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OFFICERS MEETING JUNE 8TH • 6:15 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great Show!! First I want to thank every one who worked hard and brought some beautiful pieces to this year's show. We really had some nice work to exhibit. Second I want to thank those people who baby sit at the show and the ones who demonstrated Saturday. I feel this was the Guild's best show ever, and by far we had the largest number ever who brought pieces to exhibit.

We will be having another show/exhibition this year!! Ronnie will be having a grand opening August 4th & 5th at his place and we plan to have some exhibits and woodworking demonstrations there. More information at our next meeting.

I know vacation time has started, but if you're in town please attend your meetings this summer, and bring a friend and something to show off.

Nelson

THE SHOW

What a wonderful show we had. Thirty-one members had one or more items to exhibit, with the total number amounting to one-hundred twenty-one items. We had a surprising number of visitors who ambled in

and around the pieces setting on the floor and took long and appreciative looks at the smaller items on tables. The clocks, jewelry boxes, bowls, toys, croupier sticks, carvings, sculptures were just so outstanding, even the members were impressed with your talents. The Hoover Mall was transformed into a lovely gallery which some of our members who had not placed anything in the show were amazed at what had been done by you people. There were original productions and reproductions represented among the dining tables, end tables, coffee tables, hall tables, hobby table, cabinets, chairs, and even a work bench. We had visitors who wanted to buy our pieces, but since we were not selling during the show, there were probably some who made arrangements to do so after the close of the show. The workers performed their tasks with efficiency and dedication, as they always do. It would not be possible to have a show such as this without your help with setting up in the morning, baby sitting it during the day, and storing the show in a secure place over night. On Saturday, the last day, four of our members performed live demonstrations: Ivan Kronberg, carving; Frank Jones, dove-tails and cambriole legs; and Dale Lewis/Michael Key, bowl turning. It took lots of work to set up tables, benches and bring in a lathe and we appreciate these men taking the time and trouble to make this an important part of the show. We could go on and on but it is time to reveal the winners of the ribbons in the various categories which had been prescribed for the show. The group of winners, and pictures elsewhere, were as follows:

FURNITURE & LARGE ITEMS

TRADITIONAL/CRAFTSMAN LEVEL

- 1st Place Frank Jones
- 2nd Place Duncan McKinnon
- 3rd Place V.C. Handy

TRADITIONAL/INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

- 1st Place Leonard Sanders
- 2nd Place Cliff Saxon
- 3rd Place Frank Ryerson

CONTEMPORARY/CRAFTSMAN LEVEL

- 1st Place Dale Lewis
- 2nd Place Jim Caldwell
- 3rd Place Dale Lewis

TURNINGS

- 1st Place Ivan Kronberg
- 2nd Place Cliff Saxon
- 3rd Place Bob Moore

ACCESSORIES/SM. PIECES

- 1st Place Ed Sheriff
- 2nd Place Tie - Ivan Kronberg & Jerry Vines
- 3rd Place Ed Sheriff

NOTE: 1st Place = Blue Ribbon; 2nd Place = Red Ribbon; 3rd Place = White Ribbon

There are two members who had heavy pieces to be delivered to the Mall for the show. V. C. Handy and Leonard Sanders are indebted to Carl Cullison for coming to our homes, helping load the pieces, delivering them to the Mall and helping unload them and taking them into the Mall. We sincerely appreciate your helping us, Carl. We also

