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President's Message

At long last we finally have the big band saw installed and working. **John Lawson** and I brought it down to the WEC and managed to get it moved in with the help of the Friday gang. **Bill Newman** wired it up and it's running. Thanks to everyone who helped.



I heard we had a good meeting at Hardwoods and I also heard a lot of lumber went home after the meeting. I'm disappointed I could not be there. I hope we can make the Hardwoods meeting a yearly thing.

We will have a booth in the annual Avondale park art show this year on October 31 (Halloween day). We will be able to sell our work and show off the Guild, so anyone interested in doing this please contact me. This will be a good opportunity for those who want to sell their work and I will need volunteers to be there.

See you at the meeting.

C. Ard

Welcome New Members

Patrick Bush
Preston Lawley
Philip Rushton
Alan Stanton

Making Music at the August 15th Meeting

We're trying it again. In June we planned to have **Paul Owens** do a program on building musical instruments. Due to ill health, **Paul** was unable to join us. Accepting no excuses, **A. R.** provided **Paul** with an alternate date.

Paul Owens has built a number of musical instruments over the years. You may remember having seen some in our Annual Show in previous years (most like the one pictured below from 2008 with ribbons hanging off them). **Paul** is going to bring musical instruments to the meeting and show us how he makes them. He'll have violins, dulcimers, and banjos.

You don't want to miss this meeting. It isn't everyday you get to see and hear dulcimers and cigar banjos. We're hoping to get someone to play for us. **A. R. is encouraging anyone who has ever made a musical instrument to bring it for Show and Tell.** Who knows, maybe while lunch is cooking we could have a little picking and grinning!

We're also hoping to get **Paul** to agree to teach a class. Be sure and let our Education Chairman, **Jim Caldwell**, know if you're interested in a class on building a musical instrument.



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Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after the meeting. It costs about \$3 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.

Why Fundraisers???

Walter Barnett

At the last several Board of Directors meetings, a recurring topic has been the need to raise additional funds to support Guild activities and operate the Woodworking Education Center (WEC). At the July meeting, **President Ard**, appointed a committee chairman (**Troy Stroud**) to select a committee and investigate fundraising possibilities then report their suggestions back to the Board.

The committee presented a progress report at the August meeting which led to lengthy discussion of the questions, "Why do we need the fundraisers", "Where is the money going", and "How much does the WEC cost".

We currently have 131 members whose dues of \$50 per year total \$6,550. Without regard to the WEC, estimated annual cost of normal Guild activities are as follows:

GUILD NEWS & DIRECTORY	\$ 2600
MEETING EXPENSES (REFRESHMENTS & SPEAKERS)	1000
WEBSITE	250
CHRISTMAS PARTY	400
TOY PARTS	500
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	1000
SHOW EXPENSES (JUDGE, RIBBONS, RECEPTION)	1000
TOTAL	\$ 6750

As you can see from this, very little, if anything is provided from the annual dues for the operation of the WEC. Also, the meeting expense indicated above does not include the cost of a meeting location (an expense we would incur if we were not using the WEC).

When the Maylene building became a possibility and the question of whether or not to proceed was presented to the membership, the response was, if not unanimous, without objection. It was anticipated, at that time, that the WEC would result in additional membership and would be used by more members than are currently making use of the facility. Unfortunately, that increase has not yet occurred and the usage is totally up to the desires of the individual members.

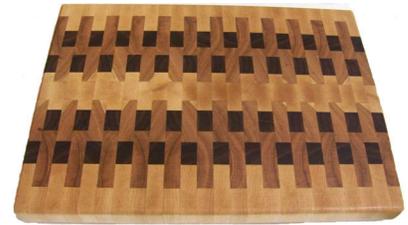
The Maylene location was not anyone's first choice for location of the shop, but I don't think we will ever be able to afford a shop in Hoover, Homewood, or (for that matter) Birmingham. A low rent location is essential. We have completed a full year of operation and have the WEC equipped and situated for normal operation going forward.

Year to date through July, the WEC expenses have averaged about \$1000 per month. This includes some non-recurring items, such as equipment, equipment installation, modifications of services to accommodate equipment and accessories for shop operation. Going forward we know monthly expenses will include utilities of approximately \$500, insurance \$75, and an unknown amount of supplies, repairs and other operating expenses. We can expect between \$750 to \$1000 as a reasonable estimate for monthly operating expensed.

For this, the Guild has access to a facility where sawdust is not a problem for monthly meetings, seminars, and classes; where Guild members have access to equipment that many of us do not own personally.

Are we willing to pay the price or do we want to go back where we were a year ago, renting meeting space where sawdust was problematic?

MAKE AN END GRAIN CUTTING BOARD



At the July meeting at Hardwoods **Eddie Heerten** showed us his beautiful end-grain cutting board. Using three contrasting woods the pattern is striking. Several people expressed an interest in making something similar. **Eddie** has agreed to show us how in a hands on class.

Three half day sessions will start on Saturday morning September 26.

Bring your own wood or purchase some of it from the WEC supply. Walnut (3"X36"), Maple (6"X36"), Cherry (6"X36"), all 4/4; are suggested but you can use other contrasting woods.

The cost will be \$25 payable in advance of the class.

