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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I enjoyed presenting the program at our last meeting. If anyone would like to have additional help on any of the devices and/or accessories that were demonstrated, I will be more than willing to help you at my shop.

Our Annual Show is scheduled to be at Sloss Historic Furnaces from August 16 through August 27. As the date gets nearer, more details will be given, however it's not too early to begin thinking about the projects that you want to build and enter in the Show. Let's try to make this year's Show even better than last year. All types of woodworking may be entered, so get busy soon with this year's projects.

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild membership directory will be sent to the printer soon. If you have not paid your 1993 dues yet, get your money to Clifford Saxon shortly. We want to have as complete and up to date directory as is possible.

Since we had no board meeting in March, I do not have any further details concerning the trip to the Delta manufacturing facility, the silent auction or the workshop visits. Hopefully the details for these activities can be planned at the April meeting.

See you at the next meeting.

Fred

### NEXT PROGRAM THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1993

You're not going to believe this so there is no need to read further. Well, since we are required to publish the topic of the next program it will be necessary to continue. Program chairman Ed Sheriff has seduced, no, induced three of our members to demonstrate some turning. We know you saw John Jordan a few months ago, but his program was entirely devoted to turning green bowls. Now you will see how us ordinary mortals behave at the lathe. The head honcho for the program is Harold Phillips, and he has suckered Jesse Whitfield and Leonard Sanders to assist him. Each will perform a different task on the lathe. You may remember the Guild has two lathes located at Acton's which were used for turning classes a couple of years ago. We hope to set them up right in front of you just as we usually have our programs. We hope you will pray for this group and that you will keep your fingers crossed for them.

### LAST PROGRAM — MARCH 1993

As advertised in the Newsletter, President Fred Baker did a superb job demonstrating the router. As we were sitting there looking at his jigs and routers,

we counted about seven routers. Who knows, he may have more at home (wonder if Elsie knows he has that many routers). The HP of his routers ranged from 1½ to 3½; he employs a foot control and speed control device; and special bushings specially made to fit router base. Then he demonstrated two dovetail jigs that may be secured on the open market — the OMNI JIG made by Porter Cable, and the LEIGH. Each of them has its advantages and he did not recommend one over the other. It was interesting to watch him conscript the services of audience members like Mike Key and Ivan Kronberg. It makes one wonder how he ever gets the job done at home alone. Enough of this mirth, let's get on with it by thanking Fred again for this splendid program.

### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO NELSON BROOKS?

Nothing, he has just been dilatory in acting like a past President, which he is. He was there and thanks to those of you who got on the phone and let him know he has been missed. Now! **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BILL WEST**, our long-time member and ardent supporter? Call him at home on 871-9326 or at work on 877-8637 and tell him to get himself back.

Cliff Saxon says some of you have forgotten to pay up for 1993. It is bound to be just an oversight, but if you want to be in the next roster of the membership, and to continue to enjoy the information derived from our programs and the fellowship of the other members, please give Cliff your \$25 at the April meeting or mail it to him at 2300 Sand Cove Circle, Birmingham, AL ZIP 35216.

### RON'S DONATION

We continue to receive and appreciate the contribution Ron Acton makes to the Guild by returning a portion of the amounts expended by our membership in his store. This is a most generous gesture and this is in addition to keeping the store open on Guild meeting nights for our comfort, convenience, and pleasure. We are most grateful. We use this money to pay for seminar programs, thus reducing the charge to each of us for those programs.

### DOOR PRIZE

Requiring everyone to sign in upon arrival pays dividends. First of all we know who attended the meeting, and second the lucky member whose name is drawn gets a prize, known as the door prize. We had two last month: Gene Boley won a 3" machinist square and Bill Spalding won a Radiplane, or maybe better described as a chamfer plane.

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.

President Baker has been in conference with the folks at Sloss Furnace and announced we would again have our show to coincide with the CUDZU Festival for two weeks late in August. Better that all of us get started on our entries.

