



FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Gentlemen,

If you attended our spring show at Sloss Furnace I don't have to tell you what a tremendous success it was. If you were unable to attend, you really missed an enjoyable experience. We had about 70 people turn out for the Friday night festivities. There was plenty of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

We really appreciate the jobs that Richard Gilbert and Tom Godfryd did in arranging the show and its associated events. Thanks to Kerry McCalla and his Barber Shop Quartet (The Red Mountain Magic) and my group (The Cahaba Brass) for an evening of unusual and great entertainment.

One thing for certain is we got a lot of public exposure Saturday. Thousands of people came through the Sloss gates to view our exhibits. Some of the fellows sold their pieces and others took orders for additional work. Channel 13 sent out a camera crew and interviewed us. I haven't seen it on TV yet but I keep hoping to. We also signed up 3 new members at the show and had several people take membership application forms.

Congratulations goes out to the winners. I know each winner was excited and proud. I think we were all amazed at the talent and quality of craftsmanship that we have in the Guild. It is kind of funny that some of you who were not going to enter at first ended up taking home some ribbons. It just goes to show you that you should not be ashamed or concerned about the quality of your work.

Plans have already been set in motion to make arrangements for next year's show. We are giving you a year's notice so there's no excuses; instead of 25 entrants we want to see 125.

Our next scheduled show will be our Christmas show. We want each member to build and enter a toy. After the show all the toys will be donated to "Toys For Tots." Get out your plans and get to whittling.

Again thanks to each of you who made the show a great success; Richard Gilbert, Larry Aaron, Tom Godfryd and their committee members. Also, thanks to our esteemed judges for an outstanding job. Thanks especially to each of you that entered and participated in

the show. I know each of you came away with a good feeling and a little more enthusiasm because you became involved. See you in May.

Spruce McRee

HAZARD PAY. . .

This tip is reprinted from the newsletter of the Western Ohio Woodworking Club. This comes at an appropriate time due to the recent wood shop fire in Fairfield, Alabama.

Insurance records show many shop fires (commercial and private) are attributed to dust build-up on the top of exposed fluorescent light fixtures and ballast covers. This dust traps heat by the lamp ballast, building temperatures to the flash point of this fine wood dust. This housekeeping job could save your house. A word to the wise.

Pete Branson

Thanks Pete, for your timely tip.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, 1983. We will meet again at the shop of David Traylor and Richard Gilbert in Fairfield.

Our speakers this month are James Ross and David Traylor. James will demonstrate how he made the sliding dovetail joints on his prize winning table. David will demonstrate the use of the Sears and the Leigh dovetail jigs. David also won a ribbon at the show.

Don't miss this meeting.

Directions to the meeting:

Take I-59 South to the Parkway Exit in Fairfield. Make a left at the bottom of the ramp. At second traffic light bear right (not a hard right) onto Gary Ave. The cabinet shop is at 4606 Gary Ave. There's no sign on the shop yet but it's across the street from AmSouth and next door to the Big Saver.

The Board and Officers will meet at 6:15 sharp.

WOODBUTCHER OF THE MONTH

This month we had a chat with our 2nd Vice President, David Traylor. Dave was born in Montgomery and his folks moved up to the Magic City where he graduated from Berry High School in '76.

Through a friend of his family, Dave went to work in a cabinet shop that was owned by a man 80 years old. Now keep in mind that at this point he had not had any shop courses. Can you imagine what his friend had to put up with? Dave, this is a sander, this is a lathe, etc.

Well as we all know, Dave was an excellent student, because he now has his own business, KING TRAYLOR CABINET CO., and for those who attended the April meeting, were able to see his facilities and work first hand. Of course he has Richard to keep tabs on him too, which helps.

Dave specializes in reproducing furniture, and prefers working in the Queen Anne and Shaker styles.

His first solo project was a dressing table for his Mother, and the project he is currently most proud of is a hi-boy he made for his sister.

Next month Dave is taking a stroll down the aisle with a delightful lady named Bonny, and they will be living in Mountain Brook.

Dave feels our Guild has progressed quite well for only being around a little over a year and is putting in a great deal of effort to have it continue to grow with the quality caliber of folks like we already have.

All of us are proud to be associated with you Dave and hope you simply "keep-on-keepin-on."

NITTY GRITTY COMMITTEES

Thanks for your enthusiastic response to participate on our various committees. Below are listed the names of those who have volunteered to help out. This list represents those who have volunteered as of press time. We hope this list will continue to grow.

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FIELD TRIP. . .

The Guild will be making a field trip to Northport, Ala. (Near Tuscaloosa), on Saturday, May 12th. We will be going to the shop of Craig Nutt, one of the most respected and well known woodworkers in the South. Craig is familiar to many of our Guild members in that he was one of the judges at the spring show. He was also the guest speaker at one of our 1983 monthly meetings talking about wood joinery and movement.

We will also be visiting the shop of Anden Houben, a harpsichord builder. His shop is located adjacent to Craig's.

Those of you looking to improve your woodworker skills and knowledge should attend this great trip. We will meet at Pelham High School at 8:00 A.M. and will depart at 8:30 A.M. Please be prompt. We'll make this trip — rain or shine. We'll be taking a bus so there will be a nominal \$2.00 charge for gas. Our expected return should be around 5:00 P.M. We'll stop somewhere en route for lunch.

For more information contact Spruce McRee at 663-9453.

Y'AWL'S POINT. . .

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Your comments or suggestions to the club should be addressed to:

Larry Aaron
Newsletter Editor
5617 12th Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama 35222

Comments will be passed on to appropriate committees and may be printed when appropriate. Let us hear from you.

