

The Alabama Woodworkers

Guild News

October 2023



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Celebrating 40 Years

2023

"Making saw dust with a purpose"

2023 Guild Officers and Directors

President: Jay Bagwell

Past President: Terrence James

Vice President: Rick Ford

Treasurer: Alden Snow

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Mike Key Julie Erwin

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President's Message Jay Bagwell

The annual show is here! Please tell all your friends and family to check out the exhibition, currently on display at the Hoover Public Library. I'm pleased that this year's show will be one of the biggest in our history, so make sure and check out the AMAZING entries and vote for your favorite! A very special thank you to Terri Hjetland for coordinating this year's show.

I also wanted to thank everyone for making the Guild's 40th Anniversary a success, it was great to hear and see all the founding members that came and shared their stories of our humble beginnings.



"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

The nomination committee has completed their important task of finding candidates for our Board of Directors, as well as Officers for the next year. Their recommendations will be presented to the membership this Saturday at the general meeting. Regardless of their recommendations, if any member wishes to run for an elected officer position please consider doing so!

October Meeting Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 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

New Members

Kevin Skelton

Tony Nichols

Tom & Cindy Warriner

Bill Churchwell

Bennett Pearce

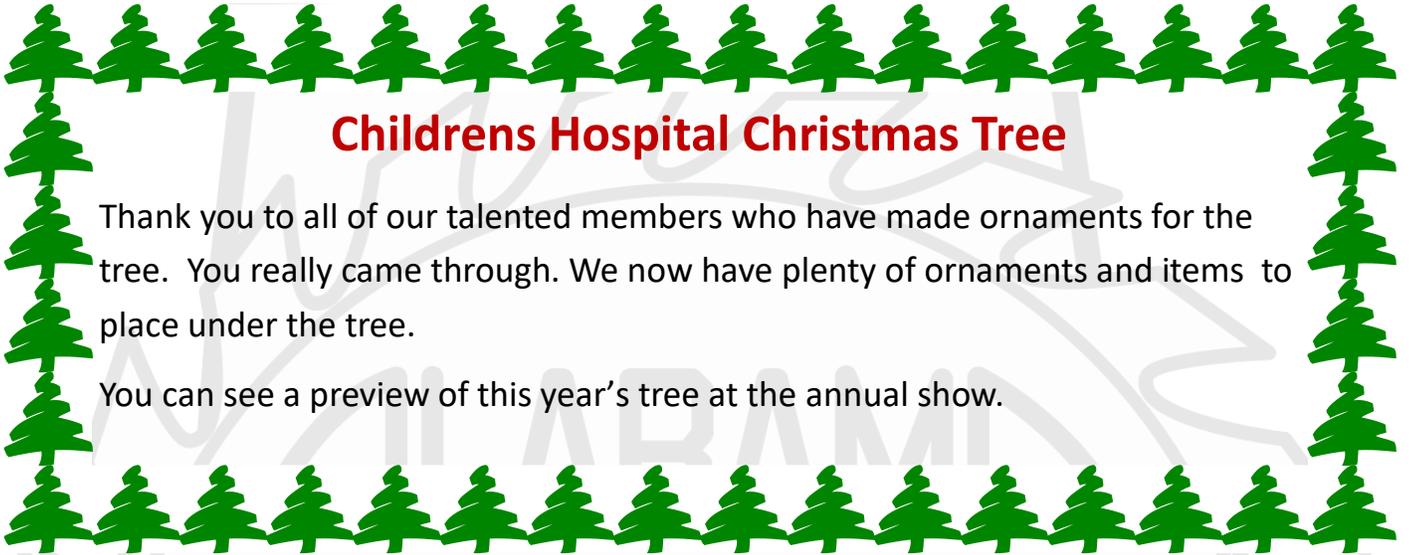
Adam & Amanda Boyd

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Major Announcement

This year's Christmas party will be on Friday, December 1, 2023 at the Alabaster First Presbyterian Church on Hwy 119 (just south of Walmart Neighborhood Market).

More details as they become available.



Childrens Hospital Christmas Tree

Thank you to all of our talented members who have made ornaments for the tree. You really came through. We now have plenty of ornaments and items to place under the tree.

You can see a preview of this year's tree at the annual show.

On With the Show!

Our annual woodworking show opened on Saturday October 14th. Thirty-nine individuals entering 104 entries makes this year's show the largest in recent history. Here is a sneak peek:



Don't forget about the award reveal and reception on Thursday, October 19th at 6pm.

2023 Class Schedule

Tuesday Night Fundamentals Class First and Third Tuesdays of each month from 5pm to 9pm No cost to members . A different subject every week. Check the WEC calendar for details.

Box Building Class with Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Saturday, November 4th, 2023, 9:00am-4:00pm

Instructor - Bill Newman and Gary Crosson

Cost \$45.00

Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Class Full

Cam Clamp Class with Van Phillips

Saturday, January 13th, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm

Instructor - Van Phillips

Cost \$30.00

Class size is limited to 8 participants.

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



WEC Usage Report

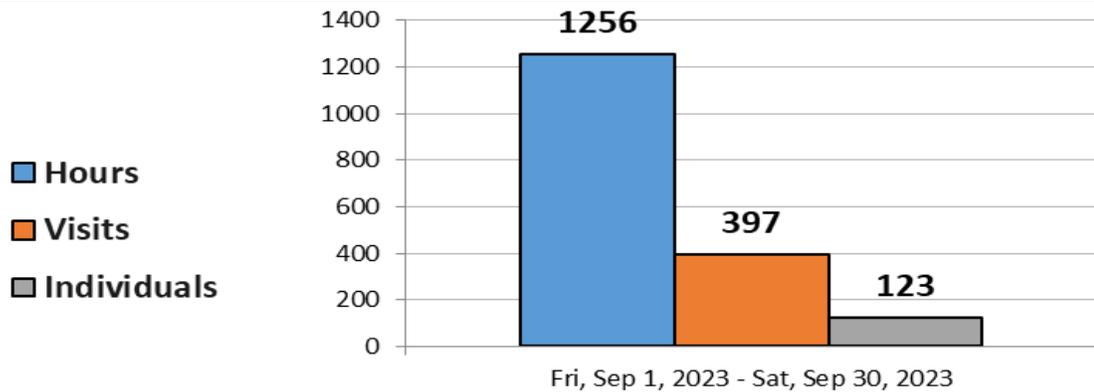
September 1st thru September 30th

Total Usage Comparison

Hours	1256
Visits	397
Individuals	123

This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	342
Members Participating	35.96%
Members Not Participating	64.04%



Usage Comparison by Program

	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	159	53	31
Class	177	56	26
CNC/Laser/3D Printer GP	7	3	2
Hand Tool Group	131	37	15
Luthier Group	218	69	36
Toy Group	163	44	20
Wood Art Group	104	34	10



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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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