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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this newsletter our September show at Ronnie's place will be history, but this is the type outing that really benefits our people and Guild. It's when we can get together in small groups and discuss different ways of doing things that we really increase our knowledge and share with someone else those little tricks we have picked up. Thanks to everyone for participating in our September fling.

Well, summer's over and our attendance should pick back up and we're starting the fall season with a super woodworker, Ben Erickson so make plans to be here this month. At this time I'm not sure how our T-shirt sale will have gone at our September Fling, but we set a limit of 4 dozen each because of the large up front investment. Once we recoup some money we will buy additional ones to have at each meeting.

See you in September, bring a friend, something for Show & Tell, and wear those shirts and caps.

Nelson

OFFICERS ELECTION

We will vote at our November meeting for Officers and Directors for 1990. All positions are open to each one, so start thinking where you would like to serve. A nominating committee will be announced at our September meeting, so let one of them know if you're interested.

FALL CLASSES

Our fall classes will begin October 3, 1989. Along with Fred Baker's woodworking class we're adding 2 additional classes. One will be carving taught by Ivan Kronberg and Jerry Vines. The other class will be woodturning and the instructor will be announced at the September meeting. Please try to attend the next meeting so all questions can be answered.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14 • 7:00 PM

Ben Erickson from Eutaw will be our speaker this month. Ben has a article in this months Fine Woodworking magazine on traditional Japanese Shoji panels. He will be talking about these, window shutters, and woodworking in general. Ben is a very talented woodworker and you certainly don't want to miss this meeting.

KERRY'S ANTIQUES

We are glad to have Kerry McCalla back in form again and showing us some of his fabulous collection. This month, July 1989, it was braces and bits. History records the first braces and bits in the first century, so apparently they had need for holes a long time ago. It was a good many centuries later, however, that sophistication crept into art. Coach and wagon makers found a need for a brace with interchangeable bits since it proved cheaper to have one brace and a lot of bits instead of a brace for each bit. The bits in that day fitted a slot in the front end of the brace

and when that became a problem the Spofford Chuck was invented. It had a thumb screw to hold the bit in place while in use. Then in, or about, 1864, the Barber chuck with alligator jaws was invented in America. So, the next time you get your brace and bit out just remember our ancestors used a similar tool.

SHOW AND TELL

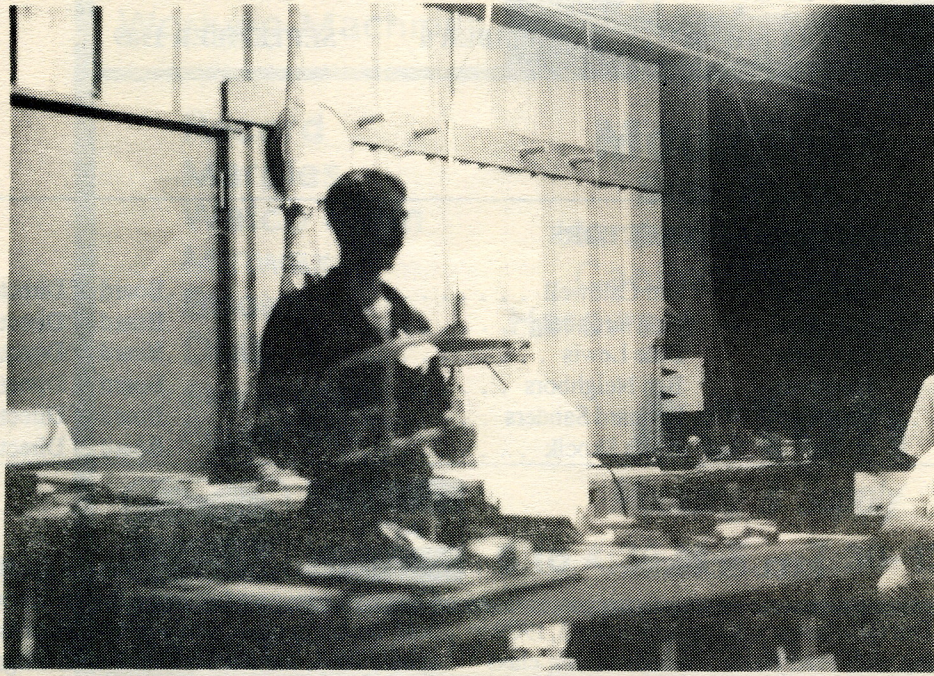
This feature of our monthly meetings continues to be of interest. We wish more of you, however, would bring some of your work for the rest of us to see. It is not the purpose to criticize the work but to get ideas about form and techniques. Mike Key, who has really advanced rapidly in woodturning this year brought three small bowls, and very nice ones, too; Harold Phillips, an ole (not old) Pro showed a huge bowl from segments of walnut — it might be added Harold has a bowl turning lathe he and a relative made; Leonard Sanders brought one bowl made of an oak burl (hard as a rock), a bowl of spalted maple, a bowl of redwood burl, and salad tongs made of oak.

THE JULY PROGRAM

James Ewing, one of our members and a professional woodworker, brought us our program. James' talent with wood was apparent from his demonstration of some of the tools he has made. If he is as good at producing for his clients as he is at making many of his own tools, we understand why he is so successful. In addition to the tools he brought to show, he donated a book on toolmaking to our library. Some of the tools

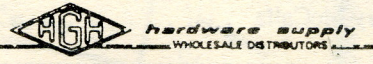
he has made are bow saws (large and small), try squares (he has several so he can scatter them all over the shop and not have to look for one when he needs it), a 45° compass, a duck bill scribe, cam pressure clamps, screw clamps, a hand plane, a veneering hammer, and a circle cutter for a band saw. James

mentioned making our own power tools, and he has done so, but couldn't bring them to our meeting. We expect most of us have done some of this but not to the extent James has. We are indebted to him for this most informative program.



TEE SHIRTS – GOLF SHIRTS – CAPS

All of these with our logo imprinted or embroidered thereon. After telling us for several months these would be forthcoming, they were. And they look nice too. If the sign-up list that was passed around was any indication, most of our members want some of them. We expect to have them available for the public to buy when Ronnie has his grand opening the weekend after Labor Day. If you missed the last meeting don't despair for there will be plenty to go around. The price ranges (not set in concrete yet) look to be Golf Shirts \$17/\$20, Tee Shirts \$6/\$7, and Caps around \$5. At those prices, how can you go wrong?



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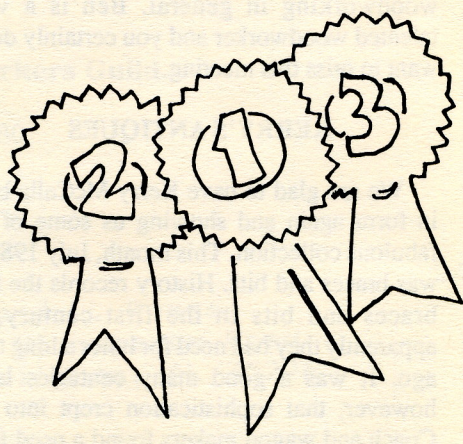
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DOOR PRIZE

For having remembered to sign in, and thereby recording his attendance, Jerry DeVenny was awarded for his efforts with a carpenter's square.



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