Contact **Jim Caldwell** (E-mail k4jpm@bellsouth.net or Phone 205-901-1021). Pay at the August or September meeting or mail to Jim at 3744 Dunbarton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35223-2706

Comfort Bucket



There's a bucket sitting on the sign in table at each of our meetings. ***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!

AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

August/September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9[32] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Tom Surtees	10 Aug	11 11:00am - 3:00pm Tuesday @ WEC	12	13	14 9:00am - 1:00pmRalph Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Buzz Kelly 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	15 7:59am - 1:00pm ... meeting supervisor Mike Key ... 8:00am - 9:00am Monthly pre-meeting (WEC) 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (WEC) 1:00pm - 5:00pm Troy Stroud
16[33] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Mike Key	17	18	19	20 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @ WEC	21 9:00am - 1:00pmRalph Hardwick 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pmMike Key 5:00pm - 9:00pm Tom Surtees	22 9:00am - 1:00pm Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm ...Bill Shivers
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30[35] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Randall Robertson	31	1 Sep	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	3 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @ WEC	4 9:00am - 1:00pm Randall Robertson 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pmDan Richardson 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten	5 9:00am - 1:00pm Bill Shivers 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbearsww.com/awg>

Woodworking Education Center

At the last door class when we started to install the two doors at the South end of the building we had a problem with the door jamb. **Michael Tomlin** is working on the problem.

The Walker-Turner band saw has had new tires installed and is now in service.

Surprise! Surprise! The "Big Band Saw" was moved to the WEC on Friday the 7th of August, assembled and



is now in service. This is a rather unique saw - it is a 36" saw with approximately 13" re-saw capability. It was built in the late 1800's and originally designed to be driven by a steam engine. The bearings for the upper and lower wheels have cups that you fill with sawdust and then saturate with oil in order to provide lubrication. We owe a big thanks to **Charlie Ard** and **John Lawson** for

all they have done to get this saw ready for the members to use.

The side table project being done by the "Tuesday at the WEC" group is complete and will be offered for sale (probably at the Christmas party).

At the request of other members, the Tuesday group will move their gatherings to Thursday (I guess we will be the "Thursday at the WEC" group now). We hope this move will generate more participants. Our first Thursday meeting will be on the 20th. We will meet around 11:00 have lunch and this first meeting will consist mainly of a discussion of what subjects we want to cover and/or what projects we want to undertake. Hope to see a lot more members there.



Ron Powell, our volunteered yard maintenance guy, and those that are helping him are doing a fantastic job.



SHOW

After the August Guild meeting there will be six weeks until the 2009 AWG Annual Show. I hope you are ready with your projects. There IS still time to get busy and add another item. The Show will be organized as past shows with minor changes. There will be four categories:

- Traditional furniture**
- Contemporary furniture**
- Wood turnings**
- Small objects & Miscellaneous**

Items in the above categories are judged by 3 levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Note the Small Objects category is a "catch-all" for items that don't fit into any other category. You may also enter items into one of the three open categories:

- Wood carvings**
- Shop tools/jigs**
- Toys**

The judge evaluates each item in each category/skill level based on design, joinery, finish and difficulty. You MAY enter items for Display Only (not judged). Items that have been entered in a previous show and won ribbons will be for Display Only.

Show set up and start is on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 AM in the Library Gallery, located on the lower level. Drive up to the lower level entrance for loading/unloading (rear of library). The display remains until Sunday, October 11th. when items should be picked up starting at 2 PM.

Can't bring your piece during set-up? Contact **Walter Barnett** or **Buzz Kelly** for assistance. Limit items to be judged to three per category. If you won a blue ribbon in a category, consider moving to the next level. Judging will be Monday the 5th followed by a reception from 6 PM to 8 PM.

*If you have not participated in previous years, you're missing out on one of the Guild highlights, an opportunity to show off your work and enjoy the fellowship experienced as part of the week's activities. **Don't be left out, come and join in the fun!***

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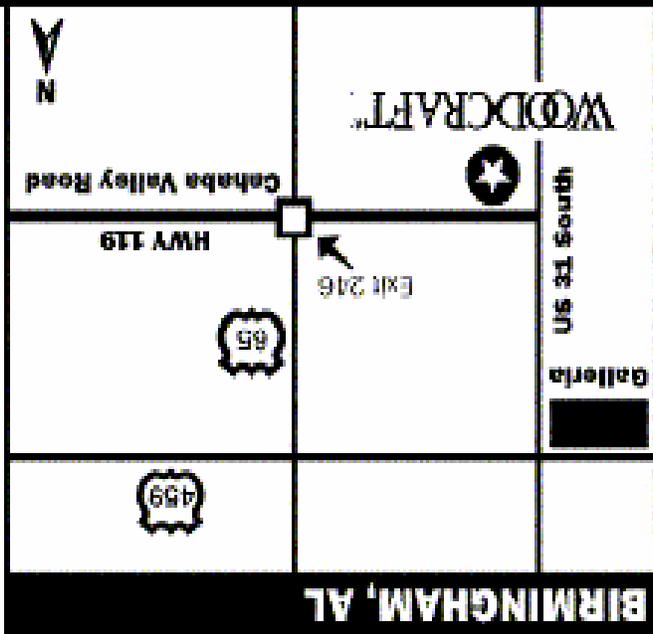


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