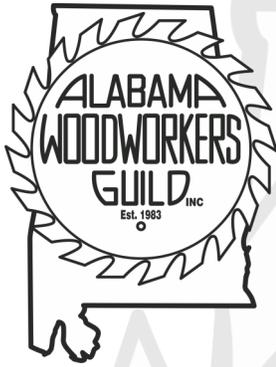


The Alabama Woodwork-



Guild News

January 2024



"Making saw dust with a purpose"

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President's Message Jay Bagwell

Happy New Year everyone! As we begin the new year, I would like to share some of the "behind the scenes" work that goes on at the Guild. At our next general meeting, I plan on incorporating some details of our current financial situation, and some improvements we plan on making as the new year progresses. Our board meetings are always welcome to any member of the Guild. The meetings are typically held the first Wednesday night of each month, and can be accessed via zoom with your home computer. Email a request to info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org if you are interested in attending a meeting. You can also submit a request through our contact us tab on the website.

I'm excited about 2024 at the AWG! Let's all work together to make it the best year ever for the Guild!

"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



January Meeting

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:15 am: CNC/Laser Group –meeting in class room

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

10:00 am: General Meeting: Art show winners show & Tell

Annual Membership Fee

Annual \$100 fee payments for 2024 are due NOW. 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

Final 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!

The AWG wants YOU to renew!



New Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

Every Thursday Evening
5:00pm-8:00pm
Cost Free

- ★ Join us every Thursday evening from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for a Woodworking Fundamentals Workshop. On the first and third Thursday each month we will cover a different topic related to woodworking, from sharpening blades, table saw techniques, panel glue-ups, resawing on the bandsaw, etc. You can also get your questions answered related to your current project.
- ★ The Hand Tool Workshop overlaps part of this time slot. If you have an interest in working with traditional tools and techniques we encourage you to come early and get involved with that group as well.
- ★ On Thursdays other than the first and third Thursdays this will be conducted as a workshop where you can bring your personal projects and we can use those as examples while learning as a group.
- ★ We encourage members of the Hand Tool Workshop to use this time to continue working on hand tool projects as well. Hopefully Guild members who work will be able to continue their project work later into the evening than the official Hand Tool Group hours
- ★ Topics for the week can be found on the website's calendar under each Thursday.
- ★ The cost is free unless noted on the calendar for a special project that requires an additional material fee.

Editor's Note

I have been editor of the Guild News for the last five years. I always try to make the newsletter fun and interesting. I think the BEST way to improve the newsletter is input from YOU!

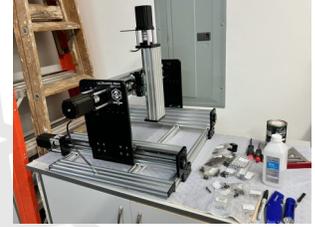
This month's edition includes two articles. One from the CNC group and one from the recent Cam Clamp class conducted by Van Phillips. I was pleased to include these articles and I would like to see more.

I invite you to submit any articles, tips, or announcements. Also we would like to see what everyone is up to. Send us pictures of your work with maybe a brief description. Or just send me a picture! Send your submission to linda.simcik@alabamawoodworkersguild.org

Your help is most welcome. —Linda Simcik

BUILDING OUR OWN CNC MACHINES

The newest Special-Interest-Group (SIG) to be formed at the Alabama Woodworkers Guild (AWG) is the CNC/Laser/3D Printer Group or simply the CNC Group. Just like the other SIGs, as a AWG Member, participation in this group is free, there is no official membership, and all you need is an interest and the time to participate.



The regular scheduled time for the CNC Group to meet is at 8:30 AM before the AWG Monthly Meeting (which is on the 3rd Saturday of the month). The topic of the meeting will vary between the CNC Router, the CNC Laser, and the 3D Printer depending on the interest of the people attending the meeting. The CNC Group may meet more than once a month if there is an interest in doing something special.

Although you do not have to have your own CNC Machine to participate in this group, a few of the members have had their own CNC Machines for a while which is a real asset in providing different perspectives and ways of doing the things being discussed. Currently there is an effort to have a CNC Router and CNC Laser available to the General Membership. However, this may take some time to set up the procedure because as compared to the other machines we have in the shop, a lot more knowledge is needed for an individual to run a CNC Machine and a CNC Machine is much more susceptible to being damaged.

