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Alabama Woodworkers Guild

# Guild News



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## Next Meeting

**The next  
scheduled  
meeting is  
February 17**

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## President's Message

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(Don Wilson)

What a great General Meeting we had last month! We recognized a lot of the winners from our November 2017 Annual Show. They not only showed us their beautiful pieces of woodworking but they gave us info on wood and techniques they used. It is always great learning from the best of the best!

Speaking of the best, congratulations to Cliff Daniels as he was the winner of the 2017 "People's Choice Award." This award is for artwork exhibited at our Annual Show and voted by the public and fellow peers as the most outstanding woodworking piece of art exhibited at the show. Over 280 ballots were cast and all the pieces were fantastic! Again, congratulations Cliff!

Last month at the General Meeting our education director, Ray Ziegler, revealed the wonderful classes we will have in 2018. There are 13 of them! The Woodworking Fundamental Class has started already with 19 participants. But don't worry for those that could not take it as it will be conducted again in July! Perfect class for all but especially for beginning woodworkers!

Classes will be conducted monthly so please check our website for all the classes. Our next class will be March 10-11 led by Kenneth Graham and Henry Raymond. Participants will be building a Nicholson Workbench. Cost is \$50 for the class and \$125 for the materials. To register for this class and to see all of our classes, go to our website <http://wp.awwg.info> and then click classes on our menu and scroll down to see all the offerings!

To get all the information we put out to you, please join our Facebook page, visit our website often and make sure we have your correct email address and phone number so we can communicate to you the wonderful opportunities the guild will provide to you in 2018!

May God Bless You All!  
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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### Wood No Longer Sold At WEC

In years past, the Guild has offered wood for sale at the WEC for member's convenience. In past years, we have been in partnership to consign this wood from City Hardwoods. Unfortunately, not much wood has been bought in past years so this arrangement has not been beneficial for us nor has it been beneficial for City Hardwoods. It was mutually agreed upon by the Board and by City Hardwoods to end the agreement.

We appreciate all City Hardwoods does for us and the Board believes it is in our members best interest to continue to use City Hardwoods! They are so nice in offering any member of the Guild a 15% discount on all wood purchases; they have a great selection of high quality wood; and they offer fantastic service and always tell you what woods would be best for your project. The Board believes this type of service is so helpful, especially to new and novice members as they teach you wood basics every time you buy from them.

The wood has already been removed by City Hardwoods. We do have some good cherry wood that we received from an estate sale and have in storage and need to sell. Cost is \$3 per board foot. We will soon have it priced and put out in the WEC until it sells. After that, no more wood will be sold at the WEC.

# WEC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Woodworking Fundamentals Class 2 John Dorough Shop Supervisor 362-572-7537	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only	AWG Board Meeting	4:30p - 8:00p Hand Tool Workshop	9a-1p Ron Powell 1p-5p Ron Powell	Woodworking Fundamentals Class 1 9a-1p Jeff Hood Scheduled 1p-5p Ken Graham Scheduled
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Eddie Heerten	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only		4:30p - 8:00p Hand Tool Workshop	9a-1p Patrick Murphy Supervisor, 205.565.5677 1p-5p Patrick Murphy, Shop Supervisor, Contact: 205.565.5677 5p-9p Randall Baylis 901-3764	9a-1p Brian Stauss 205-335-7241 1pm-5pm Cliff Daniels Supervisor
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1p-5p David Holcomb, Supervisor	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only		4:30p - 8:00p Hand Tool Workshop	9a-1p R Hardwick, Supervisor 7241 1p-5p R Hardwick, Supervisor 5p-9p Van Phillips, Supervisor (205)403-0400	9a-1p Brian Stauss 205-335-7241 Woodworking Fundamentals Class 3 1p-5p Al Coltrane Supervisor (770)329-3904
25	26	27	28			
Woodworking Fundamentals Class 4 Eddie Heerten	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only	9a-2p Shop Closed, Toy Group Only				

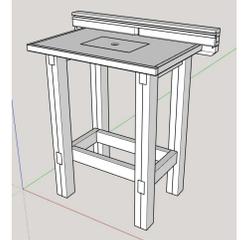
The most current WEC calendar is always available on-line at: <http://wp.a.wwg.info/calendar/>

## 8:00am SketchUp Workshop Topic: More SketchUp Basics

More SketchUp basics at the SketchUp workshop in February. The last workshop covered the line tool and rectangle tool along with push/pull and creating a component. For February, we will revisit these topics, answer any questions and cover using the move tool and how to copy components.

## 9:00am Mentoring Series: Preview and Demo of the Router Table Build Class

Pat Bush will share the design and construction features of the base Router Table which can become a cornerstone of any small shop. This is the same Router Table to be featured and built in the Class scheduled to be taught May 5 & 6 at the WEC.



This session will be conducted on the shop floor so we'll ask members not participating to carry their networking conversations to the classroom or kitchen areas...you know how sound carries when the Dust Collector is not on! Thanks!

