



The Alabama Woodwork-

Guild News

May 2023



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President's Message Jay Bagwell

Greeting fellow woodworkers! We had a very successful auction at last month's meeting. Thanks to everyone for the donations, and of course the buyers!

As you are probably aware, a recommendation was made last year to explore a youth program at the AWG. After safety concerns from some members were voiced, the committee went back to the drawing board, and made several positive changes that will appeal to most members. We will be discussing proposed changes to our By-laws, and the youth membership policies at the general meeting this month.

We are planning to have a booth again this year for the Alabaster Cityfest, which is Saturday, June 3rd. We are looking for volunteers to help with the booth, and demonstrate some of the activities we offer at the AWG. Cityfest is a fun local community event, and we always gain new members from our efforts there. Please consider volunteering your time, and help showcase the Guild!

As this is our 40th anniversary as a Guild, we are planning a catered BBQ luncheon & open house this fall, in conjunction with our general meeting on September 16th. As part of this event, we are looking for members that have old photographs of members at work, or group pictures taken over the years. We are putting together a video slideshow, so please consider lending us any AWG photos!

Jay Bagwell

"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

Shop Usage Report

This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	291
Members Participating	46.83%
Members Not Participating	54.30%

Total Usage Comparison		Sat, Apr 1, 2023 - Sun, Apr 30, 2023		
Hours		1248		
Visits		454		
Individuals		133		
Usage Comparison by Program		Sat, Apr 1, 2023 - Sun, Apr 30, 2023		
	Hours	Visits	Individuals	
Personal Projects	226	96	68	
Class	131	49	40	
CNC/Laser/3D Printer GP	18	11	11	
Hand Tool Group	122	35	28	
Luthier Group	226	72	39	
Toy Group	227	60	38	
Wood Art Group	62	21	13	

The SWAG is In!

The 40th anniversary t-shirts and hats have arrived and your order will be available at the May meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting, your order will be on top of the glass cabinet in the kitchen. Items will be packaged in a bag with your name on it.

May Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:30 am: CNC/Laser Group –meeting in class room

9:00-10:00am: Meet and greet, mentorship time

10:00am: General Meeting

This month's program: Geoff Wymer will demonstrate wood carving using a Dremel tool.

New Members

Howard Clowdus

Joan Clowdus

Karen Kiley

Bill Kiley

Lance Throckmorton

Adam Wideman

The Comfort Bucket



There's a bucket sitting on the Kitchen Island at each of our meetings. Its concept dates back to the days when the Guild met at the Homewood Senior Center. 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!



Alabama Woodworkers Guild - Luthier Group



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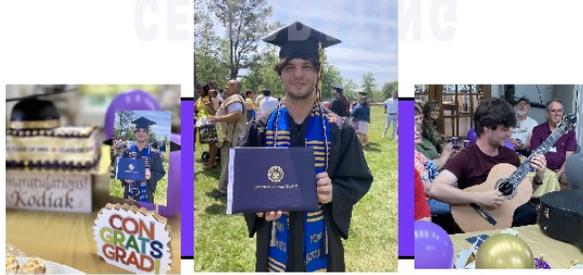
Under the mentorship of experienced luthiers from the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, located in Maylene AL, three Shelby County high school students, with nominal previous woodworking experience, had the opportunity to build their own ukuleles. Featuring walnut sides/back and spruce tops, tenor ukuleles were built using wonderful kits from StewMac luthier suppliers. The students also participated in months of lessons in preparation for this impressive project. Not only has their musical repertoire increased, but now they have their own ukulele build with which to continue their musical development-long into the future.



GREAT job guys!!



CELEBRATING



One Of Our Own

The Luthier Group presented Kodiak a group-made classical guitar in honor of his graduation from the University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in guitar. We are so proud of Kodiak's accomplishment and thoroughly enjoy having him as part of our luthier group. Special thanks goes out to Dennis and Sandy for spearheading the occasion.



NEW SIG

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CNC-Laser-3D printing group

The Guild now has another specialty group. The CNC-Laser-3D printing group. This group, currently led by Van Phillips and Henry Raymond, has a CNC and Laser available for members to use once they complete the necessary training.

The training program is a little more detailed than a typical machine at the guild but the group will be holding training sessions over the next few months that will start with beginners and progress in skill level. The training will be free to the attendees and we will have several sessions at various times in an effort to accommodate anyone.

The group also has free access to several Cad/Cam type programs you can download onto your computer and do design work at home if you wish. There will be a small (less than \$25) 1 time fee for the software to use the laser if you want to use it on your own laptop. The guild has a laptop you can use if you so desire at no cost.

These machines will be a great asset to those who wish to enhance their woodworking projects. While the group doesn't have a 3D printer at this time it will serve as a support group to those that do or desire to learn more.



2023 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class Every Tuesday 5pm—9pm No cost to members A different subject every week. Check the WEC calendar for details.

Pen Turning Class with Cliff Daniels

Saturday, June 24th, 2023, 9:00am-1:00pm

Instructor - Cliff Daniels

Cost \$70.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Cutting Board Class with Eddie Heerten

Saturday, July 15th, 2023, starting after the General Membership meeting; Sunday, July 6th 1:00pm,

Sunday, July 23rd, 1:00pm

Instructor - Eddie Heerten

Cost \$50.00 PLUS Material cost.

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class

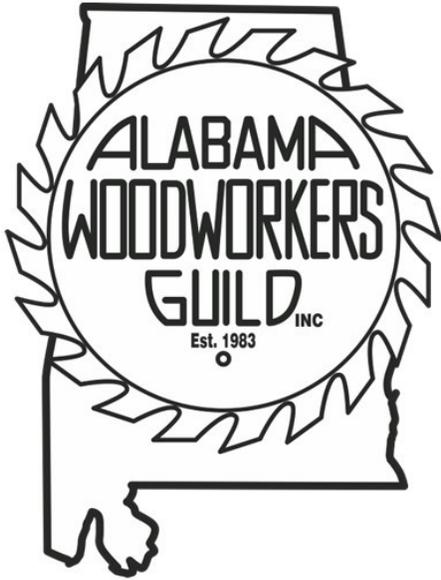
August 26th, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

Cost \$100.00

To get more information or to register and pay visit our website : <https://wp.awwg.info> Click on the education tab.





Save the date!

ANNUAL ART SHOW

October 14 - October 20 2023

Hoover Library - Lower Level

Start planning your entry ***NOW!***

It will be here sooner than you think.

The show is open to all members—no matter your skill level!

Enter EVERY year to show how your skills have improved!

More details to come...

Annual AWG Woodworking Show

For those that are new to the Guild, here is some basic information you need to know:

WHO: For all guild members

All skill levels (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced)

WHAT: A woodworking project that hasn't been entered in the show regardless of date of completion

Any woodworking project completed in a class either at the guild or outside the guild

WHERE: Hoover Public Library

WHEN: October 14 – October 20, 2023

WHY: To show the public that woodworking is alive and well

To inspire current members to continue woodworking and learn new skills

Get critiques from the judges to improve your skills

HOW: 1. Make something to enter in the show

2. In October, print and complete application that will be on the website

3. Bring entry and application to the Hoover Library on October 14





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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



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