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Next Meeting
Thursday,
May 19, 2005
Drive your Truck!



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President's Message, from Paul Mancill

If you missed last month's program, you missed an opportunity to learn about scroll saws from one of the outstanding talents in our Guild – **Cliff Daniels**. **Cliff's** work is truly inspirational. You also missed some great show and tell! We were excited to have some new members join our group and to have more than 70 in attendance – What a great meeting!

Our May meeting will be our silent auction so bring tools or materials that you would like to sell or donate. *Don't forget to bring your checkbook and drive your pickup!*

I want to encourage you to attend the upcoming seminar with Kenton Hall. I have personally known Kenton since the late 70's. His bio and accomplishments are impressive with numerous awards, grants, and commissions. However, I know Kenton best as a very nice person, family friend and a dedicated woodworker with a world of experience. Kenton has a good sense of humor that is evident in his work which combines traditional joinery with both traditional and contemporary designs. His pieces are deceptively simple in appearance with very clean lines and precise joinery. If you can attend this seminar, I'm sure you will be happy you did!



Family Fun Night and Silent Auction

Our May meeting will be "Family Fun Night and Silent Auction"! Bring your spouse, your little future woodworkers, and friends for a night of fun, food, and the opportunity to buy the "items of a lifetime" at the silent auction.

We are asking you to bring items to be auctioned – Don't just bring your junk, also bring nice things. Tools (good and bad), projects you completed, items that will make nice gifts that you do well. If you can name it - bring it!! Those items you bought at the last auction – now you can sell them!

You are asked to pay 10% of the sale proceeds to the Guild or, if you wish, you may donate the items with 100% of the proceeds going to the Guild. Now that the Guild is a non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible!

We will have wood, tools, projects and other donated items from you and our Sponsors to be auctioned. Complete the bid form available at the meeting. Sellers collect money from the successful bidder at close of bidding. 10% for the Guild is given to our treasurer, **James Armstrong**, on the honor system. See you there!!!!!!!!!!

SEE BUZZ KELLY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND GET INTO THE DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A 12" DEWALT PLANER WITH STAND. THE GUILD PURCHASED THE PLANER FROM WOODCRAFT AT A 10% DISCOUNT (THANK YOU TOM!). CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$5 QUALIFY FOR ONE CHANCE TO WIN, \$20 QUALIFIES FOR 5 CHANCES. THE DRAWING FOR THE DEWALT PLANER WILL BE HELD AT THE MAY MEETING.

Alabama Wood & The People Who Work It

FIXTURES & JIGS TEACH HOLDING & SAFETY,
WOODWORKING IS CERTAINLY, EXACTLY WHAT MAKE ME.
GOD IS THE CENTER AT THE BEGINNING AND IN THE END.
HE FIVES ME ALL I HAVE AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SEND.

AS I DROVE ON DOWN A COUPLE OF STATES,
I SAW ALL THE BEAUTY AND HOW IT RELATES.
THE NOW HAD ALL MELTED AS THE SUN WARMED THE EARTH,
AND THE COLORS GRATEFULLY GAVE BACK ALL THEY WERE WORTH.

PEOPLE LIKE WOOD, INGRAINED WITH EACH YEAR,
WE FINALLY COME TO SEE THAT ITS ALL RIGHT HERE.
WOOD GROWS ON TREES AND COMES IN A BUNCH,
LIKE DINNER & BREAKFAST AND A VERY GOOD LUNCH.

JIGS & FIXTURES WITH LEVERS AND STOPS,
WE LEARNED ARE TOOLS AND NOT JUST PROPS.
THERE IS A WONDERFUL WOODWORKING GUILD IN THE HEART OF ALA-
BAMA.
FILLED WITH KIND PEOPLE WHO USE MORE THAN A SAW & HAMMER.

*Nice huh!? Yes well I could of used pajama to rhyme with Ala-
bama. But "hamma" was more impactful...get it? Thank you all
really. Thanks a lot for asking questions and spending the day
with me. I had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone on the
Board, and for dinner and to **Shane & Jim** for the use of an
excellent shop. The equipment setup was wonderful for demon-
strating jugs. I am blessed to have met All of you. Thanks to the
AWG the next fixture I make will have a southern drawl. I be-
lieve this will make it more user-friendly.*

*Have a wood grain day & God Bless, **Zane Powell**.*

April Meeting Notes

At the April meeting **Cliff Daniels** did an excellent presentation on scroll saw work without creating one bit of saw-dust! ...and his upcoming scroll saw class filled up before the presentation was over. **Cliff** contributed two of his beautiful scroll saw book marks as door prizes which were won by **Hal Willis** and **Nelda Kelly**.

Bill Host had also gotten some door prizes contributed by di legno Woodshop Supply (www.dilegnosupply.com) where **Bill** made some purchases and felt that he had gotten good value for his money. Lucky winners were **Walter Barnett** (ruler), **Shane Carter** (cabinet scrapers), and **Baron Bartlett** (Japanese back saw). **Buzz Kelly** also won two tickets for barbeque at I love Homewood Day.

Show and Tell included a pine table out of reclaimed wood by **Bill Host**, a Windsor chair made by **Jeff Bishop**, a turned segmented bowl by **Nevin Newton**, toy cars by **George Schoppert**, several scroll saw projects by **Lee Beadles**, a child safe coffee table with hinged top by **David La-Russa**, a shaker style table with barley twist legs by **Jeff Hood**, and a pair of ratchet height adjustment candle stands by **Dwight Hostetter**.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

Buddy Finch has done it again! He has pledged that our members can make 3,000 toys to benefit the Children's Hospital and a couple of other charitable organizations. in 2005. *He's REALLY gonna need our help to reach THIS goal.*

You know how **Buddy** is though, he just loves to make children happy. The Children's Hospital uses the wooden toys all through the year for gifts or projects to brighten up a child's stay at the hospital. Simple wooden cutouts are in high demand. Pencil boxes, 4" x 6" picture frames, 4 ¼ " x 3 ½" picture frames, and alphabet cut outs are needed. Just make sure you sand them to protect little fingers from splinters.

Start working now to get your share of the toys made. NO EXCUSES. Don't like to work alone? Join the guys at Woodcraft on Friday afternoon. We'll also be having some weekend toy workshops coming up soon for those who can't do Fridays.!

Upcoming Future Events

In June, Norm Ellis, from WAWA in Tuscaloosa, will make his 2nd presentation to our Guild. Norm, an excellent presenter; builds beautiful Stickley style pieces (some of which have been in our annual show). His finishes are the best.

In July, Dwight Hostetter will demonstrate making Nantucket baskets. Dwight, a newer member of our guild, has already made many contributions. Our August program will be an update from Kerry McCalla! Kerry is a former member of our Guild who moved to Tennessee leaving many friends here. Kerry has a national reputation for his collection of antique tools. He will show us his latest finds.

Harold Hall, one of the best antique repairmen and restorers in this area, will show us some of his secrets in September. We are hoping Harold will follow this with a series of classes. The October meeting is open. What would you like to see? November is "Toys". December is our Christmas party.

Cliff Daniels is coordinating our shop visits this year. See **Cliff** to volunteer your shop. **Jeff Bishop** is collecting information for a new Guild News feature called "Meet the Members".

Marc Adams will be back in November. Kelly Mahler will be doing two one day seminars in the spring of 2006. Stay tuned for details.

Stick-and-socket Furniture; Ancient to Contemporary

By

**Just \$60
including lunch!**

Kenton Hall, Professor, Department of Art
Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

One-Day Seminar presented to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Saturday, June 11 (8:00 AM)

At 614 24th Street South, Birmingham

Stick-and-socket joinery was, quite likely, the first and is still one of the most accessible joinery techniques for use in wooden furniture. From surviving ancient Egyptian examples; medieval turners chairs, stools, tables, and spinning wheels; to American Windsor chairs the technique has been widely used on a variety of furniture forms.

The seminar will begin by discussing the technique through images of the above examples and others with the remainder of the day demonstrating modern methods of cutting, fitting, and securing the components of the joint with readily available, inexpensive tools. Chair forms will be discussed in detail. Personal explorations in chair and table forms will also be used as examples.



2005 Annual Show

The dates for the 2005 Annual Show at the Hoover Library are October 15th thru October 23rd. We will set up the show on Saturday October 15th and take it down on Sunday October 23rd during the regular Library hours. Items entered will be judged before Monday night when we will have a reception to honor participants.

Entries will be judged by category and skill level. The following categories will include four skill levels of Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Master:

Traditional Furniture
Contemporary Furniture
Wood Turning
Small Objects

In addition to these categories judged by skill level, the following categories are judged as open categories including all entries:

Wood Carving
Shop Tools/Jigs
Toys
Restored/Refinished Items

The Restored /Refinished items is a new category added this year. It will require before and after photo/photos to assist the judge in his effort with this category. As questions develop we will have other information to clarify the category.

We have had excellent shows in the past and this year should be no different with all of the new talent that has come into the Guild. I encourage everyone to participate, it is a great way to learn and grow woodworking skills.

**Don't forget...Oct 15th – Oct 23rd.
Start your project now!!**

Financial Report

We're currently operating in the black. ***Most of our operating capital comes in during the first quarter with annual membership dues coming due each January.*** We made money on both the Jigs & Fixtures seminar and on the Workbench Class.

We put out a 'comfort bucket' each month for donations to our meeting costs. Our income from the comfort bucket this year has been \$185 with meeting expenses of \$293.

Year to date we have funded three scholarships this year with \$420 left in our scholarship budget. Each month we spend around \$225 printing and postage on our Guild News. As of April month end we had \$3782 in the bank.

Meeting Directions:

**Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road
Homewood, AL**

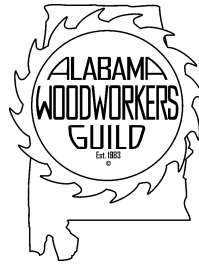
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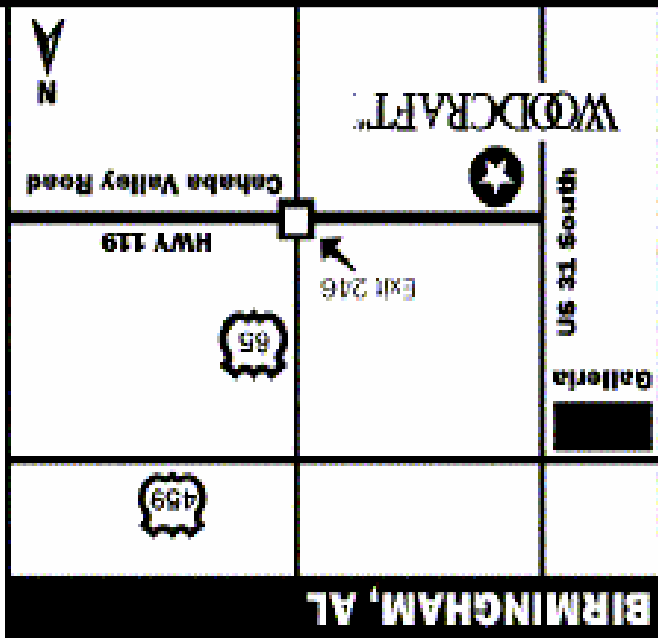


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