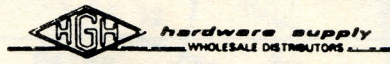
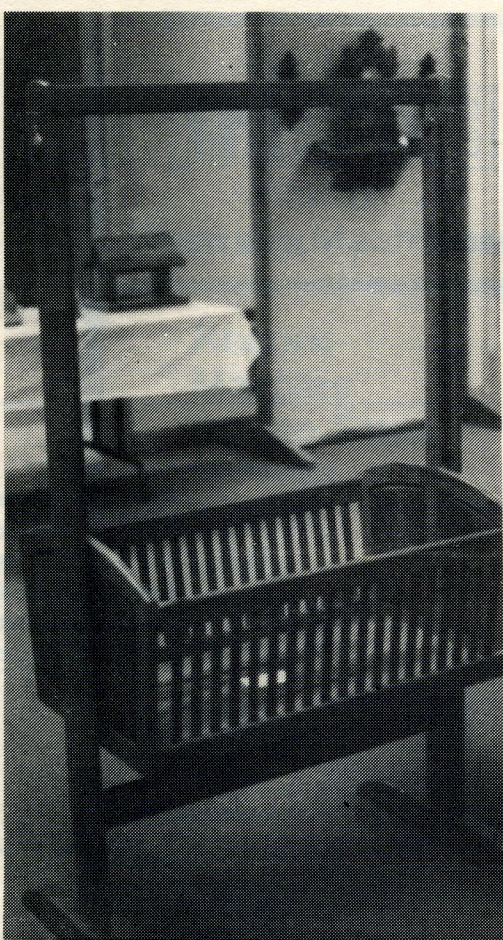
appreciate those who helped get them back home.

LAST MEETING (May 1989)

TOYS FOR TOTS

In referring to the program brought to us by Bill Purson last month it is necessary to apologize for misspelling his name in the Newsletter, which we do. Bill's association with an artist for several years was evident from his knowledge of shape and form. His recommendation that we at least try to put our ideas down on paper surely will not have fallen on deaf ears. He made it seem so easy, especially when designer paper and architect ruler are available at stationery stores at a reasonable price. Bill reminds us that everything, regardless of what it is, is designed and everything that is designed conveys a message or makes a statement. It was learned that, for instance, a piece finished with oil invites touching, whereas, a piece finished with a high gloss does not invite touching. So, to sum it up, Bill suggests we experiment with designs and finishes. Thanks, very much, Bill.

Uh, Huh, you didn't expect to hear about this this early in the year, did you? Our chairman, Ben Neighbors, did such a great job last year he has been persuaded to repeat this year. If you recall, he wouldn't take no for an answer when it came to production. We had over 600 toys which we turned over to the Toys for Tots people and Ben says he isn't going to accept one toy less than 1,000 this year. In fact, if you were at the May meeting you were greeted by a computer produced banner (1' x 10') stretched across the wall in front of the bleachers proclaiming 1,000 toys this year. If you make a few all along it won't be so burdensome at year-end. We know you won't forget and won't fail to be a part of this the seventh annual participation in Toys for Tots.

