

The Alabama Woodworkers

*Guild News*

July 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**

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President's Message
Jay Bagwell

I hope everyone had a great Independence Day! My message this month is to ask you for help. We are currently in immediate need of several volunteers for many program areas. Please consider giving some of your time, as even just -2 hours per month of your time to the Guild would be a huge help! Here are the current areas in need:

Education Committee**Youth/Mentor program****Anniversary Open House/Luncheon for September 16th**

In addition to these immediate needs, I am in the process of putting together a nominating committee for any board vacancies, and officers for next year. If you are interested in serving the Guild as an officer, or board member (starting January 2024), please let me know. Whether you are an old, or new member, I'm certain you have something to offer and bring to the table. Often, an 'outsider's perspective' is helpful with certain problems, and I would love to see some new members volunteer to help!

As always, a huge thank you to everyone who serves the Guild and keeps everything running!

"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

Thursday, June 1, 2023 - Friday, June 30, 2023

Usage Comparison by Program

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	154	58	45
Class	185	55	39
CNC/ Laser/3D Printer GP	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

Thursday June 1, 2023 -
Friday June 30, 2023

Hours	1546
Visits	480
Individuals	123

July Meeting

Saturday, July 15, 2023

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

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

10:00 am: General Meeting

This month's program: Luthier Group performs patriotic music

New Members

Jason Mann	Audrey Maynor
Rachel Mann	Tom Elie
Stewart Womack	Dravyn Godwin
Ron Udem	Willis Jordan
Tonya Udem	David Wood
Peter Suomala	

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.

Cutting Board Class with Eddie Heerten

Saturday, July 15th, 2023, starting after the General Membership meeting; Sunday, July 16th 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

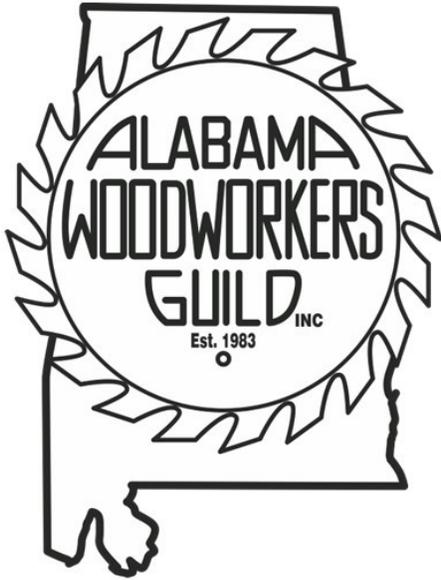
August 26th, 2023

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

Limited Edition T-Shirts

Saturday, July 15, 2023 Is the **LAST DAY** you can order 40th anniversary T-Shirts and hats. There will **NOT** be another opportunity to order. You



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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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