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President's Letter...

If you missed the "field trip" to Dean Black's shop in Springville, you missed a "good show" (as Ed Sullivan used to say). We appreciate people like Dean, who share their talents with us. There is more about the trip elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our classes are rocking along nicely. Have you finished your "project" yet? I have. Have you started it yet? Well, get going. How can we critique your work, and help with any problems you have encountered if you haven't started yet?

We will be discussing a family picnic at the next meeting, so come prepared to express your opinion.

Finally, my experience in woodworking has been if I tackle a project over my head, I learn more and usually end up with a nice piece. I would encourage you to take on what appears more than you can handle, and you probably will be surprised at yourself.

YOU'RE BETTER THAN YOU THINK!!

personality, and willingness to share, created a memorable and magic afternoon for his guests.

Dale Lewis

PS Dean also brought out the importance of using a good grade plywood to glue to your stock prior to screwing it on your faceplate for turning. AC or AD fir plywood has a tendency to split. He suggests either a 7 or 9 ply plywood.

A good source for glues, polishes, and brushes, is Mill and Textile Supply, Inc. 3130 3rd Av S 328-3440.

Dean also has a good supply of burl walnut at home for sale and will be glad to turn bronze ferrules and forge any tool you may need.

DEAN BLACK

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New Time for Our May Meeting...

Let's keep in mind that starting with our May meeting we will have a show and tell session of our projects for about a half hour at the beginning of the meeting. The new time of the meeting will be 7:00 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m. Feel free to bring in any item big or small, old or new.

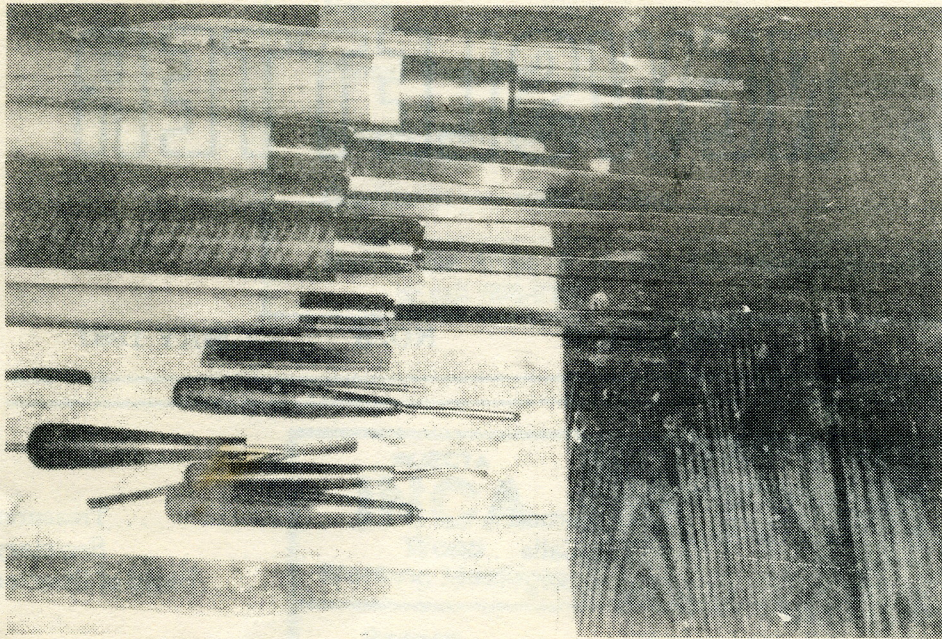
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New Members...

We'd like to welcome two more new members to our guild since our last meeting: Bill Bearden and Richard Ryel. We hope you will enjoy our get togethers and will spread the news to others.

Sue's Corner...

As the month of May seems to have filled up with commitments rather fast we have set the beginning of June for our picnic. Final plans will be made at the May meeting and the reservations form in this newsletter will be used in making up our attendance list and list of condiments, etc. Hope everyone is setting some time aside for his social get together.



Notes of Our Last Meeting...

Those woodlovers fortunate enough to make the trek to Springville, Saturday, witnessed a bit of Black Magic. Dean Black, a master craftsman, worked his wizardry before a crowd of 35 spellbound woodworkers. The result was an entertaining and informational afternoon.

Dean, an expert in gunsmithing, metalworking, cabinetmaking, and woodturning, was modest enough to attempt to disguise his expertise by such phrases as "whatever works." The audience was convinced, however, by the masterful way he moved through the processes and by the finished products, of his knowledge and abilities.

Narrating in his easy going, friendly manner, Dean proceeded through a number of demonstrations. He first started construction of a handle (pink ivory) complete with bronze ferrule, for a small carving tool blade which he had formed. As he moved through the steps on the metal lathe, he explained the intricacies of the machine, its chucks, and related accessories, along with safety hints.

Soon, Dean's efforts progressed to wood and woodturning. Our host, like most woodworkers, collects wood. He just seems to have a better collection than most. His vast knowledge of wood and how it relates to turning was evident.

Chucked up on the Powermatic was a shallow piece of figured Goncalo Alves, an African wood. Dean showed his turning technique with his tools, crafted primarily by himself. Not only were the tools beautiful, but like magic in his hands. After roughing out the bowl, our host fielded questions about trees, woods, sharpening, and turning. He even related some interesting experiences of his own.

Following the entertaining war-story session, Dean returned to the metal lathe where he finished shaping the handle and ferrule for the carving tool. The final product was impressive.

In total, the day was a successful variety of events, information and conversation, concerning many subjects of interest to woodworkers, thanks to Dean Black. This craftsman, with a wealth of talent,



Wanted...

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Shop Classes...

As vacation time is fast approaching, it is also vacation time from our classes by Dr. Harry Armstrong. We have all enjoyed the time and expertise he has shared with us.

We wish him a relaxing summer, good fishing, and smooth travels.


Murphy's Law in the Workshop...

1. Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement.
2. Only someone who understands something absolutely can explain it so no one else can understand it.
3. A flying particle will seek the nearest eye.
4. Do not believe in miracles --- rely on them.

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The above was reprinted from the Florida Woodworkers Asso. newsletter. We enjoyed it.

Springtime is Clean-up Time...

As we are busy getting our yards ready for summer, let's not forget to clean up our workshops also. That dust build-up on the light ballast could start a fire, those chemical soaked rags that you used for finishes or removal of finishes need to be stored properly or discarded. Maybe you'd like to make yourself some type of dust collector around your saws so you don't have to sweep and vacuum so much next year. Now's the time to think of these areas. We have some books in our library that tell you how to make various collectors for a variety of tools.

Most of us are born pack rats and hate to discard the smallest of scrap piece of wood. Once in a great while we get rid of something we will need the following week, but most often, we will never miss it. The space, comfort and pleasure gained by having a more orderly shop is worth far more than you can save by salvaging junk. Time is your most

expensive commodity.

Provide a floor that is easy to maintain. A hair pushbroom doesn't raise as much dust as a straw broom and it covers more area and in faster time.

A box is needed to collect wood scraps. Preferably on a dolly. When you have a place to throw your scraps they're less likely to land on the floor.

A plastic trashcan doesn't dent or make noise as a metal one would and is lighter weight.

After dust, your biggest shop nuisance is rust. Coat tables with paste wax. Occasionally wipe rust-prone tools with a lightly oiled rag.

A dehumidifier in summer time can make working conditions much more enjoyable in the workshop, and can take a load off the air conditioner.

Next Meeting...

Our May meeting promises to be another "don't miss it or you'll be sorry you did" meeting. Our guest demonstrator will be none other than **CRAIG NUTT**, of Northport, AL. The guild made their first field trip to his shop in May 1984.

Craig is recognized as one of the top craftsman in Alabama and has been written up in Woodworking magazine. Senior guild members certain do not need to be prompted to attend this meeting, as they know we will once more be treated to craftsmanship at work. His furniture making is unique and works of art.

**See You At The Next
Meeting...
Thursday, May 14, 1987
7:00 P.M.**

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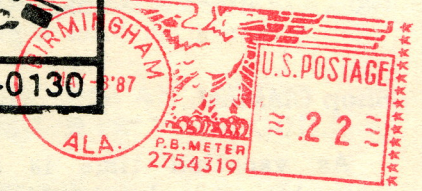
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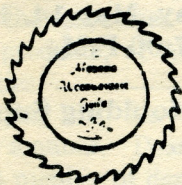
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