittrick, Buzz and Nelda Kelly.** Thanks to all!!!



WELD YOUR BROKEN BANDSAW BLADES !!

A.R. Bray now has the capability to weld together broken bandsaw blades. The first one welded is going to **John Lawson** to be tested, so before getting one fixed you may want to wait on **John's** comments !!

In stock already are 1/4" new carbon steel blades. Cost will be \$5 per weld on a broken blade and \$15 for a new blade - any length. Other sizes will be stocked later. Any questions, call **A. R.** 969-3753 or cell 807-4935 Email at arbray@bellsouth.net



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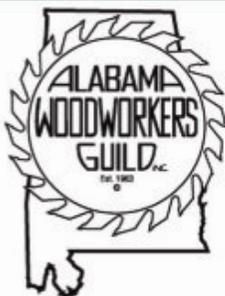
Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!!

With Jim Stafford



Saturday, March 19, 2009
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
\$75 admission fee *includes lunch*

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Jim operates a one man shop - ByJimeny Solid Custom Furniture - in Roswell, GA. He has been a woodworker for over twenty-five years. Jim builds custom pieces focusing on Arts and Crafts built from American and exotic woods. He specializes in the router and has taught his Routercraft series of classes over 60 times at the Woodcraft store in Roswell where he also teaches Table Saw Basics and Intro to Woodworking. He is also a regular teacher at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC and at the Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking in Alpharetta, GA. He is a member of the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia and the Furniture Society. He tutors at his own shop and his websites are: www.byjimeny.com and www.routercraft.com

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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**

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.

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.

Meeting Directions:

**Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak
Grove Road Homewood, AL**

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights). When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and

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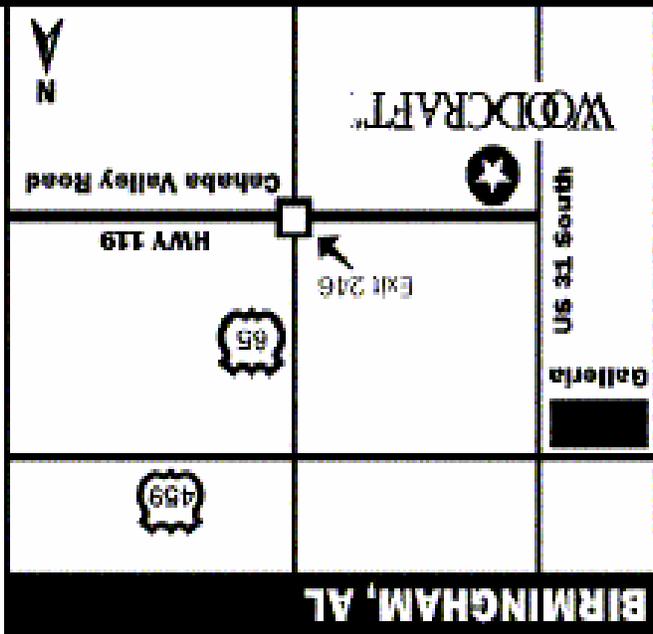


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About Us

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