Also, we'd like to hear from other Guilds who read our newsletter.

The deadline for next month's newsletter is to be in the hands of the editor by Wednesday, May 23, due to the Memorial Weekend Holiday.

AN ABRASIVE SUBJECT. . .

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CLASSIFICATION

One final parameter deserves mention when describing abrasive papers and that is the terms "Close-Coat" or "Open-Coat". "Close-Coat" abrasive paper has from 90-95% of its surface coated with abrasive particles. This means that there is very little space between them and on many sanding applications, particularly on soft woods, the paper has a tendency to clog excessively. "Open-Coat" papers have only 60-80% of the surface area coated with abrasive particles and as such do not clog as readily. The "Open-Coat" paper is also more pliable in use.

SANDING TIPS

In approaching the end of this subject on abrasives and sanding, a few simple suggestions are offered to assist you in laying a proper foundation with which to initiate a successful foundation for subsequent work.

1. Always sand with the grain on all wooden surfaces except end grains.
2. End grains should be sanded in only one direction with the abrasive paper being lifted off and re-established at the starting point each time a sanding stroke is made.
3. Edges and corners require special patience and skill in sanding to prevent round or wavy appearances when they are not wanted.

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SHOW OFF. . .

Below are the winners of our spring wood-working show. The name of the craftsman is also given.

Novice

- 1st Carl Fink - Mahogany Stool
- 2nd Tom Griffin - Alder & Mahogany Table
- 3rd Tom Godfryd - Cherry Cradle

Intermediate

- 1st Dale Lewis - Oak & Walnut Book Case
- 2nd Kerry McCalla - Maple, Oak, Walnut Coffetable
- 3rd Harry Reach - Oak Desk

Turnings, Clocks & Misc.

- 1st Al Bolton - Eli Terry Clock
- 2nd Spruce McRee - Walnut Mantle Clock
- 3rd Vernon Luther - Turned Walnut Vase
- Honorable Mention - Ed Snow - Relief Carving

Craftsman

- 1st Robert Michelson - Walnut Game Table & Mahogany Coffetable
- 2nd James Ross - Mahogany Huntboard & Dining Table
- 3rd Spruce McRee - Walnut Queen Anne Endtable

One of our members, Bill Hayley, a semi-professional photographer, has taken photos of many of the projects which were at the show. These photos include all the winning exhibits. These photos will be available to the membership for review and purchase. For more information contact Bill at 822-6772.

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CHISLER'S CORNER. . .

Are you having a problem trying to buy, sell or trade something? Do you want help on a specific project? Having difficulty trying to locate a rare tool or supply?

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

In order to take advantage of the Guild's combined purchasing power, the purchasing committee needs to know what supplies, tools or equipment you members would like to purchase.

If you are interested in participating in combined purchasing, complete the information below and return it to the purchasing committee at the next meeting, or mail to the P.O. Box published in this newsletter. (Be as specific as possible using brand names or model numbers, sizes and quantities where possible.)

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Supplies: _____

Tools: _____

Equipment: _____

Terrific T-shirts & caps

The Guild still has a few ball caps and T-shirts for sale with the Guild logo on it. If you haven't seen them yet, they look really sharp. You can purchase them at the next meeting. Only \$5 for caps and \$6 for shirts. Wear yours to the next meeting.

WOODWORKING CAN BE PUN

No entries were received for our very punny contest. Therefore, the \$5.00 gift certificate will not be awarded to anyone. (And the person dreaming up this contest might be charged \$5.00).

If you have any equipment or specialty tools that you would be willing to share with other members of the Guild on a fee or gratis basis, please list below and we will include the information in the next newsletter.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Section of Town: _____

Equipment: _____

Charges: _____

Comments: _____

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 7 P.M.
Richard Gilbert & David Traylor's
Cabinet Shop
4606 Gary Avenue, Fairfield, Alabama
(See Directions Elsewhere in this newsletter)

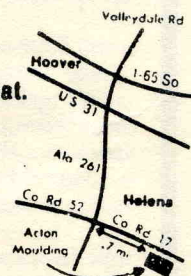


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- 4. Never use an abrasive paper with a grit coarser than that necessary to accomplish the task at hand.
- 5. Always work from the coarser particle size to the finer sizes.
- 6. Always clean the piece being sanded when going from coarser grits to finer grits. Insure that the pores of open-pored woods also are cleaned. There is nothing more frustrating than to have coarse grit dislodged from an improperly cleaned pore and get lodged under fine sandpaper as you are sanding.
- 7. Exert even pressure on the entire area of the abrasive being used. This is especially true on thin veneers.

8. When using abrasives for rubbing while employing the use of water, oils or other such lubricants, insure that the abrasive is of the kind designated "Wet or Dry" or Water-proof."

LOOKING BACK. . .

Last month's meeting was held in Fairfield where we saw 3 different live demonstrations. Richard Gilbert demonstrated the art of making a spline joint using a router. Craig Butterworth stepped in to show how to do this same joint for \$350 more by using an imported tool called an Elu. Finally, Arnold Askew showed us how to turn green wood, tree roots and wastewood into bowls.

All 3 demonstrations were excellent. Those of you who missed the demonstrations or would like to see them again, you're in luck, these demonstrations, as well as most previous ones, are available after the meeting. See Spruce McRee.

DISCOUNTS, DATCOUNTS

The Guild now receives free subscriptions to **Fine Woodworking and Woodsmith**. These are available at the monthly meetings or by contacting Spruce McRee.

Also, Guild Members are entitled to discounts on certain merchandise at the following businesses:

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