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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Guild has grown to almost 200 members and has become one of the best in the U.S.A., and at our November meeting you have the opportunity to make it even better. For that's when we'll elect new officers and Board of Directors for 1990. You do not have to be an expert woodworker, just someone with the desire to see our guild achieve even greater heights. All positions are open to all members, so step forward and participate.

Let me encourage each one to continue making those toys. Remember we'll be giving some nice prizes away but also remember we are doing this to bring smiles to a lot of kids' faces on Christmas morning. Also, start making plans to attend our Christmas Party. You will be rewarded with the best food to be served in Alabama this year.

We will also vote on the Woodworker of the Year at our November meeting, so be thinking about who you feel deserves this year's award.

See you at the next meeting. Bring a friend and something for Show and Tell.

Nelson

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12 • 7:00 pm

We will have several of our members speaking at this month's meeting. This has been done before and has proven to be some of our better meetings. Toys and how to make them (jigs, etc.) will be the main topic, but anything you want to talk about is OK. If you haven't been called to participate and want to talk 5-10 minutes, please come prepared to share your knowledge. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to participate.

P.R. (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

Many of us probably pass up opportunities to further the fact our Guild exists and is live and viable, but one of us recently did a superb job of getting us some valuable P.R. Charles Brown noticed in the Good Neighbors column that a gentleman (all woodworkers are gentlemen) wrote in asking if anyone had any woodworking tools they would like to get rid of. He had decided he wanted to get into woodworking. Charles, being the type fellow he is, immediately answered the gentleman by telling him about our Guild, where and when we meet, and several other vital facts, all of which was printed in the Good Neighbors column forthwith. We offer Charles' example hoping all of us will take advantage of all opportunities to promote the Guild. Out of this came some eight or ten phone calls about the Guild and several men came to our last meeting (September) and some of them are joining us.

ACTON'S GRAND OPENING

A goodly number of the Guild members made their presence known during this momentous occasion in the life of Acton Moulding & Supply. We had a couple of woodturners demonstrating their skills and other demonstrations which we hope added to the festivities. (We hear Ronnie nearly went broke feeding our guys hot dogs and cokes, however). The Alabama Woodworker's Guild congratulates Sue and Ronnie on their outstanding accomplishment since we take pride in the fact we hold our meetings there and have watched the evolution from just a mill to a lovely store in addition. Of course, the mill is still there, and probably always will be — in fact it wouldn't be the same without it. It is a lovely sight (to woodworkers) to stroll into the moulding warehouse and see acres of moulding, in all shapes and forms, standing there beckoning you to have some (if your check book permits). We just wonder what new accomplishments Sue and Ronnie have in mind now.

SPRUCE McREE

We think it can be said, without fear of contradiction, that this gentleman was the guiding light and force behind the formation of our Guild back in 1983. Spruce entered a new profession a few short years ago, that of filming action type activities such as parades and football games, to name just two. This venture has skyrocketed into a huge success, and we congratulate Spruce on this

accomplishment and wish him every continued success. Now, we say all of this so we can say how glad we were to have him present at the September meeting. He appears to be wearing his success humbly and appreciatively, as we all knew he would. We hope his travels will someday make it possible for him to come back and take another active part in the Guild.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again — the time when the By-Laws say we must elect new (or reelect old) officers and directors. President Brooks appointed the committee consisting of Leonard Sanders, Kerry McCalla and Fred Baker. Please give one of us a call with any suggestions you may have about whom you would like to see operating the Guild in 1990. Just in case you haven't picked up your copy of the new Roster, here are our telephone numbers: Leonard, 822-6876; Kerry, 991-0413; and Fred, 854-4647. Any one, or all, of us will truly appreciate your input into this important function of the Guild each year. The success of it depends on who is doing the many chores that have to be done in order for you to enjoy a meeting each month — like getting new Rosters from time to time, having instruction classes going on, securing good programs, and relaying information about woodworking activities going on elsewhere. Please go over the Roster and see if you see someone listed there that you think can add to the Guild and help perpetuate its existence. Election is held at the November meeting, so please make your calls to the Committee by November 1, 1989.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at Acton Moulding & Supply Co. Information concerning the Guild may be secured by writing P.O. Box 506, Helena, Al 35080 or calling the Editor, Leonard Sanders, at 822-6876.

TOYS FOR TOTS

It is also that time of year, again, when we have to bear down and devote a little time and energy to making our commitment of toys for this year. Last year was a howling success with a little over 600 toys made and delivered to the T.F.T. people before Christmas. Ben Neighbors, last year's and this year's Chairman, has set a higher goal this year, and since no one has objected to a goal of 1,000 it is presumed everyone agrees with it and will fulfill it. At the October meeting Ben will have a bulletin board set up with the names of those who have already committed to a number of toys and the number they have sworn to. Now if your name isn't on the roster, it means you aren't participating and apparently don't think it is a good idea to make toys, wooden toys, for underprivileged kids. Not only did we have 600+ toys last year, but the quality of them was so high the T.F.T. people told Ben they tried hard to give our toys to kids they felt would appreciate their quality. Surely, none of you want it on your conscience you didn't make some toys for these children. Ben has plans for toys you can have by merely picking them up at the next meeting. Time is running short, however. We must have the toys finished by December 9th, the date of our annual Christmas party. Prizes will be awarded by drawing at the party — and the way you win a prize is to have your name in the "pot" once for each toy you make.

WOODWORKING MAGAZINES

Several months ago we wrote letters to six of the most popular woodworking magazines asking for permission to copy articles or shop tips from their publications, and for a complimentary subscription to their magazine to be placed in our library for the use of members. We have received replies from four of the six. One of them, American Woodworker, refused both of our requests, so to heck with them. Two of the six did not respond at all, so to heck with them, too. Three of them not only responded, but were gracious in doing so. These three are: WOODSMITH, 2200 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, who are sending a complimentary subscription and permit reprints from their magazine with proper credit to them; WOODWORKER'S JOURNAL, 517 Litchfield Road, P.O. Box 1629, New Milford, CT 06776, who will give us a listing in an upcoming edition, will permit reprinting with proper credit to them, and a copy of a recently published book, COUNTRY PROJECTS FOR WOODWORKERS, a copy of their latest magazine (but no complimentary subscription); and FINE WOODWORKING,

The Taunton Press, 63 South Main Street, Box 355, Newtown, CT 06470, who will permit reprints from their magazine with proper credit to them, and also a complimentary subscription. We go into all this detail to encourage you to check out these magazines from our library and make use of them. We also want to express our appreciation to these publishers for their kind response to our request. If, after checking out any, or all, of these magazines, you want to subscribe to them on your own, the addresses are given above. Many of us take several, if not all, of these and reap much enjoyment from them — and you will too.



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