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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Show and Tell

I really do appreciate the number of things that were brought along for Show and Tell at the last meeting. One of the more enjoyable parts of my job is seeing and hearing about something that someone has built. Personally, I look forward to bringing something to the meeting and showing it and I believe that you will too if you will only try it once. Let's see some more projects from all the members.

### Ron's Project

I don't know if you have had a chance to tour Ron Acton's latest addition to the store or not. If you or someone you know is anticipating building or remodeling your home entrance you need to see his display. You can get an idea of how the finished product will appear, and

even if you're not in the market right now, I know you will enjoy seeing Ron's handiwork.

### Hugh Davies

I subscribe to many woodworking magazines, and when one arrives, I generally stop what I'm doing and thumb through it to get an idea of the construction articles that it has in it and also to see if anyone in the Guild has had anything published. I am sorry to say that I missed seeing Hugh's toy box picture in issue 19 of Today's Woodworker. It is a mighty fine picture of his project and once again I apologize for having overlooked it. You can contact Today's Woodworker at the following address:

Today's Woodworker  
Box 44  
Rogers, MN 55374

A yearly subscription is about \$20.00 dollars.

### Woodworking Classes

The woodworking classes that began in January have been completed. All the reports that I have are that the classes have been very successful and I am indebted to David Traylor for his patience for conducting the classes and also his willingness to have them in his shop. We need to make plans for the next class. Be thinking about what you would like to do next and let's discuss it at the April meeting.

### Summer Show

It is time for you to start your project for our Summer Show at Sloss. Look around in your magazines for some project that you have always wanted to tackle, gather your materials and hardware

and get going. Maybe if you start now, we won't all be overcome with finishing fumes in the showroom during the Show!

### A Longtime Guild Supporter

A support of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild for many years, *Birmingham Saw Works* has moved next door to their old location. They have

a <u>new</u> name	Jos. Thurston and Sons Saw Works
a <u>new</u> phone	(205) 328-4300
a <u>new</u> address	928 North 28th St. (the blue building)

Let's support all of the businesses that support us!

See you at the April meeting.

Fred Baker

### NEXT PROGRAM APRIL 9, 1992 • 7:00 P.M.

Dale Lewis, Vice-President and Program Chairman, reports so many of you have mentioned how much you have enjoyed programs when some of our members bring tools, jigs, pictures, partially or completed objects, and explain their

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use or worth, we are going to do it again. The presentations sound exciting, but since all of them are not firmed up yet we will not report any details here. He does mention slides and possibly a video tape, but whatever he and our talented members bring us we know from past meetings they will be interesting and educational. After all, the reason we attend our meetings is to come away knowing a little more about our favorite subject, woodworking. If you have a special thing you do, let Dale know about it.

### LAST PROGRAM MARCH 1992

Mike Franklin made his second appearance with our Guild in March, 1992. Mike is the Senior Service Technician with Porter-Cable in our area. It is abundantly obvious Mike knows what he is talking about when he gets on his favorite subject — maintenance of tools. He began his presentation with a true story about a customer who brought in a portable belt sander that had quit running because something had “choked” it down. When he examined it there was a piece of cloth caught in it, and then Mike noticed the man's shirt had a place torn out of it. You guessed it, the shirt had gotten caught in the running machine. All of us must — repeat **MUST** — make ourselves be aware of what we are doing at all

times and keep loose clothing away from our machines. Mike got into brushes next. There are a multitude of brush sizes available, and it is absolutely essential that the proper size brush be placed in our tools when needed. Some of our tools are used only occasionally and remain on the shelf or hang on the wall until needed. Mike advises us to inspect our tools carefully when using one that has set up for a while. When the tool is turned on look through the air grill and see if there are sparks, and if so take the brushes out and wipe them clean and clean out the brush area. Then to extension cords. He says too many of us do not use properly sized extension cords. He warned us about letting the looks of the cable fool us into thinking just because it is large looking on the outside it is large enough on the inside. In other words, check the amps of the tool before buying an extension cord. Then he suggested if we want to be kind to the motors that power our tools we should keep the blades or cutters lubricated properly. By lubricating our router bits and saw blades with one of the dry lubricants available today we cut down on the “pull” we put on our motors. Oh yes, with regard to routers turned upside down in a router table, he suggests we put a piece of panty hose over the grill that is facing upward to filter fine dust out of the motor. We appreciate Mr. Franklin sharing his expertise with us.



