

# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

## *Guild News*

July 2021

### **ATTENTION**

**The AUGUST meeting has moved from the third Saturday BACK to the SECOND Saturday August 14, 2021**

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#### **President's Message**

It's summer in the south, that means hot and humid. The WEC is nice and cool with the new air-conditioner. Activity is picking up with the special interest groups and I'm hoping to see more activity on our open days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

If you haven't signed up for the Cabinet class where we build cabinets for a Habitat for Humanity (H4H) holiday home, do that now so we know how to plan the class. It's \$100 which helps to pay for the materials for the class. In case you didn't know, building a set of cabinets is part of our agreement with H4H for allowing us to use the Woodworking Education Center. Not a bad deal but we need really good participation to break even on material cost. And with that you get to learn how to make a really fine set of cabinets from scratch.

October is not that far away so be getting your projects ready for the annual show. It would be great if every member displayed 2 or 3 or more projects. Each project will be entered in a specific category and skill level from Beginner to Master. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded by skill and category. Best of show will be awarded based on voting by the public. It is always great to see all the work each of us has been doing all year and to get some recognition for a job well done.

Hope to see you soon at the WEC!

Stay safe,

Van Phillips

#### **Guild Officers and Directors**

**President:** Van Phillips

**Vice President:** Terrance James

**Treasurer:** Bob Watkins

**Secretary:** Laura Hession

#### **Board of Directors**

David Erikson	Sandra McMillan
Matt Sullivan	Bob Baumgartner
Randy Hjetland	Linda Simcik
Jay Bagwell	Rick Wilson

**"A man that works with his hands is a laborer. A man that works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman, but a man that works with his hands, his brain and his heart is an artist." - Louis Nizer**

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

#### **The July Membership Meeting is on Saturday, July, 17th:**

**Networking and Show & Tell begin at 9am. Meeting starts at 10am.**

We have a special program this month. **Dennis Phalen** will give a presentation on a gun case he is making, featuring his gold inlay technique. Many of you have seen Dennis' beautiful work. This should be a real treat.

Meeting will be available on **ZOOM** beginning at 10am.

There will also be a **"MINI " SILENT AUCTION** from 9am—10am so....bring your wallet!

## Welcome New Members

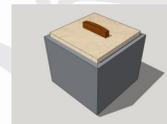
Doug Gillespie  
David Stockman



Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome these new members when you see them at the WEC.

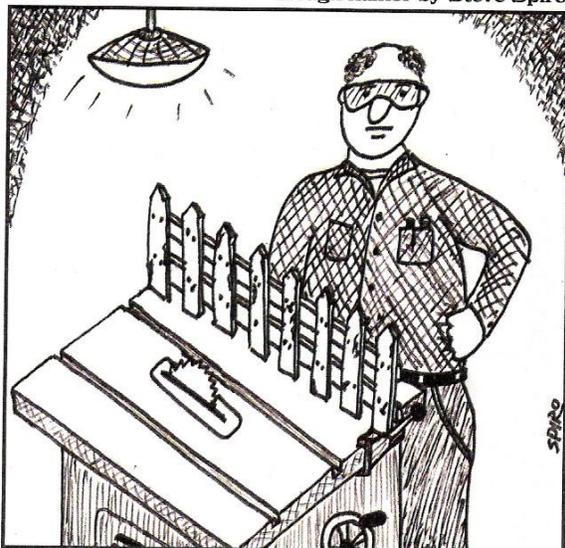
## Sketch-Up Class Returns!

The SketchUp Workshop returns to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild on Saturday, **7/17/21 at 8:00 am**. We will meet in the classroom at the Woodworking Education Center and you can stay for the monthly Guild meeting at 9:00. I'll talk about how to draw a simple 3D model of a small box. Bring your laptop and mouse! If you have any questions, email Jeff Branch at [jeff1137@gmail.com](mailto:jeff1137@gmail.com)



60 Grit

Rough humor by Steve Spiro



Ray still used the old style fence for sentimental reasons.

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## Show & Tell

Have you completed a project you're especially proud of? Have you learned a new skill? If so, bring it to a monthly meeting for show & tell. We would love to see your creations and get some inspiration from fellow woodworkers. You don't have to do anything special, just bring your creation to the meeting.