As the interest in using a CNC for various projects increased within the group, the opportunity to do a Group Build of your own CNC was presented to the Group. I personally jumped at the opportunity to build my own CNC under the guidance of knowledgeable individuals who have done this before. A total of 10 members decided to build their own CNC. All the CNC Kits purchased are Bulk Man 3D ULTIMATE Bee CNC Router Machine Full Kits with a Water-Cooled Spindle. The sizes of the CNC did vary with the primary reason being the size of the area the individual had in their shop for the CNC Machine. It will probably take several weeks to assemble the CNC and get it running. Although this is a Group Build, everyone is going at their own pace in building their CNC. Right now, my frame is built with the next step being the electronics. You can be certain that I am so glad I have assistance with this next step. I am looking forward to having my CNC up and running and learning all the different things I can do with this new tool. I want to thank Henry Raymond, Van Philips, Alden Snow and Mike Key for the time they spend in making this Group a success and helping us build our CNC Machine.

If you are interested in learning about CNC Machines, I encourage you to sit in at one of our meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Steve Simcik



Steve Simcik waiting for Alden Snow to tell him what to do next



Mike Key & Alden Snow assembling a CNC frame

WHAT WE NEED IS MORE ~~COWBELLS~~ CLAMPS

I do not know a woodworker who believes they have too many wood clamps. Quite the opposite, most of us would like to have more clamps. However, with the high price of wood clamps, few of us can afford to buy all the clamps we would like to have. To address this need, Van Phillips taught a Cam Clamp Class (try saying that fast three times) at the WEC to eight of our members. The cam clamps that Van taught us how to make are used a lot by the Luther Group in making their stringed instruments. With a maximum jaw opening of 8 1/2" and a throat of 6", these clamps are very functional. However, if you want to have a longer clamp, or one with a deeper throat, this design can be easily modified. Although you cannot achieve the squeezing pressure with this style of clamp as compared to other bar clamps, they are strong enough to hold most pieces together that are being glued. Van did an excellent job in preparing for this class, walking us through the steps in making our clamps, and giving us personal assistance when needed. Everyone got a set of templates and the material to make six cam clamps. Both at the table saw and the drill press, we all benefited from the jigs that had already been made. To sum it up, this was a fun and very beneficial class. Not only did we learn how to make the clamps we need in our home shop, we each brought home six clamps along with the knowledge and templates to make more.

Do not forget to check the AWG Website for a class you would like to take. If there is a class you would like to take and you do not see it, talk to Bill Newman or Gary Crosson to see if one is in the works.

Steve Simcik



Pictured left to right:

Douglas Mansfield, Van Phillips, Tom Elie, Charlie Hagggar, Karen Chiu,
David Walljasper, Chuck Bullock, Mike Charles

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BABY!**

CLAMPS



2024 Class Schedule

Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

Every Thursday Evening
5:00pm-8:00pm
Cost Free

Cutting Board Class with Eddie Heerten

Saturday, January 27th, 2024, Beginning at 9:00am
Sunday, January 28th, 2024, Beginning at 1:00pm
Sunday, February 4th, 2024, Beginning at 1:00pm

Instructor - Eddie Heerten
Cost \$50.00

Class size is limited to 6 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.

Modern Joinery Class with Marty Schlosser

Saturday, March 9th, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm and
Sunday, March 10th, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm
Instructor - Marty Schlosser
Cost - AWG members and members of other woodworking guilds \$150
Non-Members \$225 (\$75 can be applied to Guild membership)
Class size is limited to 16 participants.



Pen Turning Class with Cliff Daniels

Saturday, April 27th, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm
Instructor - Cliff Daniels
Cost \$70.00
Class size is limited to 6 participants.

Beginning Intarsia Class with David Robinson

Saturday, May 4th, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm
Instructor - David Robinson
Cost \$35.00

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	375
Members Participating	26.13%
Members Not Participating	73.87%



Total Usage Comparison

Fri, Dec 1, 2023 - Sun, Dec 31, 2023

Hours	868
Visits	287
Individuals	98



New Members

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| Owen Roberts | Steve & Rebecca Clark |
| Timothy Dollins | James Fotheringhame |
| James Averette | Danny & Denby Potts |
| Ryan Lester | Cherie & Ben Wood |
| Karen & Stephen Chiu | Timothy Dollins |
| Tony Knight | Ken Basilio |
| Jason Burrus | Theresa Bennet |
| Laura Gilmore | Lindsey Robinson |
| Mark Miles | Scott & Patricia Huval |
| Morgan Seay | David Kizer |
| Larry Walker | |





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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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