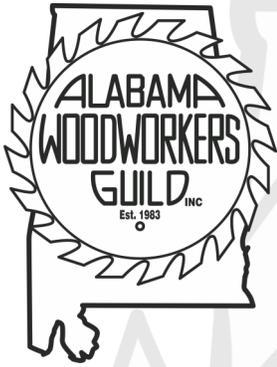


The Alabama Woodworkers



Guild News

June 2024

“Making saw dust with a purpose”



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President's Message Jay Bagwell

Hope everyone is having a great summer! I wanted to take the time to once again thank the dedicated folks that make the Guild run, day by day. Our volunteers work hard to make sure our members have a good experience at the shop. Next time you are at the shop, please take the time to thank the Supervisor, or the folks running our special interest groups! We have an immediate need for some volunteers to assist with some Audio/Visual gear at the Guild. If you have any experience with video, setting up microphones, etc this would be a great way to help out.

“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

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is one third planning, one third execution and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake that you just made during the execution.

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Newsletter Editor: Linda Simcik

June Meeting

Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

9:00-10:00 am: Networking, mentoring

10:00 am: General Meeting

Program: Not known at time of publication

Annual Show Categories

- ★ Boxes With Joinery – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced
- ★ Furniture - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced
- ★ Musical Instruments - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced
- ★ Scroll Saw - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced
- ★ Woodturning - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

Open Categories– no skill level

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| ★ Boxes – No Joinery – Open | ★ Toys – Open |
| ★ CNC – Open | ★ Carving – Open |
| ★ Pyrography – Open | ★ Miscellaneous – Open |
| ★ Tools and Jigs – Open | ★ All Challenges - Open |

Special Interest Group Challenges - no skill level

- ★ CNC SIG – TBD
- ★ CNC Router SIG – “V” Cut
- ★ Hand Tool Group – Mantle Clock
- ★ Luthier SIG – A Child’s First Instrument
- ★ Wood Art Group – A Trio of Ornaments

★ If you are interested in any (or all) of the above challenges you can join the group and attend the meetings.

The Segmented Ornament

By Steve Simcik



The Segmented Christmas Ornament Class, which was taught by Dwight Hostetter, was great. Those who attended the AWG 2023 Art Show may remember seeing Dwight's Indian Blanket Bowl which won a Blue Ribbon in the Advanced Wood Turning Category and it also won the coveted People's Choice Award. Dwight has also been a program speaker and show & tell presenter at several of our monthly meetings. I know Dwight is a very talented turner, and not surprising, I also discovered he is also a very good teacher. Due to the number of lathes we have at the WEC, the class size was limited to four people. Because of this, Dwight was able to give a lot of one-on-one instruction when needed. Although I have been turning for a while, segmented turnings are something new to me. Dwight led us through each step as we each made our own ornament. As you can imagine, there are a lot of steps needed to make a segmented ornament. However, even though each step was not difficult, I had trouble turning the finials with my tools that seemed to be too big to get into the small crevasses of the finials. After a while I finally got the finials to a shape I was satisfied with. At the end of the class, everyone had completed their ornament and was happy with the results. They all looked great to me. I really enjoyed making a segmented ornaments and I plan to make more. For the next ones, I want to try some of the various ways that Dwight said the shapes can be changed to make them all unique. I only hope that I can remember all the steps and the order in which to do them.



Intro To Scroll Sawing

By Linda Simcik

The scroll saw is the tool most used in intarsia. It requires accuracy in cutting, so the various pieces fit together properly.

With the increased interest in intarsia, I decided to conduct a beginning scroll saw class. It was a bit of a challenge as I have never taught a class. In spite of my inexperience, I had fun and I think it went pretty well.

The class size was limited to three participants. I taught two sessions, a morning and an afternoon.

I have to say, my students did an excellent job. With a few beginning exercises, they were each able to complete a project to take home. By the smiling faces, I would say they enjoyed the class. As with any new skill, practice is the key. I am sure my students will keep making saw dust.

With any new endeavor, you learn as you go. The next scroll saw classes will be extended to a full day.

Here are pictures of my afternoon class:



Sorry morning class 😞, I was so focused on teaching that I forgot to take pictures.

I am hoping to team up with David Robinson and Chris Hutto to develop a series of classes to take woodworkers from basic scroll to wood intarsia. Please contact Gary Crosson or me if you interested in this series of classes.

2024 Class Schedule

Thursday Fundamentals Workshop

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

Picture Frame Class with Henry Raymond

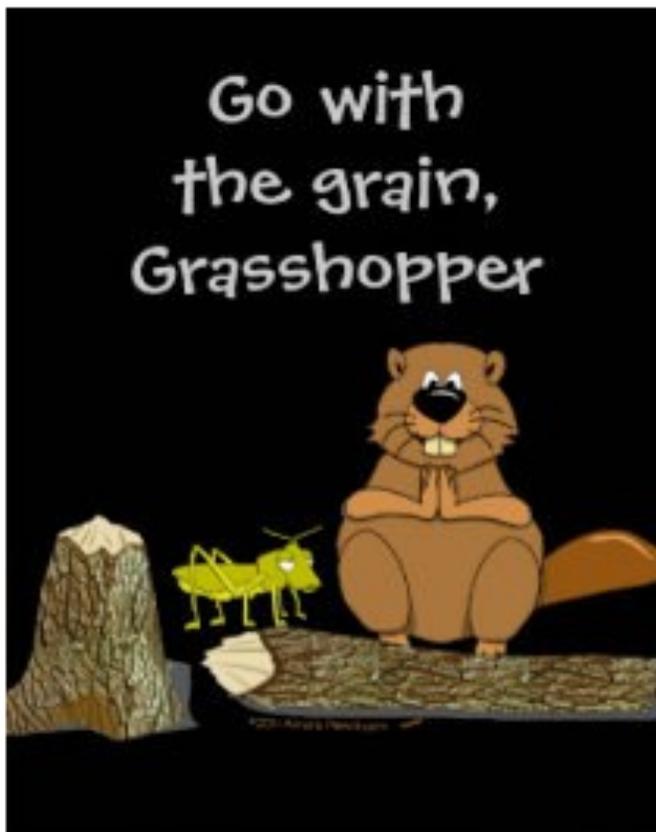
Class Date: July 27th, 2024
Class Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Cost \$35.00
Class size is limited to 6 participants.

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.

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

Click on the education tab.



New Members

Jeremy Clark

Chloe Clark (youth)

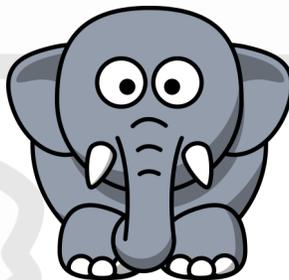
Thomas Lyne

Alexis Greene

Silly Dad Jokes

Why did the life guard kick the elephants out of the pool?

Because they kept dropping their trunks.





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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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