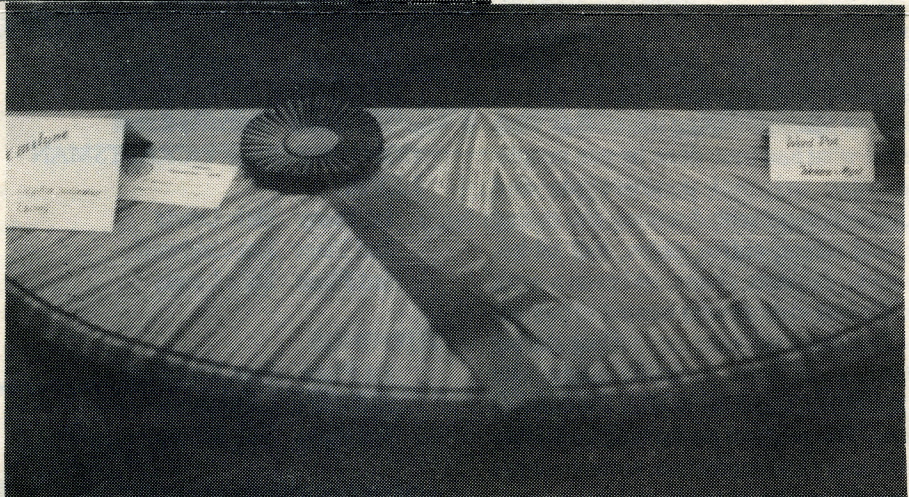


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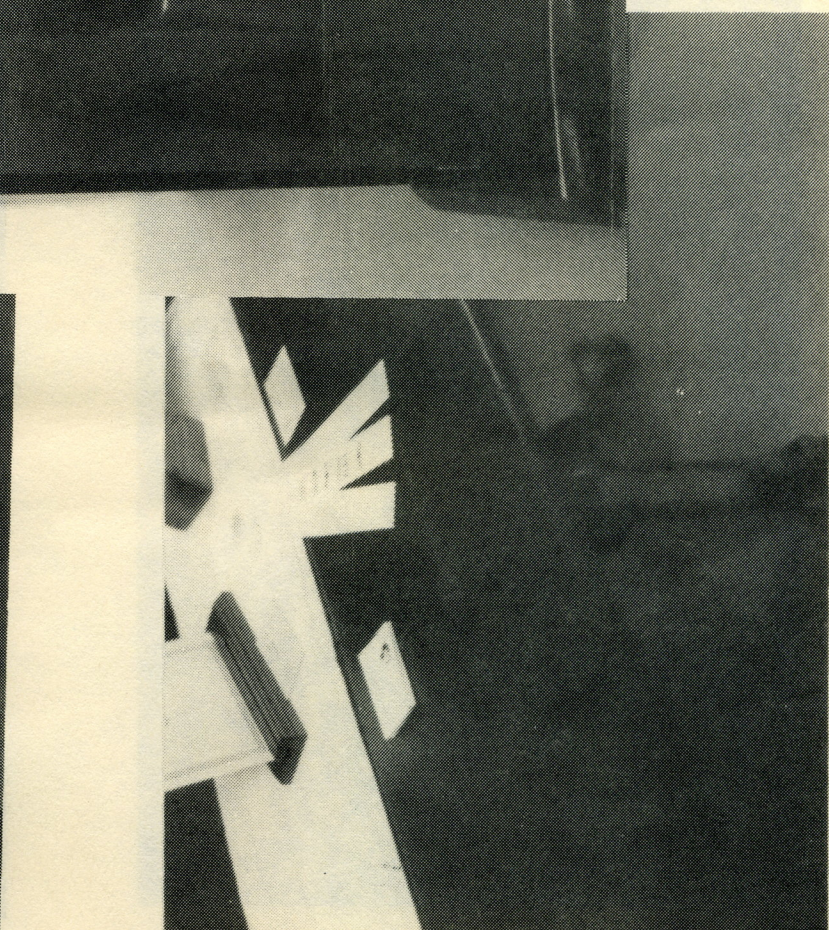
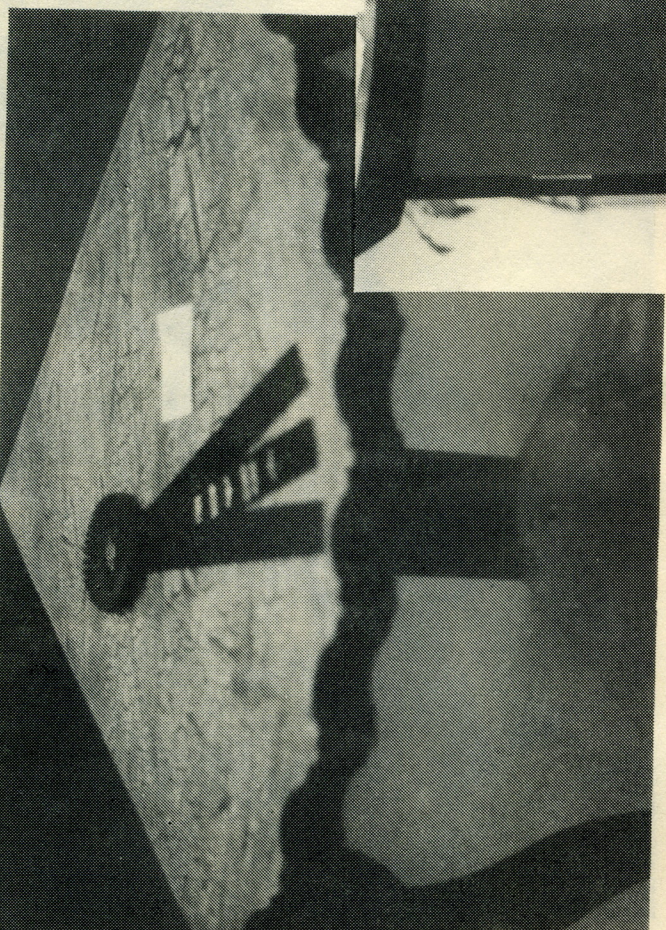
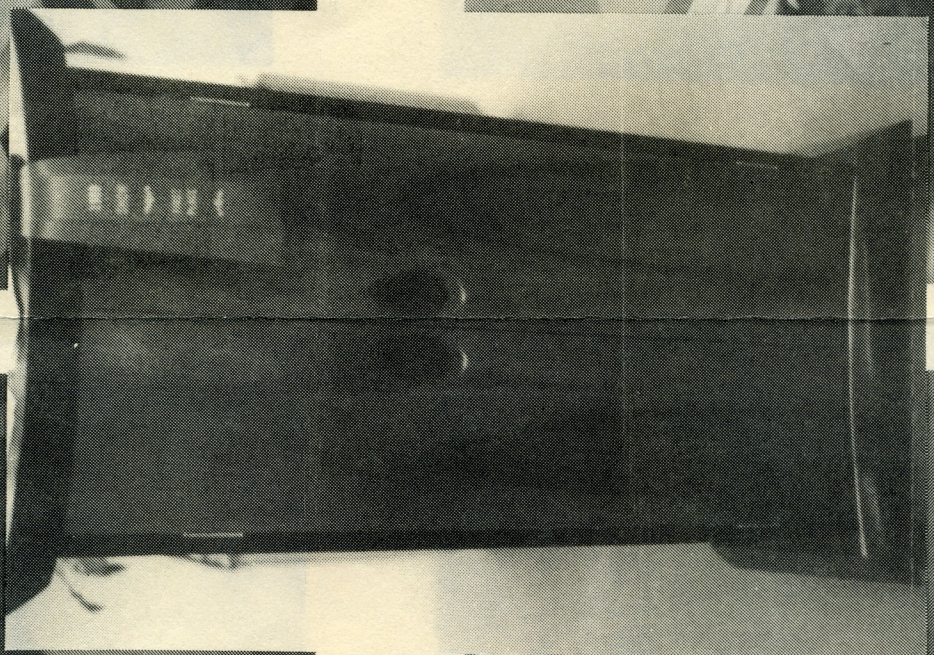
