

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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FROM THE PRESIDENT -----

Dear Fellow Woodworkers,

I would like to commend Ronnie Acton on the fine program he worked up for us last month. He certainly put a lot of time and effort into it. I was really impressed with Mr. Kronberg and Mr. Hutson. For those of you who were unable to attend you really missed something.

I would like to tell you about some of the goals and ideas we have for The Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

First and foremost would be woodworking education. This would be done by special speakers such as Mr. Kronberg and Mr. Hutson, and our own fellow Guild members who would not mind talking to us on different aspects of woodworking that they might specialize in. Also, by just talking and visiting with one another and just sharing ideas. We would also like to bring in outside experts from around the country to give two and three day "hands on" seminars.

Secondly, we want to have a variety of shows so we can share our work with each other and the public. We would like to have competition and prizes and awards to work for. I hope most of you plan to participate in our first show this coming July. Its success or failure depends on each of us. We can have a lot of fun and learn a lot from these shows, so I hope each of us make a special effort.

Thirdly, somewhere down the line we would like to have our own building and our own equipment for the use of our members. Part of this building would house a shop where we could learn to use the various pieces of equipment with hands on training. It would also be made available to the membership for personal use. The other part of our building would hold a coop

where we could place and sell the various items each of us make.

Finally, we would like to be able to mass purchase materials and equipment so as to keep individual costs for these materials and equipment to our members low.

If any of you have other ideas and goals you would like to see the Guild do, please let us know. From the way we have been going I don't think we are too awfully far away from most of these goals.

See you May 12.

Spruce McRee

NEXT MEETING -----

The next meeting of The Alabama Woodworkers Guild will be held at Pelham High School, Thursday May 12, at 7:00pm.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Stacy Davis, Representative of Rockwell International. We understand his program will be most interesting, instructive, and educational. There is a possibility part of the program will be a slide presentation.

Truely, this will be a meeting you will not want to miss! Make plans to be there.

COMING EVENTS -----

Since our last meeting, tentative plans for our first annual show have been set. The show will be held on July 23rd at the Vestavia Civic Center between the hours of 10am and 5:30pm. The categories of entries are as follows: Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Professional. Judging will take place in all categories except Novice. Entries will be judged on design, joinery and finish. Cash prizes will

also be awarded. The entry fee has been set at \$10 per person. There is no limit on the number of projects that may be entered; however, only one prize per member will be awarded. All members are encouraged to build and enter a project in this show. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get some exposure of their woodworking expertise and learn from other's ideas. Novice woodworkers are especially encouraged to take an active part in the show, since sawdust fever can be very contagious. By the time the next show comes around, the novices should be in the upper categories.

An entry form is included in this newsletter and everyone should try to enter in the proper category. The show committee will make the final determination of an entrant's skill level, should a question arise. Please complete the entry blank and return it with your \$10 entry fee to P.O. Box 327, Pelham, Alabama 35214.

AT OUR LAST MEETING -----

Our meeting of April 14, 1983, held at Acton Moulding and Millwork, proved to be one of the best yet. If future meetings continue in the same manner as these we have had thus far, we are well on the way to building a first class organization.

The meeting was called to order by President Spruce McRee who greeted the old members and welcomed the newcomers. Secretary Mike Henderson then read the minutes from the previous meeting with the minutes being approved as read. Spruce then recognized Jim Stephens who reported on the status of the by-laws. Jim said that we should have a copy of the by-laws by the next meeting.

Jim also announced that the Logo Committee had recommended that

a contest be held to select our logo. Tentative plans include a cash prize for the winner. Details regarding size, reproduction quality, judging, etc. will be forthcoming. Questions or suggestions should be directed to the Logo Committee.

Ronnie Acton, owner of Acton Moulding, then began the program by introducing Ivan Kronberg, a timber manager for U.S. Steel. Mr. Kronberg shared a portion of his 25 plus years in the timber industry by showing many different varieties of wood and explaining their characteristics. Many of the woods shown were those which are either native to this region or available locally. Mr. Kronberg's expertise was readily apparent and his program should prove quite useful in our future projects.

