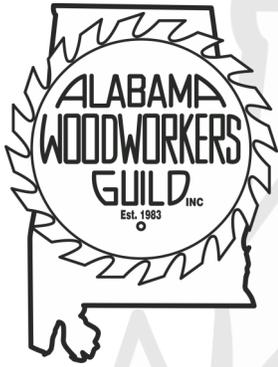


## The Alabama Woodworkers

*Guild News*

February 2024

*"Making saw dust with a purpose"***2024 Guild Officers and Directors****President:** Jay Bagwell**Past President:** Terrence James**Vice President:** Rick Ford**Treasurer:** Alden Snow**Asst. Treasurer:** Steve Simcik**Secretary:****Board of Directors**

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Tom Hession                      Mike Key

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**President's Message**  
**Jay Bagwell**

This month I thought I would take a minute and share some behind-the-scenes things we are doing to make the Guild a better experience for everyone. We are in the process of finding ways to make the Guild more efficient, by establishing a more modern method of maintaining our member records, training, liability waivers, etc. This is a huge task, and we are confident you will like the results. I'll be sharing some details about our ultimate goal, and why this change was needed at the general meeting on February 17th.

Speaking of shop improvements, I'm happy to report we now have both hot & cold running water in the shop bathroom! Special thanks to Gary Click, our WEC manager for making this happen. Our Guild runs 100% on the generous amount of time from our volunteers, a special thank you to everyone that makes this possible!

**"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



# February Meeting

## Saturday, February 17, 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:

Program: Presentation on Intarsia-Linda Simcik

# Annual Membership Fee

Your 2024 Annual \$100 fee payment is due before the end of February. If you joined or renewed last year between March, 2023 and October, 2023, your 2024 Membership Fee is now due.

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

Your 2024 Dues Paid Decal will allow you to have continued access to the WEC:



Any 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.

The AWG wants YOU



to renew!

## 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.

Though not required, if you plan on attending a Thursday night class it would be helpful for planning if you could send an email to [education@alabamawoodworkersguild.org](mailto:education@alabamawoodworkersguild.org) and just let us know you plan to show up.



## Cutting Board Class

Eddie Herten and his son Chris held their annual winter cutting board class series in January and February.

Since there is a lot of cutting and watching glue dry, it takes three sessions to complete the project. Below are some of this year's participants completing their cutting boards.



# 2024 Class Schedule

## Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

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

## 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



## Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build Class

August 24th, 2024 thru November 9, every other Saturday

9:00am-4:00pm

Cost \$100.00

See website for more details.

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

Click on the education tab.



**New Members**

Caroll & Jann Andrews

John Becker

Tommy Brown

Peter Elie

Felicia Renee & Brandon Floyd

Kira Fonteneau

Katheryn & Eva Kendrick

Paul Noah

Jake & Any Stein

Miles Stewart

Matthew Wert

Matthew Smith

Mike Charles

Marc & Misty Brenner

Katrine Brooks

James Vines

Janet Bonds

Carol Effinger

Kate Hall

Lee Hedrick

Omar & Kira Fraser



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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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