

The Alabama Woodworkers



Guild News

August 2023



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President's Message Jay Bagwell

Greeting fellow woodworkers!

The general membership meeting for next month, September 16th, will be a special one. We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary as a Guild, and will have a catered BBQ luncheon directly after the meeting. Tickets will be on sale at this month's meeting for \$10 each. A link will also be on the website so you can order on line. Feel free to invite friends and family to this event!

Please start thinking about putting the "finishing touches" on your projects for this year as the annual show is getting closer every week! Regardless of your skill level, please enter your items this year!

We are still in need of volunteers to manage our education programs for next year. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to helping out. Speaking of helping out, we are planning to have a booth at this year's Tinglewood festival in Montevallo on September 9th. Tinglewood is a woodworking festival, and a great opportunity to showcase everything we do!

Hope everyone has had a great summer so far, and see you at the

SPECIAL EVENT

Come celebrate the 40th year of "making sawdust with a purpose". A luncheon and open house will be held after the September meeting. Tickets will be sale for \$10 each. More information at the August meeting.

"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

August Meeting

Saturday, August 19, 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: Dwight Hostetter will demonstrate turning a cowboy hat ornament.

New Members

Debra Losey Michael Burgin

You Are invited

As you may know, the Alabama Woodworkers Guild is in the midst of their 45th year. The Guild will mark this milestone with an anniversary luncheon after the September meeting.

The event is open to ALL Guild members, friends and family. Join us for a time to reflect, reminisce and think about the future of this wonderful organization. There will be a look at our history through a special pictorial presentation.

What: 45th Anniversary Luncheon

Where: WEC

When: Saturday September 16, 2023 from 11am-2pm-following the September membership meeting.

Tickets are \$10/member and family or guests.

Tickets will be available for sale at the August meeting and on the website.



Childrens Hospital Christmas Tree

Each year Childrens Hospital of Alabama invites businesses and organizations to decorate a Christmas tree for display in their lobby. These trees are then offered up for auction at their annual fund raising gala.

We participated in 2021, and our tree fetched a pretty price.

We are excited to participate again after a year hiatus.

We have put out a plea for ornaments and gifts hand made by our wonderful and talented membership.

So far we have about 220 ornaments which is a good amount, but we need more. Around 300 ornaments nicely fills up a 7ft pre-lit tree. Please help us reach at least that goal. As they say, "the more the merrier". The deadline for ornaments is October 6th. The tree will also be on display at our Annual Art Show.

By the way, the Alabama Woodturners Association has had a tree for many years and usually gets top dollar! We can't let the wood turners out shine us! (No offence to any cross over members which I am one of them, I have made several for their tree as well)

Thank you for your help.



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.

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.

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

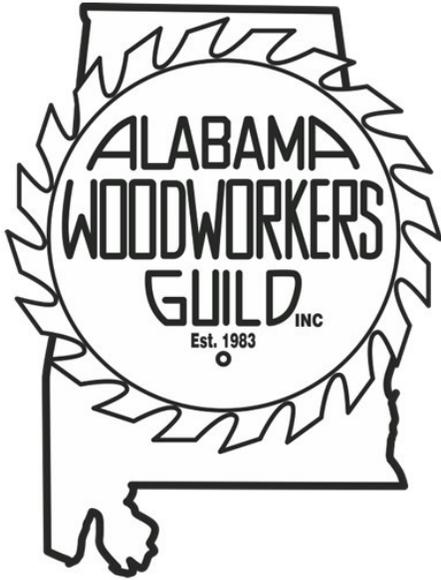
HOW: 1. Make something to enter in the show

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

The second round of t-shirts will be available for pick up at the
 August meeting.



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...



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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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