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President's Message

We have been having some really outstanding meetings at the Woodworking Education Center this year. Vice President **Tom Surtees** has garnered many talented Guild members from within our ranks to share their diverse talents in both pre-meetings and programs. August was certainly no exception! Past President **Mike Key** demonstrated how to make dovetails on the shop's Leigh jig during the pre-meeting. **Dwight Hostetter** amazed the group with his intricately woven Nantucket Baskets. The talent within our Guild is simply outstanding!

The attendance at the Guild meetings has been consistently high even during the summer vacation season. The September meeting will be held at the Hardwoods of Alabama store's "open house". You won't want to miss this meeting with great deals on lumber and all the hamburgers and hotdogs you can devour. **The WEC will open after the meeting at Hardwoods.**



Monta

Next Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2010
At
Alabama Hardwoods
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Bulletin Board

AWG Annual Show at The Hoover Library: October 9 through October 17. Members are preparing their entries. Is your entry ready? Entries don't have to be new items. See John Lawson or any Board member for more information. (See article on P. 5)

Open House at Hardwoods of Alabama: September 18. Our September meeting will be at Alabama Hardwoods. (See article on P. 2). **See directions to Hardwoods of Alabama on page 5.**

The Website for Hardwoods is:
<http://www.hardwoodweb.com/distribution/hia.cfm> A map can be found at that website.

Art in Avondale Park: October 23 . The guild will participate and sell items made by the members.

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Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting.

August Meeting Program

The August meeting program was presented by Dwight Hostetter. His topic was Nantucket Baskets. Dwight shared his methods, jigs and secrets to his art with the Guild members who were in attendance. As usual for Dwight, the methods were ingenious, the workmanship impeccable and the baskets were beautiful. If you were not at the meeting, you missed a real opportunity to see an artist and craftsman present his work.



August Meeting Show and Tell



Cliff Daniels with some of his turned bowls



AR Bray with one of his tools of yesteryear.



Dwight Hostetter with pens that he turned



Cabinets under construction for Habitat For Humanity

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Show at the Hoover Library

As you are all aware, the annual Alabama Woodworkers Guild show will begin on Saturday, October 9, 2010, and the exhibition will be open until Saturday, October 16, 2010 (so this is the last time you will have to hear about it from me this year). You may bring your entries to the **Hoover Library** at 10:30 am. You can use the downstairs entrance which is located at the back of the library.

A reception will be held on Tuesday, October 12, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at which time all the awards will be revealed, and light snacks will be served, so bring your friends and brag about the Guild.

I am excited about the show! Every year when I enter the library I can't wait to see what surprises someone will build and show this year; and I am never disappointed. Year after year our members come up with some new design or use of wood that is simply amazing. I always do a quick walk through all the entries, looking to see what is new, or who has entered for the first time. I am particularly struck by the work done by new members, or those entering for the first time. After my quick scan of all the entries I go back and spend more time, looking at the details. And, when possible, talking to the person who made the piece, sharing in their trials in building the piece and their ultimate triumph. It is always a treat to see what the "splinter group" from Cullman brings, and the West Alabama Woodworkers Association is up to. To me, this is the highlight of the year. I know everyone may not feel as excited as I, but I sense that many do.

So, you have a month left to finish (or start and finish) your entry in the show. And I hope you will do just that. But if you aren't able to do that please come to the show anyway and enjoy what your fellow Guild members have created and share in the fellowship that we are so fortunate to have.

John Lawson

AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar September/October 2010

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://freecal.brownbears.w.com/awg>

September Program

WE'RE GOING TO HARDWOODS

We will be leaving the WEC for our September meeting to join Hardwoods with their Annual Customer Appreciation Day and Open House. The hours of the Open House are 8:00 – 2:00. There will be vendor demonstrations, door prizes and bargains. **Our program will begin at 10:00.** A member of Hardwoods' corporate management team will talk with us about issues facing various species of exotic and domestic woods.

Hardwoods is located at 180 Airview Lane (Shelby County Airport Industrial Park) in Alabaster. (See directions on P.5). **The Woodworking Education Center will not open until after the meeting at Hardwoods.**

Tom Surtees

Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

There has been no change in the status of the children appliances. The Boys Ranch has decided that we are to bring the signs to them and they will paint and install them. The Thursday group will be spending the next few Thursdays making items for sale at the upcoming Avondale craft show.

Member Mike Brooks has donated a very nice riding lawnmower to the guild. We owe him a really big thanks so when you see him, show him your appreciation.

The new motor and a new contactor has been installed for the dust collector and it is working better than it ever has. There was a lot of work done on this system to get it back in operation and most of it was done on sweltering hot days. We owe a great deal of thanks to Bill Newman, Randy Upton and Mike Key for all the work they did.

The big band saw is out of service right now because of no blade. The large blade that we were using has cut so many feet of white oak and other hard lumber that it got too dull to use. I am trying to find someone that can sharpen it. The other blades were so kinked that they wouldn't stay on the saw.

You are aware now that we have a wide variety of lumber for sale at the WEC and you can't beat the prices any where. Purchasing lumber from the guild helps keep us financially stable. So, make the guild your first choice for lumber.

I found on a recent visit to the WEC that someone had cut a maple board, bought the piece they wanted, re-marked the price on the remaining piece and put it back in the rack. **This is a "No"-No". Boards are not to be cut. You must buy the whole board.** This lumber is for the convenience of the guild membership and is for sale to members only.

There has been an incident recently where a member attempted to cut wet wood (treated pine) and, of course, the cartridge on the SawStop discharged. The cartridge system on the SawStop is designed to detect moisture (whether in a finger or wet wood). The replacement cartridges are too expensive to have them discharged in this manner so the rule is that **no "wet wood" is to be cut on the SawStops.**



Riding lawnmower donated by Michael Brooks



Bandsaw donated by Randy Upton



Randy Upton balancing the Dust Collector

Cliff Daniels



Installation and Balancing of the New Dust Collector Motor

Cliff Daniels and Randy Upton making a door that allowed Randy to balance the dust collector. The guild is fortunate to have Randy as a new member. He is a specialist in balancing motors and their loads. This should increase the life of our dust collector and make it more trouble free. The temperature was near 100 degrees that day. Cliff is always there when major work is being done at the WEC. He does more than anyone this editor knows of to make the WEC usable and safe for our members.

Bill Newman

Welcome To New Members

Paul Anderson, Wayne Burris, Gary Murrie, Paul Shank

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Travelling South On I-65:

Take exit 234 toward Shelby County Airport.

Keep right at the fork to go on CR87.

Stay straight to go onto Shelby West Parkway.

Turn left onto Corporate Woods Drive.

Turn Right onto Airview Lane.

180 Airview Lane is on the right.



A prize-winning piece from a past show! Remember our show at the Hoover library in October. If your entry is not ready, you might want to get started right away. The show is scheduled for October 9 through Oct 17.

Directions to the 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



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