## Project Christmas Tree

Don't forget, we are still collecting Christmas ornaments for the Childrens Hospital Gala fundraiser. We will continue to collect through the end of September. Contact Terri Hjetland for details

## Shop Usage Report

Job	Hrs(h:m)
6 - Luthier Group	149:40
5 - Hand Tool Group	116:33
8 - Personal Project	113:13
0 - Guild Membership Meeting	51:48
7 - Wood Art Group	34:56
1 - Supervisor	92:19
4 - Toy Group	207:22
3 - Class	50:46
12 - Maintenance - Equipment	05:01
14 - Maintenance - Administration	02:47
13 - Maintenance - Landscape	06:44
Total	83:09

## Mentorship Program

Our mentorship program is new and improved! Do you have a desire to connect with someone that is proficient at a skill that you would like to learn about? Check out our mentorship program on the web-site.

On the home page click on the "Mentoring" heading. There you will find an extensive list of subjects for you to choose from. Click on the skill you want to develop and fill out the needed information. You will be paired with the person that can help you. You will be contacted by the selected mentor to get started. Some folks may meet you at the WEC while others may prefer to work in their personal shop.

Don't hesitate! This a great way to learn a new skill and develop friendships with fellow woodworkers.

### Luthier Group

The Luthier Group is back, almost, to pre-pandemic levels and with the addition of our new members we're as strong as ever. We've been busy with ukuleles, parlor guitars, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, and several restorations of old instruments.

If you are interested in building an instrument, join us on Mondays from 3:00pm till 9:00pm. You don't have to play the instrument; you can give them as gifts. An easy way to get started is with a ukulele. The construction is very similar to a guitar or mandolin but with fewer and easier steps and less cost. There's no formal start to a class. We have the tools, templates and jigs you need and you start your build with the guidance of fellow members. Everyone works on their project at their own pace.

We thought we'd share a few pictures of work in progress.

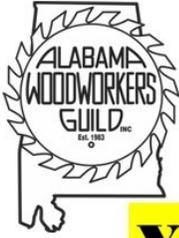


### Toy Group

In spite of a slow start we have already made over 3,000 toys! We are working until 2pm, so if you join us, bring your lunch. Also, we are overflowing with toys. Contact Linda Simcik If anyone knows of a NON-PROFIT that can use our toys such as church daycares or ministries.

And... since we have been so productive we are in need of wood donations and copy paper boxes to pack them in. We use untreated pine. It's OK if it is rough or dirty we can mill it to fit our needs. Any donations are greatly appreciated not only by the Toy Group, but also by the children who receive these toys.





## ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

"Making saw dust with a purpose"

**You've seen him on ZOOM...**  
**Now SEE him LIVE and in PERSON!**

We are honored to follow up Doug Stowe's ZOOM presentation with a very special master class.

Doug will conduct a two day face to face demonstration Master Class on decorative box making on **August 21 and 22, 2021**



**Doug's promise:** "Two problems typically challenge woodworkers attempting to make a box. The first is at the beginning and involves cutting perfect miters or other joints. The second comes toward the end when hinges are ready to be installed and you face the risk of screwing up your near perfect box. My well tested procedures eliminate risk at both ends, allowing the woodworker to focus on personal creativity at all points between. I'll be demonstrating new techniques simplified and advanced over what I've shown in books, articles and videos in the past."

**Bill Newman, the AWG "box guru", has long studied and followed Doug's work and teachings. He has this to say:** "My own work has been heavily influenced by Stowe's books. I look forward learning from one of the best when Doug presents a two-day class in August"

**August 21st & 22nd, 2021**

**9:00am-5:00pm**

**AWG Woodworking Education Center**

**Cost \$175.00, Non-Members \$225.00**

You can learn more about Doug Stowe and class registration by visiting our website education page at:  
[wp.awwg.info](http://wp.awwg.info).

Click on the education tab and select classes. There you can register and pay for the class via paypal.

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## Festival Season

It is already mid July and Autumn will be here before you know it. Autumn in Alabama means **Festival Season!** As the weather cools many organizations and municipalities have festivals, craft shows etc. These events are a great way to network with other artists and crafts people and get new inspiration and ideas. It also a great way to promote the Alabama Woodworkers Guild and our mission.

Therefore, we are going to choose select festivals to participate in. We will be asking for volunteers to help man the booth for two hour shifts. These are local events so you won't have to drive very far. Another perk is that you can enjoy the festival activities before or after your shift.

Another benefit is to meet and connect other guild members.

Our first show is the Tinglewood Festival in Montevallo. This is an all woodworking show. We have actually been invited to be a part of this year's event. The date is Saturday September 11, 2021. Booth hours are from 10am to 5pm. There will be more details at the July meeting. Stay tuned!

