

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Guild News

July 2022

July Membership meeting: Saturday July 16, 2022

Shop Clean-up after meeting. Lunch will be served.

Guild Officers and Directors

President: Terrance James

Vice President: Jay Bagwell

Treasurer: Bob Watkins

Secretary: Laura Hession

Board of Directors

Bob Baumgartner	Rick Wilson
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Mike Kelly	Rick Ford
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Matt Sullivan	Bob Free
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Linda Simcik	Alden snow
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Mike Casey

President's Message

Step Up and Help

It's certainly not unique to the Guild, but it always seems that when things must get done, the same core group of people show up and get busy. I certainly appreciate that they do. I can also appreciate that we all have responsibilities outside the Guild; many of them take a higher priority. But I am not asking everyone to take on major roles if they cannot commit to them. But there are countless ways you can participate in supporting our mission.

"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

A prime example is our upcoming shop cleanup. We did this last year, and it was a great success. After the July General Meeting, we are asking anyone who can to stay after for an hour or two and help doing a deep-clean of the shop. And as a thank you for doing so we plan to grill some hot dogs and have chips for those who help.

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

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Linda Simcik has headed our Toy Group for four years now and has decided to step down at the end of the year. We are looking to identify that person before the end of the year so that Linda can transition that role smoothly.

In the coming months, we will establish a Nomination Committee to put forth a slate of candidates for Leadership positions next year. If you are interested in serving on that Committee, please let me know. And if you have any interest in being an officer yourself, please let that be known to any Board Member.

Like any organization, we only survive when folks step up and take on responsibility. I am not asking anyone to over-commit, but even little efforts add up. I hope you'll give this some thought and start looking for those little things that need to happen and just make them happen. If you want to help and don't know how, I am always willing to steer you toward a need we have that might fit your interests.

But there are other ways you can help as well. You may have specialized knowledge outside of Woodworking that we could use. Are you familiar with Marketing? Our Outreach Committee would like your help. Are you an Accountant? We're always keeping an eye out for who might take the Treasurer role since Bob Watkins had decided he's done after this year. If you would like to take on any leadership role, we have folks rolling off the Board each year and fresh ideas are always welcome. Although I felt like it was my duty to do my part as President, I do not plan to take on that role again next year. I am proud of what we have done this year as we reach new membership numbers and establish a real plan for maintaining our shop facilities, however it is time that I fall back to just being an active member and let someone else take the lead.

And to those core members who are already doing more than we ask, I offer my gratitude.

Terry James

Shop Usage Report

This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	308
Members Participating	39.08%
Members Not Participating	63.96%

Total Usage Comparison

Wed, Jun 1, 2022 - Thu, Jun 30, 2022	
Hours	1218
Visits	365
Individuals	111

Toy Group

Time for a Change

I have been leading the Toy Group for the last four years and it is time for a change.

We are looking for at least two people to take on the leadership roles for the group to bring fresh ideas and energy. Although I have been running solo for the past few years, it is better to have at least a team of 2 people.

You don't have to be an experienced woodworker or manager, if I can do it anyone can do it! You will also make some wonderful friends and get a tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

I will be there with you for the first few months to you get acclimated..

Please consider this opportunity. Toy Group is the longest and largest outreach program of the Guild, and we want to see it continue.

Thank you,

Linda Simcik

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? Check out our mentorship program on the website.

On the home page click on the "Mentoring" tab. 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.



Dog Days of
Summer
Bah Humpug

Shop not airconditioned?
Come and work in the cool and comfortable WEC

Hours: Friday 9am - 9pm;

Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm

Tinglewood Festival

September 10, 2022

The Tinglewood Festival is a free (no admission charge) one day event held in Orr Park . This Festival is a signature event for the City of Montevallo. The Festival is organized by the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Montevallo Main Street, and the Montevallo Arts Collaborative.

Each year the Guild is invited to participate. This is a fun **ALL WOODWORKING** event. There is food, music, lots of vendors and a chainsaw carving competition. There may also be a classic car show.

The last couple years we have had membership information & literature, a lathe and a scroll saw. This year we want to have several 15 minute demonstrations. And your help and talents are needed. We need demonstrations on Wood Turning, Scroll Saw, Musical Instrument Construction, Pyrography, Carving, and any other skill you can demonstrate.

If you are interested or have any questions you can send me an e-mail: to:
linda.simcik@alabamewoodworkersguild.org

In addition to promoting the Guild, you will have the opportunity to browse the vendors and talk to other woodworkers. You may even come up with a few new ideas!

Please sign up by July 30th so we can work out a schedule.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board, or send me an email.

Got ?s

There are a lot of changes happening in the Guild. If you have General questions, comments or suggestions about the Guild and your membership send and email to: info@alabamewoodworkersguild.org



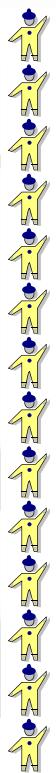
New Members

Jim Brown

David Walljasper

Billy Mims

If you see any new members at
the WEC, please stop and make
them feel welcome



July Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Networking: 9:00am

Meeting: 10:00am

Program: Power Carving demo

by Terri Hjetland

NOTE

There will be a shop deep clean session after the meeting. We are asking members to stay and help. Lunch will be served.

