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Fellow Members,

Due to a conflict in working schedule, this month's newsletter is not of our usual caliber. Regular printed newsletter will resume next month. Anita Skocik

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.....

Dear Gang:

I thought our first "show and tell" was a huge success. At least a half dozen brought their work----now why don't you bring something?

As announced, Dale Lewis was elected by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Debbie Noonan. Dale is a professional in every sense of the word and he is welcomed to the Board.

Your attendance at our meetings runs around 60% of the membership. That isn't bad, but it could be better. I realize all of us can't be there all the time-----in fact, our mixture runs some who are there one month won't be there the next and vice-versa. Mark your calendar at the first of each month so as to reserve the second Thursday for the Guild.

Some of you have made suggestions about improving our Guild and they have been discussed by the Board. We would like to hear from more of you. You will find We're good listeners, so give us a try.

Leonard

NOTES OF OUR LAST MEETING.....

May's meeting proved to be another winner. Craig Nutt, perhaps the premier woodworker in Alabama, mesmerized us with his talents as he displayed through slide and exhibit, his magnificent pieces. With an easy going manner and subtle wit, he informed and entertained the group.

Craig began his presentation with slides and a recollection of the conference,

Woodturning; Vision and Concept, that was held at Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg, October 1985. Craig had been commissioned by American Woodcrafters Magazine to cover this conference. This conference was significant because demonstrating and lecturing there were some of the most prestigious woodturners in the world.

David Ellsworth, Del Stubbs, Rude Osolnik, Alan Stirt and Stephen Hogbin were the featured artists. Other notables Mark Lindquist, Ed Moulthrop, and Liam O'Neill participated as well.

About 250 woodturners, rookies, and veterans, watched the artists turn, asked questions, shared successes and problems. Most important, they were inspired and they grew.

This conference was a catalyst for the organization of the American Association of Woodturners, which has since developed to a major group of members and leaders dedicated to advancing the art of woodturning.

On display during this conference, as Craig illustrated through slides, was an awesome display of beautifully turned objects. I was there, experienced it all and loved it.

Craig also showed slides of some of his recent pieces. His whimsical vegetables and fruit sculptures were nicely executed. His globe in a casket was unique, certainly making his intended social statement. The magnificent desk was awe-inspiring and the rhombus and triangular shaped table seemed to be a new direction of shape exploration for Craig.

The pieces that Craig brought for us to view and touch, reflected his meticulous workmanship and his search for form and design. The curly maple rocker (his wife's) was beautifully constructed and finished. The rhombus shaped table, although not finished, showed spectacular workmanship. The turned bowls with crackle lacquer finishes on the outside were interesting.

The presentation in total was a success. Anyone who was not impressed, inspired, informed, and entertained were somewhere else.

Dale Lewis

SHOW AND TELL.....

The scene was set in jolly ole England, and the characters were none other than pipe smoking Sherlock Holmes and his trusted assistant Dr. Watson. The puzzle was

to determine the owner of an antique plane and his line of work. The scenario executed by none other than our own Kerry McCalla, thespian, antique tool collector, and fellow craftsman, took us through various avenues of deductions.

The conclusion being that this particular plane was designed to make "spills". SPILLS were small rolls or twists of paper or slips of wood for lighting pipes or fires. This plane made a uniformly twisted roll or "spill" for lighting pipes. The owner was quickly found and everyone then knew his line of work.

FALL SHOW PLANNED.....

We're projecting to have our works exhibited at one of the shopping malls in Sept.. As this time will roll around sooner than we think, hopefully everyone is making plans to participate and is working on projects at this time. Further information will follow.

DOOR PRIZE WINNER.....

Ken Trahan was the lucky winner indeed for this month and went home with a set of C clamps. Congrats to the lucky fellow.

PICTURES OF LAST MEETING.....

Pictures of the last meeting were taken by our guild photographer, Bill Hayley. Some are of Craig Nutt and his beautiful pieces and others are of the members' items of carved, turned, and laminated woodwork brought for our show and tell session preceding our meeting. These pictures will be on the registration table for everyone to see.

We urge everyone to bring in some finished item to share style and technique with us.

NEW MEMBERS.....

Our Guild is growing as we add two more new members to our list. Welcome is sent to Steve Onisick and Jim Moore.

SUE'S CORNER.....

Our get together is finalized. It will be July 25th at the Joe Tucker Park in Helena. Variety will be abounding as it will be a covered dish supper set for 5PM. This is on a Saturday. As there is no guild meeting in July, this will be our chance to see one another in July. As it is on a Saturday, we hope to see everyone there. Reservations will be made with Sue Acton by calling 663-0130. Directions will be mailed out in July.

Current membership booklets will be available at the next meeting. These listings are not available to dealers or sold for mailing lists. They are for members' use only. Only up to date members will be eligible to receive a booklet. Show your 1987 membership card and you will receive your booklet.

NEXT MEETING.....

Our June meeting will be the third "don't miss it" meeting. It will be presented by Dale Lewis, fellow craftsman and member of the American Association of Woodturners. Dale has participated in juried shows as well as numerous arts and craft shows in and outside of Alabama. Some of his latest works were part of our show and tell session this past meeting.

No doubt everyone will be inspired by Dale.

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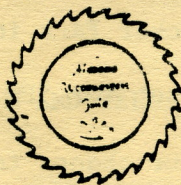
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