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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1994 Annual Show is now history. And a good show it was too. We had 60 entries from 22 woodworkers with a good many from new participants. I'd like to thank the committee for all of their efforts in making it a success—Richard Brewer, Chairman, for publicity and arranging the opening reception, Jerry DeVenny for doing all the paperwork to prepare for the layout and judging, Sterling Brewer for helping the judge get started and then staying on call and for tabulating "The People's Choice", Fred Baker and Mike Key for arranging the demonstrations and the demonstrators themselves, Harold Phillips for acquiring the ribbons, and those that helped with moving the pieces into the gallery. We got a bonus in the judging this year since Craig Nutt offered suggestions on the judging forms on how the pieces might have been improved.

I have arranged with Damon Folmar, owner of Folmar Architectural Millwork, for a load of hardwood cut-offs for the Toys-for-Tots program to be distributed to participants at the September meeting. That is the night that we kick off the program. The board has agreed to limit distribution this year of the toys to only Children's Hospital and the Helena Police; and we will have representatives from the hospital and from the police at the meeting to talk about the needs of disadvantaged children at Christmastime. Additionally, there will be several creators of toys in the show to tell where they got their ideas and how they executed them. This is a very important part of the Guild's yearly activities and I urge

every member to contribute some time to make a child or children happy at the Christmas holiday season.

In conjunction with the Toys-for-Tots program, the Guild will distribute gifts by drawing at the Christmas party to members providing 10 or more toys. The gifts will be certificates redeemable at Acton Hardware and they will be significantly more valuable this year—the top prize will be, depending on the size of the treasury at that time, over \$200 and there will probably be maybe 10 others of lesser but still significant value. You don't need to be at the party to win, but you do need to make those toys. Ronnie Acton has told me he will be playing Santa Claus again to the entire body of party-goers, so everyone will have a chance.

At the September meeting also, Treasurer John Parker will be collecting a \$10.00 earnest fee to reserve a seat on the bus to Powermatic, McMinnville, Tennessee on Thursday, October 20. It's about 225 miles up there and I expect the total toll will be \$25.00 to \$30.00

Keep those show-and-tells acoming. See you on September 8.

Ed

## NEXT PROGRAM • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1994 • 7:00 PM

The Guild has been fortunate to have Ben Neighbors as Chairman of our Toys for Tots program for several years. Since we are heading down the stretch, and the time for getting our toys ready is upon us, Ben has invited representatives of the Children's

Hospital and the Helena Police Department to meet with us and tell us how they go about distributing the toys and who gets them. Ben and Harold Phillips have secured a truck load of mahogany (and a few other scraps) which will be available to you at the September meeting.

## LAST PROGRAM • AUGUST, 1994

Talk about a different kind of program, we certainly had one last month. Richard Brewer, our V-P for Programs, was introduced to Greg Smith by Jack Winslett, the gentleman who brought us a program on building airplanes a couple of months ago. Having said all of that we will now get on with it. Greg became interested in hunting with bows and arrows a few years ago and as a result became interested in how bows are made. Experimentation brought on study and that brought on the skills he has developed in making archery bows. To laminate bows, you must have jigs to hold them while the epoxy or glue sets and how do you get jigs? You make them. Help is available from a company in Utah called BINGHAM PRODUCTS, INC. and if you are interested further, call Greg for the address. There is an organization you can join too if you have built up a burning interest in bowhunting, and it is known as "Traditional Bow Hunters of Alabama." Greg was willing to share any information he had if we knew enough to know how and what to ask of him. We did learn he uses SMOOTH ON epoxy and (if we got this statistic right) it will hold 8,000 pounds per

square inch (does that seem possible?). Mr. Smith showed us his tournament bow, the one he uses when shooting in competition. It is made of bamboo and is a "long bow." He uses cocobolo, a dense, heavy and lovely dark red color, in the "grip" section of his bows. Before you can glue cocobolo you must first extract as much of its oil as possible or it won't glue. He bakes the wood in an oven for two hours at 200° to remove most, or enough, of the oil. When ready to finish, he uses Conversion Varnish—a finish most of us have never heard of. The arrows he uses are made of cedar, but when hunting and he wants a lethal pellet he uses aluminum arrows and they cost some \$15 each. It was a thoroughly interesting and fascinating program, and we appreciate Greg making the effort to be there considering the fact he was in the process of moving.

### INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKING MACHINE SHOW

By the time you read this we will have made this trip. We will report on it in the next NEWSLETTER but mention it here so you will know, or be reminded, that we are going to McMinnville, Tennessee in October to visit the Powermatic manufacturing plant. We did this last year by visiting the DELTA plant in Tupelo, Mississippi and it was such fun we want to do it again. It is not too late to sign your intention at the next meeting. Just wanted you to be aware of it.

### SHOW AND TELL

As usual, we had some fine presentations in this category. Showing and telling were:

- Charles Brown A lidded box brought back from the Ukraine by a missionary (they do it over there too)
- George Shoppert A puzzle that he couldn't work and no one else could either
- Charles Ard A fine crafted box, dovetailed, and for use in containing a tool
- Jerry Vines A hand carved raccoon on a limb perch

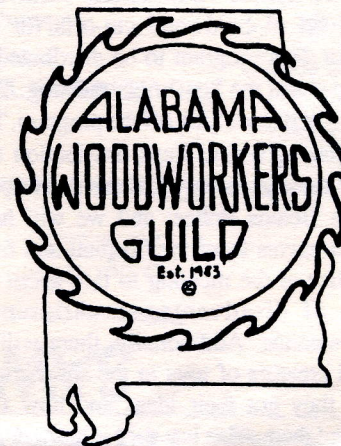
### DOOR PRIZE

We continue to offer a door prize of a \$15 gift certificate to Acton's for those of you who sign in at each meeting. We want to know that you were there and to entice you to sign in, we offer the door prize. After selecting the winner by asking someone to shout out a number, the winner was Pete Peterson (try not to spend it all at one time, Pete).

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee is considering nominations for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer for next year, as well as two new members of the Board of Directors. The committee chairman, Nelson Brooks, would appreciate any input any of you have as to who you would like to see "in charge" next year. Call Nelson at 988-3530 with your suggestions.

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**THE SHOW**

It is sad to report some of you did not participate in the Show. It is (as of this writing) a huge success. The works produced by our Guild members are just overwhelming. There is talent abounding in our group, and if you didn't enter anything in the show we hope you visited the gallery and will be a participant next year. Our Show was judged by Craig Nutt, a professional woodworker/artist whose studio and shop is in Northport, Alabama. Mr. Nutt used the median of 5 for judging each item included in the judging so that if your work was better than 5 you got that score and vice versa for less than 5. Listed below are the ribbon winners in each category (blue for first, red for second and white for third places):

**ADVANCED TRADITIONAL FURNITURE**

Windsor Chair	Ivan Kronberg
Pie Safe	John Lord
Butler Table	John Lord

**INTERMEDIATE TRADITIONAL FURNITURE**

Credenza - Showcase	Cliff Saxon
Table	Charles Ard
Blanket Chest	James Johnson

**ADVANCED CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE**

Table "Serengeti Serenade"	Dale Lewis
Table "Grimdeth"	Dale Lewis
"Keystone"	Richard Brewer
Headboard	

**ADVANCED WOOD TURNING**

Plate	Ivan Kronberg
Bowl	Nelson Brooks
Bowl	Jim Caldwell

**INTERMEDIATE WOOD TURNING**

Bowl	Mike Key
Bowl	Jesse Whitfield
Bowl	Mike Key

**ADVANCED ACCESSORIES**

"Radiance"	Richard Brewer
Handmirror	
Jewelry Chest	Charles Brown
Box - "Bach's Box"	Dale Lewis

**INTERMEDIATE ACCESSORIES**

Knife and Case	Ted Elrod
Intarsia "Eagle"	Rusty Emmons
Walking Cane	Mike Key

**ADVANCED WOOD CARVING**

Fish - Rainbow	Jerry Vines
Trout	
Coat of Arms	Sterling Brewer
Raccoon	Jerry Vines

**ADVANCED TOYS**

Pick-up Truck	Fred Baker
Tractor/Trailer	Fred Baker

**INTERMEDIATE TOYS**

Tyrannosaurus Tractor	Jerry Devenny
Truck	Jesse Whitfield
	Cliff Saxon

**TOOLS**

Wood Plane	Ed Sheriff
Awl	Mike Key
Workbench	Fred Baker

Note: Winners are listed in First, Second and Third place order in each category.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Parker has submitted his report for the period ending July 31, 1994 and it is as follows:

Balance January 1, 1994	\$891.00
Receipts to July 31, 1994	4630.89
Disbursements to July 31, 1994	<u>2416.47</u>
Cash on Hand	3105.42
Reserved for Atlanta Trip	<u>220.00</u>
Balance at July 31, 1994	<u>\$2889.42</u>

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