## 10:00am February Program: Wood Dust & Chips Management

We are very fortunate again this year to have Marty Schlosser (left in the photo) join us at the WEC and share his knowledge and experience related to the importance of dust and chips management. Marty will provide some basic physics to the problem as well as a systemic approach to minimizing/resolving the problem.

Marty hails from Ottawa, Ontario where he retired after 37 years from the Royal Canadian Air Force. He has been an avid woodworker all his life, designing and crafting unique one-of-a-kind furniture. An accomplished author and defining force behind Ottawa Woodworkers Association (OWA) where he is a past-President and proud recipient of their Danny Proulx Memorial Award, and a founding member of the Kinston Wood Artisans (KWA). He also established the annual KWA Symposium initiative, the latest version of which will be held on 8 April of this year (see: <https://kwoodartca.wordpress.com/special-events/2017-symposium/> )

Marty is always a joy to listen to and get to know. This is not a program or speaker to be missed!



This month will see the return of our Member Show and Tell portion of the General Meeting. Bring your latest completed or in progress project to share with your fellow members and sign-in on the Presentation clip board located on the Sign-in Table inside the Front Door.

The Guild Meetings are open to the Public. Members are encouraged to invite and bring Guests, they are always welcomed to come out and see what the Alabama Woodworkers Guild is all about!

Final Reminder: 2018 Annual Dues were due by January 1st with a grace period through the end of February this year. Members may pay online at the website or bring/mail a check to the Guild to arrive no later than February 28th. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild!!

## 2017 Annual Show People's Choice Award

During the Annual Show at the Hoover Library last year, hundreds of folks came down and marveled at the artistry, craftsmanship and pure talent exhibited by local Woodworkers of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

As they moved in and out and between the displays one could see the fascination and light upon their faces as they took in the warmth and glow of the projects on display. There was the smile of remembering a similar piece of furniture in a favorite Grandparent's home or of a toy one may have had a metal version of in their youth. Whatever the connection, our projects brought back memories of good times with families and friends.

Our faithful volunteers stood the watch over our projects for the week of the Show; ready and eager to share experiences and talk about our family at the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. The volunteers made sure our guests took time to cast a vote on a project that spoke to them, one they liked above all others, one that would become the Peoples' Choice Award.

The votes were tallied and double checked and the winner announced at the January Meeting:

**Congratulations 2017 Annual Show, People's Choice Award Winner,  
Cliff Daniels!!**



Cliff's Project in the Contemporary Furniture: Master Category was a Bathroom Vanity with a stone basin and the People's Choice Award Winner!



As will sometimes happen, Cliff's award winning project did not remain in his home/shop for very long. This had been a special request from his Son and Daughter-in-Law who were very prompt in gathering up their new prize for the home!

## SHOP NOTES

Bad News First:

Well much like your wood wreck (rack) at home...the project rack is a WRECK. The rack was always intended for short term project / class temporary storage. If you have items in the rack and you have not worked on the project in the last couple of weeks...please take your items home. Before anyone gets their feelings hurt...just take a look at the rack and you will agree.

Now the Good News:

New Jet Oscillating Spindle Sander is here...(please don't lose the little wrenches...and it unscrews counterclockwise),  
New (replacement) Ridgid Oscillating Spindle/Belt Sander (please thank manager Dan at the Home Depot in Hoover for swapping it out...they really went well beyond the warranty for our little non-profit).