### SHOW AND TELL

Almost as interesting and fun to see is this feature of our meetings. We have some really talented members, and we appreciate their bringing to our meetings some of their works and sharing with us. In March, we had: Mark Kearce displaying a finger-joint jig; NO NAME (sorry) had two bowls, a hollow turning of walnut and a shallow bowl; Ed Sheriff showed us a jig he devised for squaring a drawer before the glue sets; Ivan Kronberg had a lovely Red Maple burl bowl; Harold Phillips showed us his new 2" gouge for turning and a parting tool for cut-offs in turning; and last was Rusty Emmons with a splendid carving in three dimensions of an eagle. Thanks to all of you.

### LIBRARY

Don't forget Frank Jones is available to lend you books and periodicals we have in our library. He can usually come up with help on whatever your problem or needs may be.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Treasurer, Cliff Saxon, submits his report for the period ending February 28, 1993. We started the year with \$1,689, have received \$2,359, have expended \$436 and have a balance of \$3,612. Thanks, Cliff.

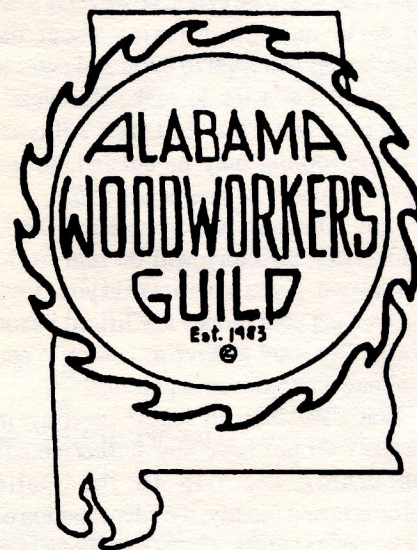
### SILENT AUCTION

You may remember you voted to hold a silent auction sometime this year. Ed Sheriff has gone to work on it, and more information concerning it will be forthcoming as the plans develop.

These people are generous with us and provide us a complimentary subscription which goes into our library. They are soliciting material for their Tips and Techniques section. Each tip published is worth between \$25 and \$100. Their only requirement is that it be original and never published elsewhere. So, if you have a tip or technique you would like to share with your fellow woodworkers, and pick up a few bucks in the process, send it in. The mailing address is: Woodsmith Publishing Co., 2200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.

### JUBILEE CITYFEST, INC.

This is a Montgomery, AL annual affair. There will be an arts and crafts section associated with the Jubilee. The entry fee for space is \$75 for a 10' x 10' spot. You must submit three slides, 2" x 2", clearly labeled with your name, etc. and they will be returned to you. If any of you have any interest in this, see the editor who has an application form. If there are several of you we can duplicate the form.



## WE HAVE HEARD OF MURPHY'S LAW

Well now, here comes the Newsletter of SAWS, a Guild in Blanchard, OK who have in their last Newsletter a copy of "MURPHY'S LAW ACCORDING TO WOODWORKERS SUPPLY OF NEW MEXICO." We hope SAWS doesn't mind our excerpting from their newsletter:

1. The expertise of a woodworker is shown by how well he hides his mistakes.
2. A perfect mitre can only be achieved theoretically.
3. A freshly-sharpened tool will always hit the floor on its edge.
4. You can always find a nail in used lumber with a carbide-tipped blade.
5. The piece most like to check or warp in any finished project will be the most complex and inaccessible.
6. Woodworking shop pencils and tape measures grow legs.
7. When you do find a pencil, it will not have a point.
8. The only piece of wood in town that matches yours will be in the most expensive lumber store in town.
9. "Air-Dried" lumber is dried on the truck from the forest to the plant.
10. Any part that you need for your broken machine will be the one that is not stocked, takes 60-90 days to get, and only costs a dime.
11. The finish will not be quite dry when the dust blows through the door.
12. The "new improved" version of the finish that you used all of the time will look funny on that project that you spent a year to complete.
13. After you cut the rosewood, you discover that the first  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of your tape measure has been cut off.
14. Any small part or screw will fall in the largest pile of sawdust or trash in the shop.



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