For the second portion of the program, Ronnie introduced Hosey Hudson, a local woodcarver. Hosey exhibited some truly remarkable examples of his specialty, duck decoys. Those of us who were fortunate enough to examine the details of Hosey's decoys will not soon forget his special brand of craftsmanship. Hosey plans to enter two of his decoys in the national competition for wooden decoy carvers and we wish him much success.

After the program was completed, Ronnie led the Guild on a tour through his shop. Ronnie has the equipment to turn out some fine quality material, and he demonstrated one such machine, a large belt sander. Explanations of the purpose of each machine were also provided by Ronnie.

After everyone had a chance to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship, the meeting was adjourned.

SHOP TIPS -----

When using a power sander to smooth a small, flat surface such as the lid of a small box, you can avoid accidental overcutting at the edges by clamping strips of wood flush with the top surface.

A deck of playing cards held in a C-clamp will substitute for a contour gauge when copying the profile of moulding. Push the deck firmly against the workpiece and tighten the clamp.

When crosscutting a wide board on a small table saw, better results are often obtained when the miter gauge is placed backward in the table slot.

Butt joints fastened with corner irons can be drawn tighter with the aid of a cardboard shim. Place the shim under one leg while fastening the other.

Sandpaper glued to the face of the miter gauge will provide a non-creep surface when making miter cuts.

For a simple test for drill press table squareness to the chuck, replace the bit in an adjustable circle cutter with a sharp pencil. Lower the chuck until the pencil barely touches the table. Revolve the chuck by hand until the pencil grazes the table evenly through a full circle.

PROFILE-----

Temporary V-President ED SNOW

Ed was born in Denver Colorado and raised in Alabama. He is a graduate of the University of Montevallo, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity Degree. In June of 1978 Ed moved to Pelham to join the staff of the Crosscreek Baptist Church, as Associate Pastor. He and his wife Janice continue to serve.

Ed's woodworking interests began while watching a wood carver work at a booth at Opryland. As he watched, he decided he could do what he saw being done. Ed had no tools so he took some old table knives and made chisels out of them. With these knife chisels, a carpenter's hammer, and a piece of plywood he produced his first effort at carving.

From this beginning has grown a wider interest which includes furniture building and design as well as carving.

Ed's shop contains a table saw, a radial arm saw, a lathe, and a router. He would like to have a band saw! See Ed Snow if you know of one for sale.

The Industrial Arts program at UAB is offering a woodworking course this coming summer quarter through the Division of Special Studies for college credit. This is a beginning course in furniture-making for the not-so-experienced woodworker. The course will cover concepts dealing with project design, joinery, project cost, basic machine skills, safety and finishing procedures. Students will have access to a complete woodworkers' laboratory as they construct a piece of furniture of their choice commensurate with one's ability. The title of the course is Wood Technology II and will be offered through the Flexible Format Schedule of Special Studies for credit beginning June 11, 1983, and will run on Tuesday nights, 6-9pm, and Saturday mornings, 9-1:00pm, for 10 weeks. Additional information may be obtained from Dr. N.C. Alexander at 934-5650 or 987-0951. All guild members are welcome to stop by and view the woods facilities located at the Vocational Education Labs, 1111 5th Avenue, South, on the UAB CAMPUS.

WANT ADS -----

Future issues of the newsletter will contain ads for members who wish to sell or purchase equipment and supplies. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this column should contact a member of the newsletter committee or send a copy of the ad to the P.O.Box of the Guild describing the item.

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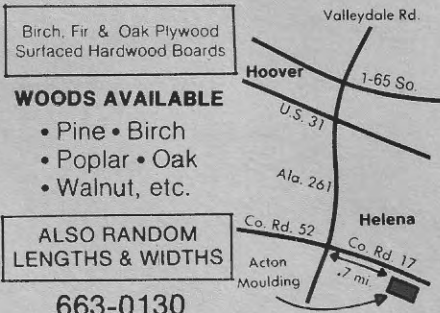
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