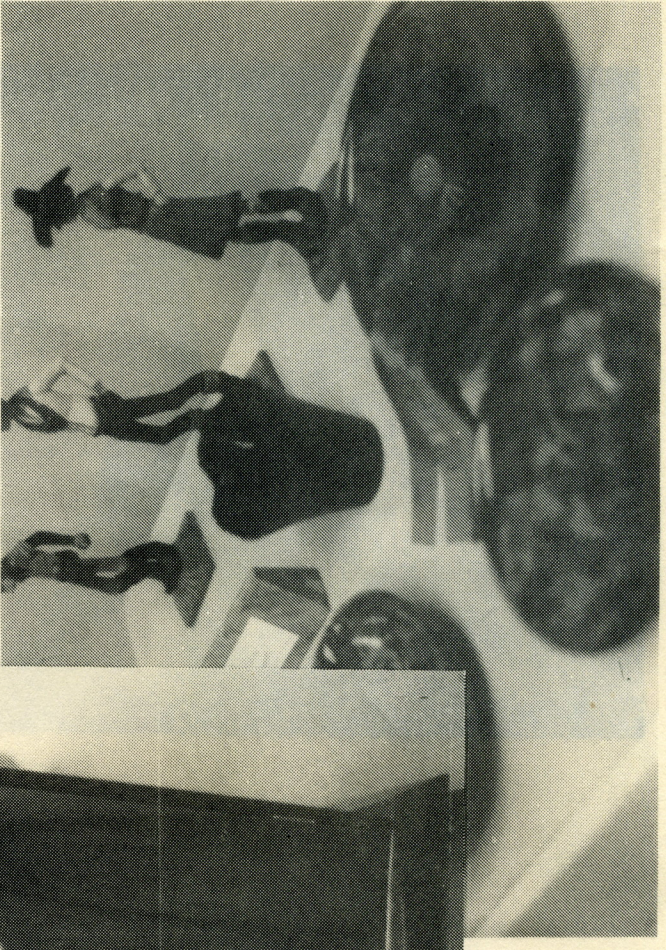
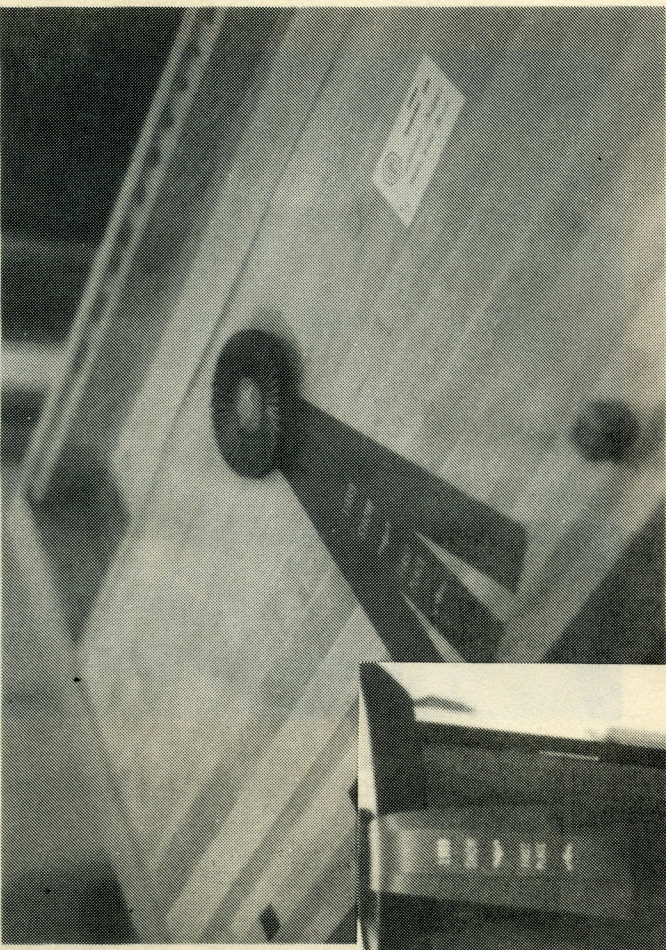
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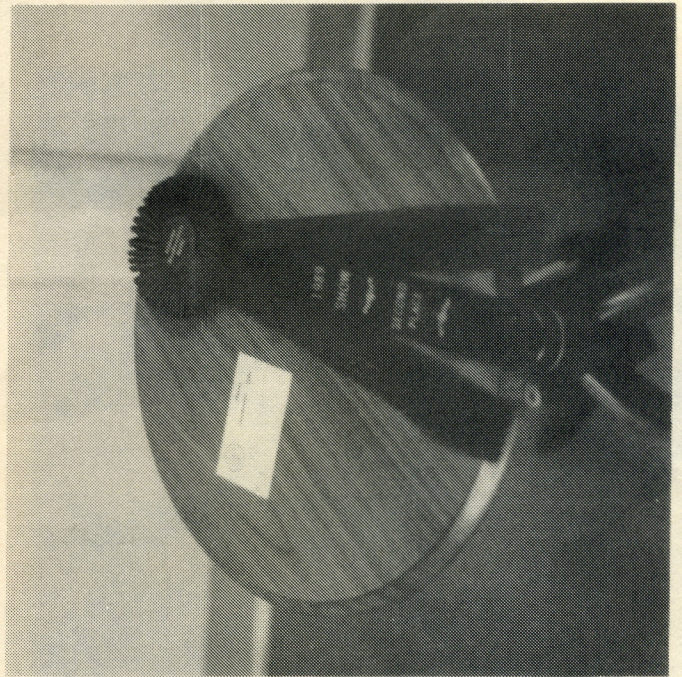
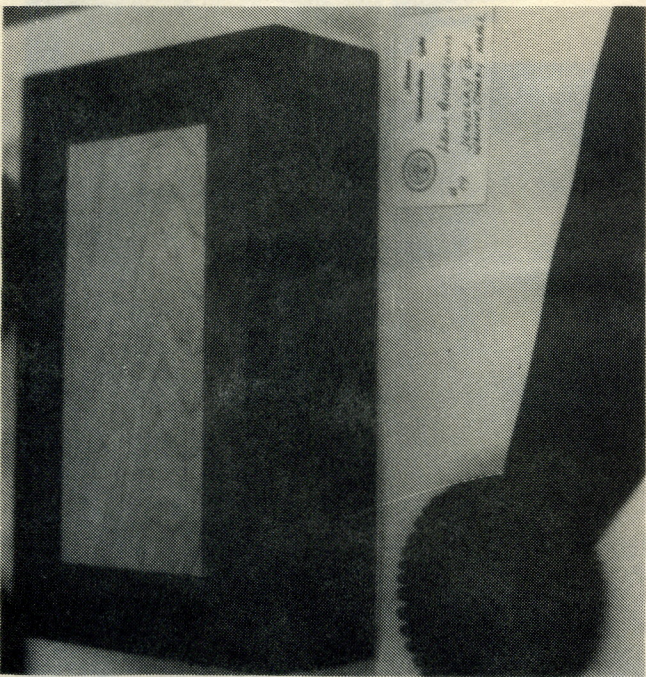