2022 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm

No cost to members

See website for details

June 25—26 Horizontal Router Class 9am—5pm

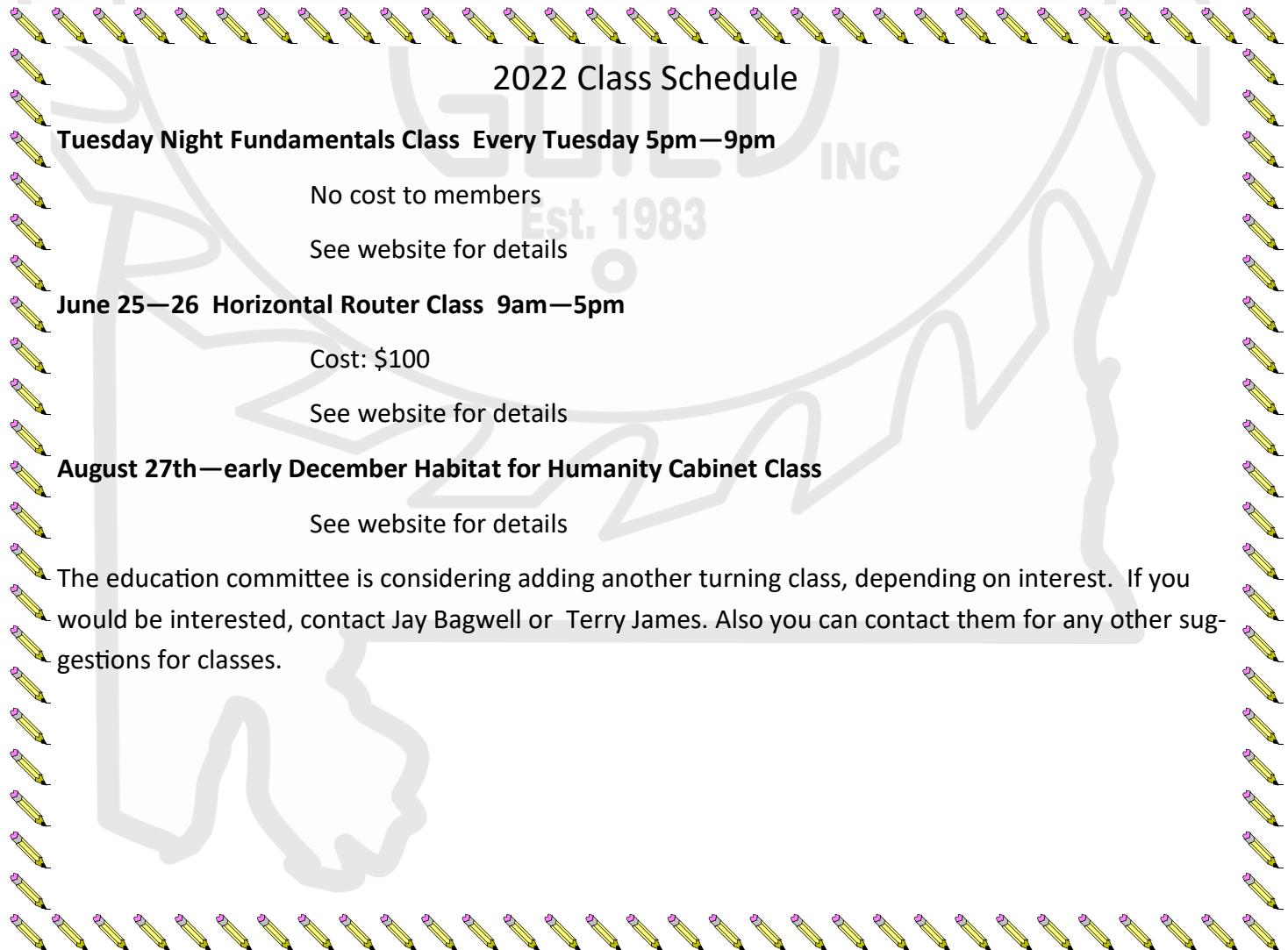
Cost: \$100

See website for details

August 27th—early December Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Class

See website for details

The education committee is considering adding another turning class, depending on interest. If you would be interested, contact Jay Bagwell or Terry James. Also you can contact them for any other suggestions for classes.

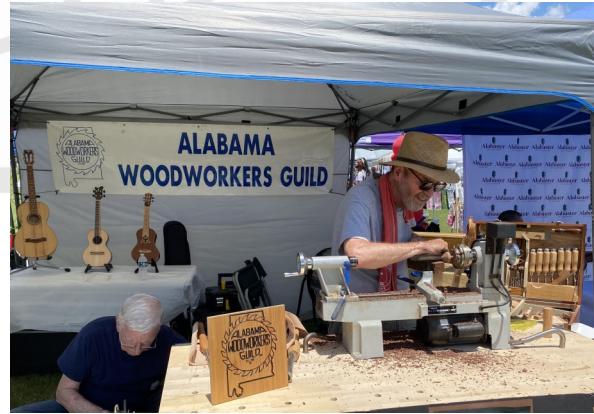


Alabaster CityFest

This was the Guild's first year participating in Alabaster City Fest. We had a great turnout with many visitors at our booth. A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with set up, manning the booth and some wonderful demonstrations. Some of the demonstrations we had were: woodburning (Terri Hjetland, Cathy Robinson, Wally Duncan); scrollsaw (David Robinson) the lathe (Van Phillips), and one of the biggest hits - Nathan Kelly Played a Cigar Box Guitar made at luthier group - for two hours straight. Nathan drew people in as they walked by, with his talent and describing how he made the guitar. The members of the Guild that were there to enjoy the performance were impressed by both his musical skills and the amazing pedal board he made! I truly enjoyed watching Nathan and seeing his enthusiasm for music and pride in the instruments he has made.



A big thank you to: all our volunteers; Henry Raymond for coordinating the registration, for helping with all City Fest logistics and getting us a prime spot for our booth; Terri and Randy Hjetland for donating a Tent to the Guild; Rick and Kim Ford for loaning a Tent and volunteering to add the AWG logo to our new tent.





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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 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 kitchen and bathroom cabinets each year for Habitat for Humanity



Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking