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President's Letter...
Dear AWWG's:

As The Wood Turns! There is a TV program by the name of "As the World Turns", so I have borrowed the subject of our program at the last meeting. We do appreciate Dale Lewis preparing and presenting our program. (Now that you've seen how easy it is to share your talent, please volunteer to do a program for us right away). Back to Dale, the examples of his talents on the Show and Tell table plus his demonstration on the lathe made for a great program. (We won't mention the bug crawling out of the prospective bowl on the lathe). Thanks very much, Dale.

I told you we had made a pitch to Galleria to let us stage our next show there. Unfortunately, they did not choose to accommodate us due to a full schedule the rest of this year. Nelson Brooks and I thought we would shoot for the best, and we came close. A ray of hope--Galleria is going to establish a "Community Booth" as a permanent installation and we are on the list to participate. We will pursue another site now. I hope you all are taking this show seriously and have plans to make something to include in it.

THE PICNIC! Finally, we are gonna have it. This is important. We should get together as families a couple of times a year. Your wives deserve to see and meet this great bunch of guys, (and a few gals), you associate with one Thursday night a month. Elsewhere in the newsletter is more detailed information.

I think our Show and Tell is catching on. We will resume in August, so search thru your inventory and bring something for us to see.

I can't say enough about how we all appreciate Anita's dedication to our newsletter. It takes many hours to put it together, get it to the printer, proof read it, and deliver it for placing in the mail. Thank her when you next see her.

Enough is enough, I'll quit now. Once more, come to the picnic and bring your families.

Leonard

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Notes of Our Last Meeting...

When I was about 10 years old, while travelling through the Ozarks with my family, I watched, fascinated, an old potter turn bowls and vases and pitchers.

I vowed I would someday get a potter's wheel, but I never did.

I think I get the same satisfaction from turning a lathe, however.

Dale Lewis gave a fine demonstration of the art of turning bowls. I doubt I would even have thought it was worth burning in the fireplace, it was so full of holes. When he stopped the lathe to check, a centipede came out of one of the many holes. Can you imagine a centipede trying to stay upright on 100 legs after spinning for several minutes at about 900 RPMs?

I think I learned quite a bit, and I know everyone there showed undivided attention.

It's meetings like this one that make the Guild worth-while.

Good job, Dale.

Frank Jones

PS...Dale feels one should challenge themselves

When turning bowls, one should look for unique pieces of wood. Yes, even those with holes in them.

Being a safety-minded person, Dale made use of a face shield throughout his demonstration.

Among the many "tips" Dale gave us was his preference to finish sanding the outside surface near completion, and then start on the inside. There is less "chatter" this way.

Dale also demonstrated how he sharpens his tools, and emphasized the importance of keeping your chisels sharp. In fact, he even had duplicate knives so that he wouldn't have to stop in the middle of his project to sharpen a dull tool.

Dale's many-faceted talents were also to be appreciated and admired by all in the items be brought for our Show and Tell table.

Two items which were very unique were a walnut and cherry cabinet that featured glass shelves and rosewood appointments, and a delicate three legged table labeled, "Barefoot and Pregnant".

Picnic Date Is 25th of July

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Show and Tell...

Amongst the fine projects brought in Thursday night was a revolutionary war period rifle made by Charles Ellis. Although he did not mill the barrell, the curly maple stock and inlaid brasswork were the result of many hours of labors of love. The ram rod was hickory. Wouldn't mind having one of those over my mantel.

Leonard Sanders brought a maple Brewster's chair he had seen in a Fine Woodworking magazine 6 years ago. He always kept the idea in his mind to make one someday and finally, he did. Brewster chairs date back as far as 1799.

Leonard's chair had 47 turnings. And he doesn't even have a duplicating lathe, Fine craftsman!

Kerry McCalla, our resident antique tool collector, had some very apropos items connected with the demonstration of the evening.

His tools this evening centered on center finders, squares, and calipers.

A Stanley 1962 center and square finder. Outside calipers that also could be used as points. One caliper had arms that were actually shaped like legs, (women's).

Calipers have been around for a long time, but not many changes have been made. One set of calipers had detachable ends, so they could be used as outside or inside calipers.

Bring Horseshoes, Badminton Set, and Tennis Equip. To Picnic -- July 25th

Door Prize Winner...

What can you say when the person who wins the door prize already has everything in his workshop, including the kitchen sink? All you can say about Frank Jones is that he's a lucky guy. He won a handy machinist square.

Come Early For The Picnic We'll Eat At 5 PM

New Members...

Our rolls continue to increase as we welcome two more new members.

A cordial welcome aboard is extended to Lynn Pope and Jon L. Martin.

Next Meeting...

Our regularly scheduled meeting will be AUGUST 13th at 7 PM. Our July get together is the picnic. We hope that as many as make the meetings will make the picnic.

PHONE IN RESERVATIONS FOR THE PICNIC - 663-0130

The Picnic

Where: Joe Tucker Park, Helena

When: Saturday, July 25th

Time: Eat at 5 PM, come early to play and socialize

Who: Big and little shavers, spouses, girlfriends and interested friends.

What: Covered dish meal.

Enough to feed your family with a little left over.

Reservations: Phone in your reservations to Pam - John-or Chuck at Acton Moulding 663-0130

The guild will furnish plates, napkins, utencils, and cups, and drinks.

You need to furnish the SERVING SPOONS WITH YOUR DISH.

Directions: Joe Tucker Park

Follow these very simple directions: coming off Hwy. 261 (as we all do), go to the Helena Post Office across the street from Helena Baptist Church, and turn left. If you're headed East, turn right. Go one block to Park--go around lake to pavillion on other side (near tennis courts). It is shady there and private. Bring horseshoes, tennis equip., frisbee, or other games, and come early so children can enjoy outing, also.

Make it a special get together.

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Dear Members:

We have been telling you for some time that the history of our Guild includes having a show once or twice a year and that we were working on finding a place to hold it. This has been done.

We have been granted free use of the corridor space alongside Aland's store and going in the direction of Bromberg's - the choicest spot in the Hoover Mall. The dates are September 24, 25, 26, Thursday thru Saturday.

It is all well and good to have the place reserved, but not good if we don't bring our best products to be shown. There is plenty of time to make something between now and show time, or if you can't do that, bring something previously made, even if you gave it away and have to borrow it back for a few days for the show. Whatever we do we must put our best foot forward, no matter if it's a breadboard or a sideboard.

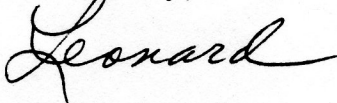
We have sold the Mall people on the idea that the two reasons for the show is to provide a forum for us egotistical characters to brag a little about how talented and skilled we are in woodworking. The other reason is to attract new members to the Guild by enticing them with our work.

Another thing we must do is man the station - that is, we must have one or more of our members representing us at the show. The Mall is open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. each day, and we will need four (4) members each day for the fourteen (14) hours it is open. I know you will respond to the call.

Again, we must get our products together, finished and ready for showing. We will provide transportation for those of you who need it, so don't let that stop you from sending your finest work.

Not having a meeting in July is the reason for this letter. I did not want to wait until August 13th to tell you about the show and cut down on your preparation time. If you still aren't clear on all of this, call me at 822-6876.

Sincerely,



Leonard Sanders

5:15 PM

P.S. Don't forget our picnic July 25th. Call 663-0130 to make reservations.