### 2021 Class Schedule

7/24—7/25

#### **Inlay Master Class with Jack Smoot**

During the two day workshop Jack will teach the process of inlaying Mother of Pearl, Abalone, and metal. These materials can be inlaid on musical instruments, boxes, and furniture. Jack will have a simple picture everyone can inlay in wood. After the first project you will inlay designs on something you have made – a box, musical instrument, drawer, etc. Bring a project, some designs and plenty of enthusiasm. Check the AWG classes for a new short list of supplies for Jack's class.

8/21 – 8/22

#### **Decorative Box Making Master Class with Doug Stowe**

This master class will be a fun experience in box making. During the two days Doug will teach you how to make beautiful decorative boxes. He'll show you techniques that will increase speed, accuracy and craftsmanship. These skills will transfer to all woodworking projects.

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#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Our Habitat build will start at the end of August. During the classes you will learn how to make cabinets for your home. Sessions will concentrate on building the carcass, doors, drawers and finishing. This is a great series of classes. You'll learn new skills (or brush up on old skills) while you make cabinets for a Habitat house.

**Class 1 - August 28, 2021 - Orientation and Face Frame Build**

**Class 2 - September 4, 2021 - Carcass Construction**

**Class 3 - September 11, 2021 - Drawer Boxes**

**Class 4 - October 2, 2021 and possibly October 4, 2020 - Doors and Drawer Fronts**

**Class 5 - October 23, 2021 - Spray Finish**

**Class 6 - November 6, 2021 - Attach Doors, Drawers, and Pulls**

**Class 7 - Early December - Installation of Cabinets at Holiday House**

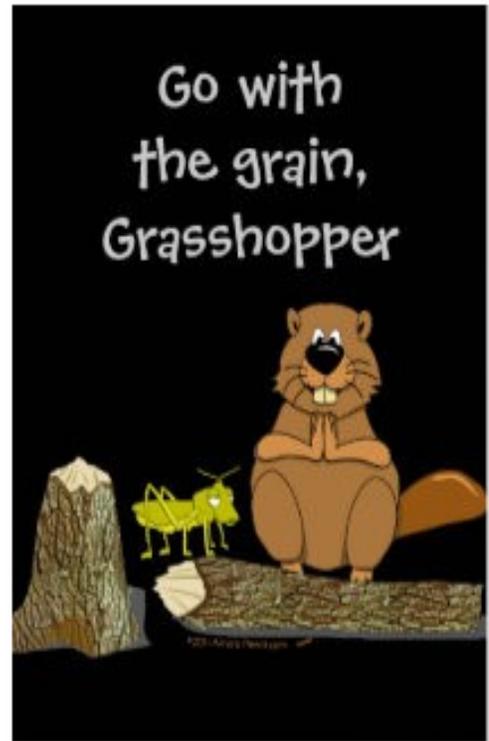
**Class 8 - TBD - Holiday House Dedication**

# WANTED

**Wanted: Someone to repair wood clock cases.**

Stephen Campbell, professional clock repair service, Helena, AL, is seeking individual woodworker to make occasional minor wood repairs (loose joints, patching, small part replacement, cracks, etc).

Call 1.205.663.2822



## Eight Woodworking Tips to Boost Your Efficiency

taken from an online blog by Ron Smith

### Tip # 4 Prevent Excess Glue Stains

To eliminate stains caused by oozing glue along joints, clamp pieces together without glue. Apply masking tape over the joint and then cut it with a utility knife.

Next, separate the pieces, apply the glue, and clamp them together again. The glue will ooze onto the tape, not the wood. Remove the tape before the glue dries.

**Editor's note:** Wow! So simple. Why didn't think of that!



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### About Us

We are an organization of woodcrafters with skills ranging from beginner to master craftsmen.

Our monthly meetings will be conducted at the WEC for those who can attend and also virtually via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM. Be sure to check out the mentoring sessions that start at 9:00AM

Our members share woodworking tips, bring projects to show and tell, hear guest speakers, and see live woodworking demonstrations at every meeting. Our free library contains books on techniques, videos, and project plans.

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL. The WEC is open Friday-Sunday for the membership and for visitors to drop by to see what we are all about. Please, before dropping by, check the WEC Calendar on our website (<https://wp.awwg.info/calendar/>) and make sure a Supervisor is scheduled to be on-duty

### Community Involvement

In Addition to monthly meetings the Guild also has a group of dedicated woodworkers who meet at the WEC to make toys and various wooden therapeutic devices for Children's Hospital and other deserving organizations.

The guild also constructs each year for Habitat for



kitchen and bath-Humanity

room cabinets



**Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking**