

February meeting at the Senior Center in Homewood

Guild News



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President's Message

Those of you who skipped the January meeting missed one of our better meetings. We started with a chain saw demonstration and went from there to turning artistic vessels. We had a large turnout and two really nice demonstrations—thanks to all those involved.

A suggestion was made at the January board meeting to *change the Guild meeting day to the third Saturday and the meeting place to the WEC in Maylene*. I took a straw poll at the January Guild meeting and found the motion had overwhelming support. *The issue will be brought up at the February Guild meeting for a vote*. I encourage you to come to the meeting, email your vote to Guild Secretary, Monta King (montakin@bellsouth.net) by February 18th, or send it by proxy. Let us hear your views. (I guess this is change you can believe in, huh?)

I hope we have a good Annual Show this year. I am asking you to get those projects moving and finished by October. I would like to see some new names on the projects this year so if you have never entered this would be a good time. I would like to brag that I have my show piece already finished and ready to go.

C. Ard

*Next Meeting
February 19th
in
Homewood*

*Pre-meeting 5:30
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

Do you know what a graver is? Do you know how it is used? A. R. Bray will show us all about gravers and how they are used in our February pre-meeting program

February 19th Come and Experience Automata Some quite simple, others intricate feats of engineering

You may have seen their work while visiting the shops of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in Gatlinburg, TN; Asheville or Blowing Rock, NC; Middlesboro, KY; The Cobblestone Shoppe in Rome, GA or Hanson Gallery, Fine Art & Craft in Knoxville, TN. *Bud and Suzi Richards create contemporary folk art pieces in many variations, some quite simple, others intricate feats of engineering.*

The making of moving wooden figures on stages, or **automata**, dates back to the time of ancient Egypt. Most of the pieces Bud and Suzi Richards have made are based on themes of history, nature, literature, early flight, and everyday life situations. They begin with ideas entertaining, educational, or humorous from friends, family or others devoted to working the Southern Highland Craft Guild's shops. Each project includes making sketches, determining an action sequence, designing the mechanical actuation, and choosing a paint scheme. There is much mental work and conversation before any piece physically begins.

In the fabrication process, wood selection, sizing, precede transferring the design to wood, and cutting out the outlines on a band saw. From there its power tools along with an assortment of traditional hand tools (a Dremel motor tool, a Proxxon sander, a vertical or narrow belt sander, various chisels, knives, and files to carve fine details).

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(Continued from page 1) Sometimes cloth, yarns, leather, and metals are used for accent. Pieces are cut out, roughly carved, and sanded, the parts are fitted and adjusted to suit their desired movement. Pieces are disassembled, primed and painted. A stage is constructed. Gears are made and fitted to the main shaft. Finally gears are glued, screw eyes installed, and wires attached to transfer movement to the figures. Until the crank is turned, the final result is unknown. More thinking and modifications may be in order before Bud and Suzi consider it to be worthy.

Several of their pieces have been shown in various exhibitions: **MARK TWAIN** appeared in the 35th Annual Toys Designed by Artists Exhibition in Little Rock's Arkansas Art Center, **FLIGHT of SKIMMERS** at the 75th Annual Exhibition of the Southern Highland Craft Guild at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts' Sandra J. Blain Galleries, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; **HOMER LEDFORD, KENTUCKY TREASURE** in Makers and Their Mentors and **LEONARDO** in the New Members Show at the Folk Art Center in Asheville, North Carolina. Presently, a piece, **MARK TWAIN**, is at the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D. C. (on display until June 2009 with fifty other pieces representative of the work of the craftsmen and women of the Southern Highland Craft Guild which covers all the states within the Appalachians.) In the past three years, they have participated in the educational demonstrations in both North Carolina and Tennessee for the Southern Highland Craft Guild and another for The Cobblestone Shoppe.

You will not want to miss our February meeting. This is a good opportunity to bring your spouse or a guest.

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC) News

We had a great meeting last month at the WEC with attendance very good. Since then the drum sander and the second band saw have been moved into place, the equipment not being used was moved out of the main shop area and some serious cleanup was done. The shop is much more open now and looks great. The 24" Grizzly drum sander is now in operation and the next time you are at the WEC have the supervisor on duty check you out on it and start using the sander.

The idea of having "Another Day at the WEC" has been discussed. This would be similar to what **Fred Baker** used to do at Bo Thuston's on Friday afternoons and our "Fridays Group" continue today. ***We would meet another day a week, talk woodworking, have demonstrations, and maybe do a project.*** For the time being we have selected Tuesday of each week to do this - we would meet around 11:00, talk woodworking, have lunch and then continue for 2 or 3 more hours. ***The first "Another Day at the WEC" will be March 3rd starting at 11:00 and lunch will be provided.*** In this initial meeting we will discuss what the participants want these sessions to accomplish. Mark your calendar for March 3rd and hope to see several of you there. This gives those of you who can't come on Fridays or those of you that want to do two days another opportunity to work with a group at the WEC. **Cliff Daniels**

A Word from the Toy Chairman

We're planning three Toy Workshops this year at the WEC in April, June, and August. The first one will be held on the Saturday following our April meeting. The date is April 18th. More details next month but go ahead and mark your calendars now. **Buzz Kelly**

Dan Browning has arranged for ***Mike Guess, DeWalt-PC-Delta rep from Baltimore, and several factory representatives from the Tennessee factory to meet with the Guild for an R&D information gathering meeting.*** Mike and his team would like our input and evaluation on several families of tools - dust collection and vacuums, sanders, routers, portable handheld planers, table saws and drill presses. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 18th at John Lawson's shop downtown - 24th Street South between 6th Avenue South and 7th Avenue South. We'll meet at 500pm for 2 to 3 hours.** At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be some nice giveaways.

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Above is a note of thanks from Andrew who the Guild adopted for Christmas from the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch.



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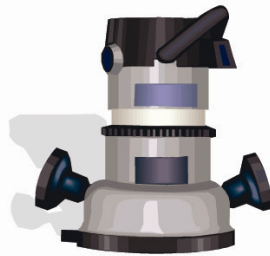
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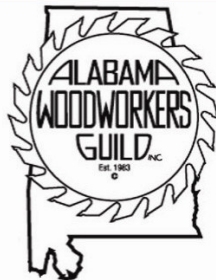
Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!! Router Workshop!!

With Jim Stafford



Saturday, March 21, 2009
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
\$75 admission fee *includes lunch*

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Jim operates a one man shop - ByJimeny Solid Custom Furniture - in Roswell, GA. He has been a woodworker for over twenty-five years. Jim builds custom pieces focusing on Arts and Crafts built from American and exotic woods. He specializes in the router and has taught his Routercraft series of classes over 60 times at the Woodcraft store in Roswell where he also teaches Table Saw Basics and Intro to Woodworking. He is also a regular teacher at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC and at the Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking in Alpharetta, GA. He is a member of the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia and the Furniture Society. He tutors at his own shop and his websites are: www.byjimeny.com and www.routercraft.com

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Turn right on CR17

Look for school house on your left

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THE FRIDAYS GROUP IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FINGER JOINTED RECIPE BOX. BACK WHEN THEY WERE MEETING AT WOODCRAFT ON FRIDAYS, THE GUYS BUILT A TABLESAW JIG FOR MAKING FINGER JOINTS. THEY USED IT TO MAKE MAHOGANY SERVING TRAYS THEN. THIS TIME THEY ARE USING THEIR JIGS TO MAKE A RECIPE BOX WITH A HINGED LID.

COME JOIN US. WE 'LL BE MAKING JIGS, PROJECTS, AND TOYS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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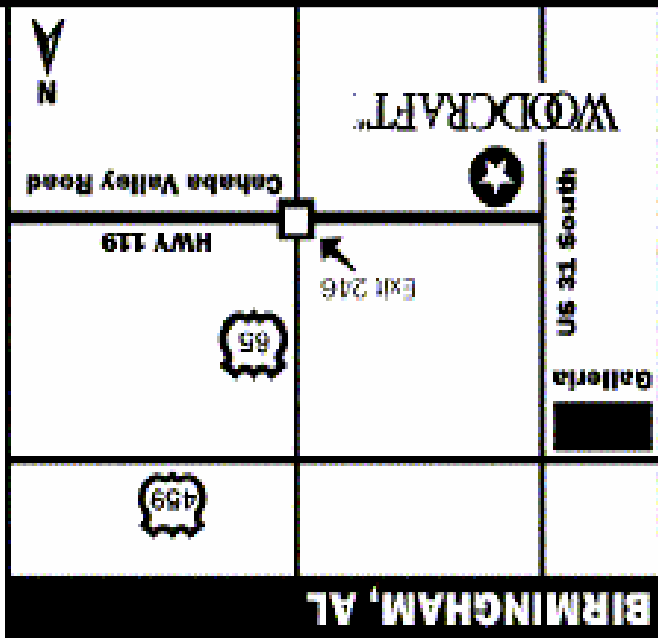


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