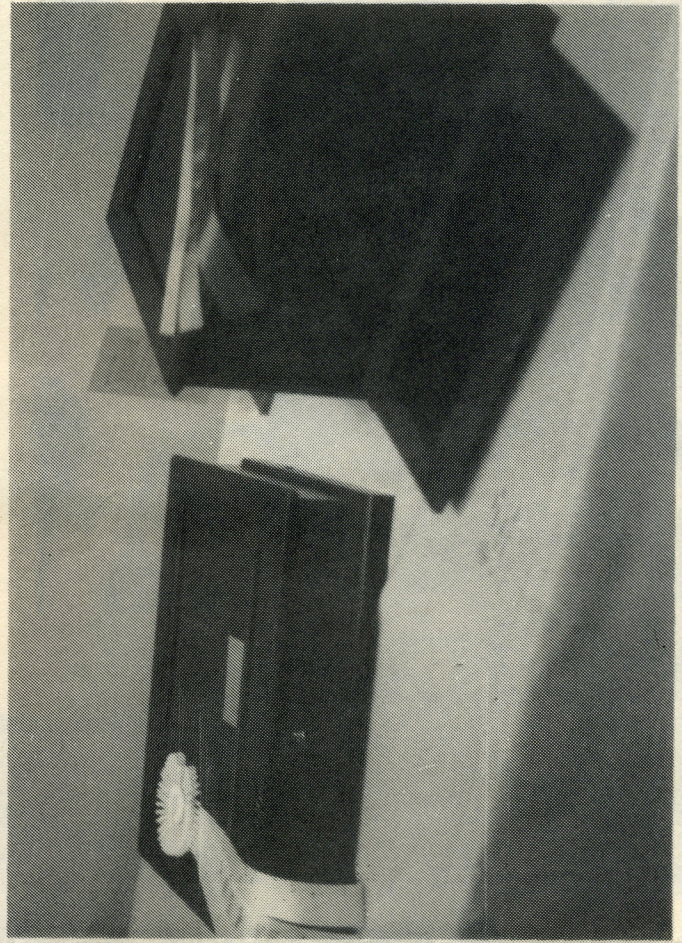
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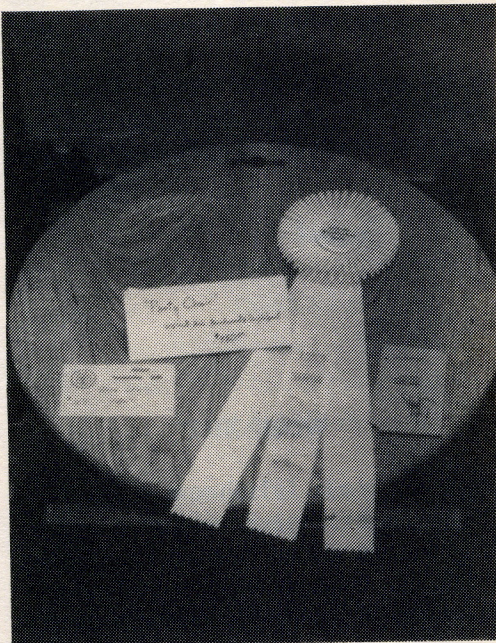
A hush fell over the audience when Pres. Brooks announced it was time to award the door prize. When all was quiet he proclaimed the winner to be Milton Otwell, who won a gluing clamp. (Remember, men and ladies, if you don't sign in you don't get considered for the door prize.