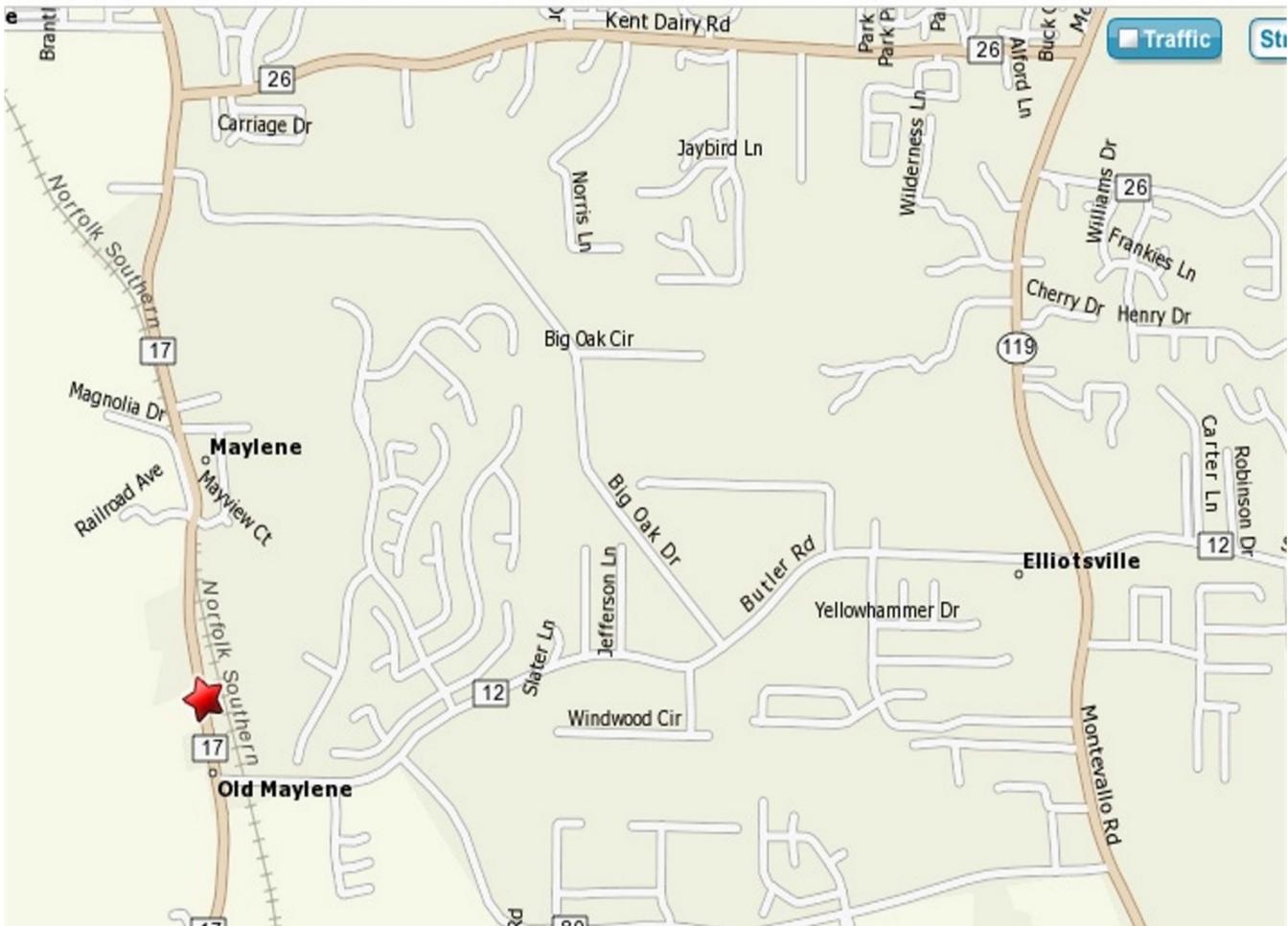
A newly donated Delta Scroll Saw (and a nice one at that) was donated by a member of my church...along with a slew of blade (hundreds) and some fantastic plans,  
We refreshed the carbide cutters (72 of those little buggers) on the jointer and it works LIKE A DREAM. But not checking your wood CAREFULLY for metal, rocks and contaminants makes it work like a NIGHTMARE. So help us keep it running TipTop. We adjusted the bottom rollers on the planer...should help with snipe, but smaller cuts are even more effective.

And more good news...I am making plans for a new chop saw cutting station where the wood sale rack is currently. We are no longer in the wood business (vendor decided it wasn't working out - more on this to follow) - so I am going to use the wall space to create a really well thought out chop saw / router / sanding station. Envision the chop in middle, flush router on one side, sanding station with dust ports on the other - all with a dedicated high power shop vac (self contained and insulated for noise). This will also free up a good bit of much needed wall space for tools to hang on neatly. We MAY move 8 (of the 16) feet of wood rack to the wall behind the chop saw's current location for ongoing projects (this is a real maybe...).

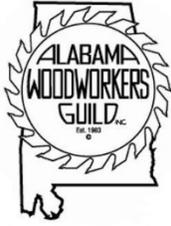
And lastly, we have added several new supervisors to the fold over the last year or so...take a minute to thank them for giving their time to the guild. They include Henry Hager, Al Coltrane, Van Phillips, David Robinson, Randal Baylis and John Dorough. If I missed anyone, please forgive the memory loss. Nancy Reagan DID tell me to say no...but then again I was young.

Shop Management Team (PB only on the Nancy Reagan comment ).

## Directions to the Woodworkers Education Center (WEC)



From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on U.S. Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance.



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## About Us

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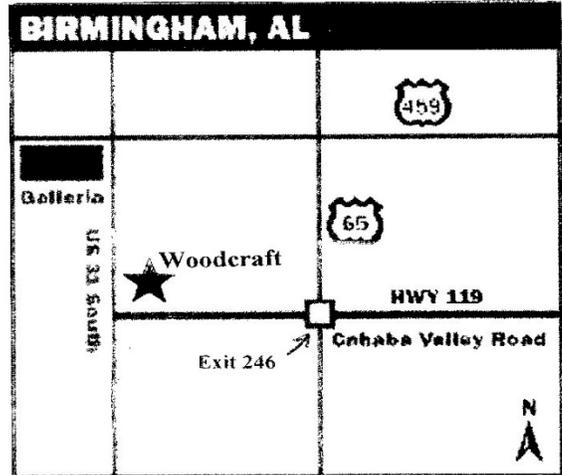
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Take I-65 to Exit 246.  
Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road) 3/4 of a mile to US 31.  
Turn right on US 31 and travel north approx. 0.3 mi.  
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