



# The Alabama Woodwork- Guild News

June 2023



## 2023 Guild Officers and Directors

**President:** Jay Bagwell

**Past President:** Terrence James

**Vice President:** Rick Ford

**Treasurer:** Alden Snow

**Asst. Treasurer:** Steve Simcik

**Secretary:** Sandy Smith

## Board of Directors

Rick Wilson                  Patrick Murphy

Mike Key                      Julie Erwin

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Linda Simcik                Ken Blackwood

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## President's Message Jay Bagwell

Hello fellow Guild members,

Last month we presented a proposal to change our current By-laws to allow youth members (age 13-17) to use the WEC, under direct guidance of an approved mentor. At this month's general meeting, we will be voting on the proposal. Our organization is "member driven", and I wanted you to know that the Board of Directors takes our responsibilities seriously when it comes to safety and well being of the members. No proposal is ever 100% perfect, and sometimes compromise is messy. As President, my goal was to present this to the membership in a fair and democratic manner, with transparency. I feel we have met those goals, so now the choice is yours on how we proceed.

Please mark your calendars - after the general meeting on September 16th, 2023, we will be having an open house/luncheon to celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a Guild! This will be a catered BBQ lunch with all the trimmings for \$10 per person. Feel free to invite a friend, and show off the Guild! We are hoping to have a slideshow presentation running with new/old photos of Guild members, our facility, a special project, or anything you think the members would like to see! If you have any pictures to share, please put them in a clear ziplock bag (with your name visible) and bring them to the next general meeting.

I love old quotes, and heard a good one a few days while talking to another Guild member..."Show me a man who never makes a mistake, and we'll show you a man that has never made anything..." So true, especially in the context of woodworking!

See you soon!

Jay

**"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

Mon, May 1, 2023 - Wed, May 31, 2023

### Usage Comparison by Program

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	154	58	45
Class	185	55	39
CNC/ Laser/3D	72	32	28
Hand Tool Group	100	36	32
Luthier Group	331	104	63
Toy Group	314	83	38
Wood Art Group	38	17	14

### This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	313
Members Participating	43.31%
Members Not Participating	60.70%

### Total Usage Comparison

Mon, May 1, 2023 -  
Wed, May 31, 2023

Hours	1546
Visits	480
Individuals	123

## June Meeting

Saturday, June 17, 2023

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

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

**Note: There will be some items up for auction this meeting**

10:00am: General Meeting

This month's program: Dennis Brink will show jigs for guitar making

## New Members

Phil Brabner

Richard Gregg

Nickolas Ludvik

Stuart Thompson

Barry Winn

Bobbie Gregg

Alma Vazquez

## *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!

# 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.

**Bandsaw Box Class with Bill Newman and Gary Crosson**

**Class is Full**

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023, 9:00am-5:00pm

Instructor - Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Cost \$40.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants

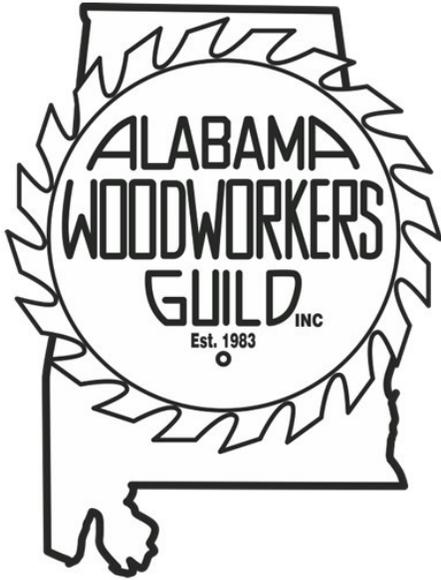
**Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class**

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

### Alabaster City Fest





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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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