SHOW AND TELL

We had quite a variety last month. First, Jerry DeVaney brought a wooden belt buckle hoping someone could identify the wood — no one could. Ivan Kronberg brought another of his artistic pieces — a mallet made of maple and walnut. It is too pretty to use. Ben Angwin showed us three things: his homemade adjustable screws clamps made from threaded rods and nuts; a chammy skin as a base for placing a small piece on to rout and a piece of carpet pad for the same purpose. Keep bringing 'em in, men.

KERRY'S ANTIQUES

Maintaining his reputation for showing us a few of his antique tools, Kerry brought a few hand planes. There was the plane with a convex bottom, made of wood (the bottom, that is); the Victor (now Stanley) with both convex and concave metal bottoms; then the most unusual of all, a plane frame with removable wooden soles, and blades, with various degrees of convex and concave radii. This last plane came in a wooden box with a well for the frame and slots for the soles and blades. Thanks, so much, Kerry.



Sears Craftsman, 1/2" wood shaper, with twelve cutters, plus other accessories, used very little, for \$275 (about half current store price). Also, three rigid arm scroll saws. One is 18" Sears heavy duty, model 103.23150, for which parts are still available; another is similar with 20 inch capacity. Both of these need parts involving blade guide, holders and/or reciprocating rod. The third one is light duty, 12", good operating condition. These three are \$25. each, to a good home. All of these tools from Charles Brown at 871-1407.

SHOP TIP

Charles Brown advises, to remove cooked-on pitch and resin from saw blades and router bits he has tried commercially available pitch remover, kerosene, paint thinner, lacquer thinner, MEK, alcohol, naphtha, and acetone, along with a lot of soaking and brushing. None of these worked too well, but he has found that spray-on oven cleaner makes them sparkling clean, as new. He has used "Easy Off," but supposes any similar product would also do the job.

FIELD TRIP - JUNE 10TH

We will be going to Dean Black's shop in Springville, Saturday, June 10th. This is a great opportunity to see one of Alabama's finest craftsmen in action. Dean is a furniture builder, bowl turner, metal worker and gunsmith. His shop is equipped with Powermatic equipment plus a large lathe that he will turn a column on while we're there. Dean will be doing all sorts of things starting at 10:00 AM and going to 1 or 2 PM. Of course you can come and go as you please, so if you come early suggest you bring a sack lunch. Dean also will have some burl blanks for sale, great for turning some beautiful bowls. Make plans to be there.

Directions: Take I-59 N to Springville exit, turn left, go approximately one mile to four-way stop (Hwy. 11), turn left go approximately 1/2 mile, shop on right, behind Springville Animal Clinic, plenty of parking in field behind his shop.

(1) John Jordan from Nashville, TN will be doing a wood turning workshop at Samford University Art Department, June 24th, 8 AM to 6 PM. This is sponsored by the Alabama Designer/Craftsman Guild. \$20 for AD/C members and \$25 for non-members.

(2) Michael O'Donnell, Lancashire, England will be at Memphis State University, August 12th & 13th, Room 100 Engineering Tech. Bldg. 8:30 to 5:00. Cost \$60, \$10 deposit. Class limit 20. More info will be available at the June meeting.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

As you know we had a People's Choice Award at our Spring Show, as people stopped and looked we asked them to choose their favorite piece. It's a good thing I went to the printer after our Super Newsletter Editor, because Leonard won this award for his superb workbench and wasn't even going to mention it!! Shame on you Leonard.

Nelson

NEW MEMBERS

It is always such a pleasure to report the names of our new members. You "old" members try to recognize someone you haven't seen before and introduce yourself. You don't know, you might make a lifelong friend that way. As of press time, these are our newest members.

Joseph A. Carrera
Janelie B. Johnson
Andrew M. Otwell
Byron Rickard
Troy F. Stroud

**NEXT MEETING • THURSDAY,
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