## SHOW AND TELL

This is becoming a high point at our meetings. It is amazing the amount of talent we have in our Guild, and it is demonstrated more and more as this segment of our meeting grows in interest. As President Fred said, we hope even more of the members will share their projects with us. At the March meeting the following were presented:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OBJECT</u>
Fred Baker	Spice cabinet with nine drawers.
Fred Baker	Machinist tool box.
Michael Healy	Table - End, with disappearing side rails when drawer is removed.
John Taylor	Oak rocking chair and drilling jig for arms and legs.
Ivan Kronberg	Two lovely bowls of Soft Maple and Oak burls.
Leonard Sanders	Bowl made of Boxelder.
Ed Sheriff	Adjustable marker of Ebony and brass.
Mary Spanos	Spinning wheel, custom made for her, modified for her by Frank Jones so she could spin from "other" side.
Hugh Craig	Silhouettes of vintage cars made on scroll saw in variety of woods.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

As reported last month we were asked (the Guild) if we would make a hat and coat rack for the foyer at the Helena United Methodist Church in lieu of our cash donation for use of their social hall at Christmas. We were happy to comply and, as reported previously, Frank Jones undertook to make the rack. We received a lovely

thank-you note from the Church, and we are all glad they are pleased with it.

## DUES - DUES - DUES

Sorry to have to bring this up again, but apparently a few have forgotten or just haven't gotten around to taking care of this matter. We don't think we have exorbitant dues at \$20 a year and with what you get for it — eleven meetings and a Christmas party, a monthly newsletter and seminars in Spring and Fall. Your Directors voted to extend the deadline for inclusion in the roster until March 31st. Hope you made it (since you will be reading this after that date) but if not, please call Cliff Saxon at 823-4467 and tell him the check is in the mail. We want the roster to be up to date, but also we want it to be the useful tool it is when we want to contact a member about a piece of wood, a tool, a technique or seeking advice. Get 'em (dues) in, guys and gals.

## DOOR PRIZE

Following our practice of awarding a door prize to a lucky member who took the trouble to sign in upon arrival, there was a gallon of Elmer's Carpenter Glue awarded to Bob Hofer.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our most celebrated woodworker has done it again. Dale Lewis, in

addition to having pictures of some of his work published in well-known woodworking magazines, also shows his work in galleries or professional shows. He had an exhibit on display at the Little House on Linden on Homewood until April 4th. We take pride in having Dale as one of us and value his advice and counsel. Then there is Ed Sheriff who will have an article on jewelry box making in an upcoming issue of AMERICAN WOODWORKER which we will all be watching for. In the President's Letter mention is made of another of our members, Hugh Davies, has a picture in TODAY'S WOODWORKER. Our members are gradually getting the recognition they richly deserve.

## BIRMINGHAM SAW WORKS

A long-time supporter of our Guild has changed its name and moved into the building next door. They are now known as JOS. THUSTON & SONS SAW WORKS, 928 North 28th Street, Phone 328-4300. We are assured by Mr. Thuston that Joey Jones will continue to be there to meet our needs, and that the fine tools they sell will be available as before. The Guild appreciates the contributions of postage for our NEWSLETTER and the tools as prizes for special occasions we have received down through the years.

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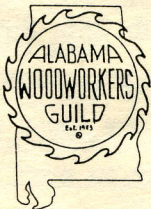
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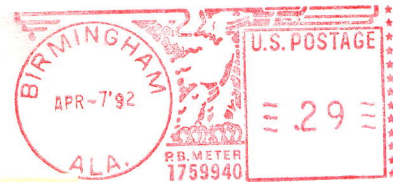
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