

The Alabama Woodworkers

Guild News

November 2023



1983 *Celebrating 40 Years* 2023

"Making saw dust with a purpose"

2023 Guild Officers and Directors

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President's Message Jay Bagwell

With Thanksgiving upon us, I hope we can all pause for a minute to count our blessings, and be thankful for what we have at the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. We have a wonderful facility, and (almost) every tool imaginable. I'm most thankful for our amazing volunteers, so please take the time to thank anyone you see helping at the Guild. A lot of work goes behind the scenes to keep things running, and I am most appreciative! Speaking of volunteers, we will be having our elections at this month's general meeting. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help the Guild!

We had a great annual show, with some incredible entries. Walking around our exhibition I continue to be amazed at the talent of our members. A very special thanks to Terri Hjetland, Randy Hjetland, Linda Simcik, Steve Simcik, Sandy Smith, , Mike Casey, Gary Click and Terry James for making it a great success. I also want to thank all of the volunteers who worked the show. We will be showcasing some of the winners at the general meeting for a "show and tell" program.

Finally, make sure to mark your calendars for Friday, December 1st, for our annual Christmas Party!

"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

Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

November Meeting

Saturday, November 18, 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: **Voting on 2024 officers and Directors**

Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2024 are now being accepted. These fees are the main source of revenue for the AWG. This is a real bargain! For \$100/year you have access to:

- Well equipped shop
- Woodworking Library
- Classes & presentations from nationally known master wood-workers
- Connecting with fellow woodworkers

Deadline for payment is February 29, 2024 but why wait? 2024 Dues Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC:



An On-Duty Shop Supervisor can accept cash or a check for your dues or more preferably, you may renew online at our website: [Alabama Woodworkers Guild - Join or Renew.](#)

Remember also that we need to have your Badge at the WEC in order for it to be updated with your 2024 Decal.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Guild's activities!

New Members

Lynn & Brenda Baswell

David & Wendy Loar

Robbin Reese

Rob Miles

Ron Haynes



Childrens Hospital Christmas Tree

The culmination of the year long task of collecting tree ornaments occurred on Sunday, November 5, 2023 when we decorated our tree at Childrens' Hospital of Alabama. Thank you to all that contributed ornaments. Our tree is laden with the efforts of our talented members.

A special thank you to Linda and Steve Simcik and Darlene and Chris Hutto for giving up their Sunday to decorate the tree.



2023-24 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.

Bar-top Arcade Machine Class with Salim Dove

Saturday, January 6th, 2024, 9:00am-11:00am

Instructor: Salim Dove

Cost \$140.00



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.



Intarsia Class with Chris Hutto

Saturday, February 10th, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm

Instructor - Chris Hutto

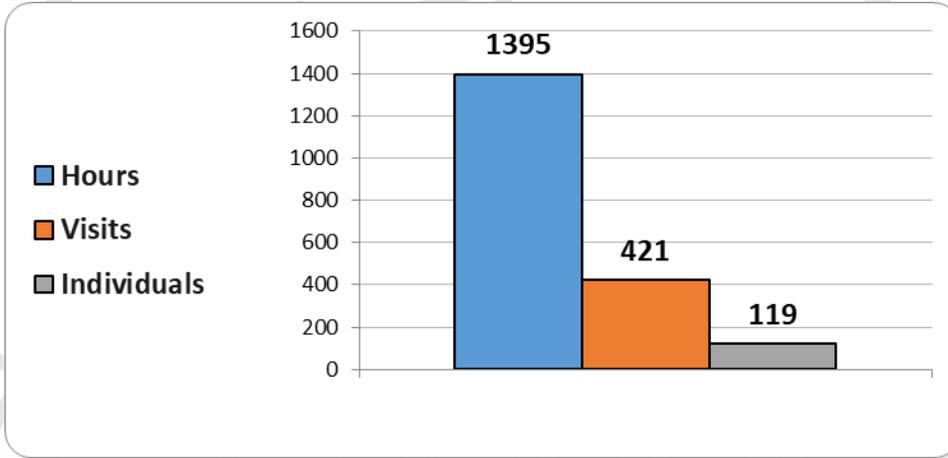
Cost \$25.00

Class size is limited to 6 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



This Month's Membership Participation

Total Members	348
Members Participating	34.20%
Members Not Participating	65.80%

Total Usage Comparison

Hours	1395
Visits	421
Individuals	119

Usage Comparison by Program

	Oct-23		
	Hours	Visits	Individuals
Personal Projects	117	62	37
Class	174	38	25
CNC/Laser/3D Printer GP	12	10	10
Hand Tool Group	39	14	13
Luthier Group	310	98	50
Toy Group	338	84	40
Wood Art Group	61	17	15



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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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