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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Make a child happy! Make ten children happy! Make twenty children happy! In doing so, make yourself happy! Having kicked it off last meeting night, the Toys-for-Tots program is in full swing! Hope you got some of that hardwood that Folmar Architectural Millwork donated for the benefit of area disadvantaged children. Hope you have figured out what kinds of toys you are going to make, and hope you've started the project. It's the most important and most satisfying program the Guild conducts each year, so while you are listening to those football games these fall Saturdays, make yourself and a child happy. There will be possibilities for substantial prizes for those who make ten or more toys, but you don't need to make more than one to promote happiness. The November meeting night is the deadline for delivery, but for us happy sloths that don't quite get finished, the December Christmas Party will be, well, OK, I guess. JUST DO IT! What we should try to accomplish this year is vast participation by the membership (of course one toy is OK, and many, many thanks), and if we have that we will have plenty of toys and happy children and happy woodworkers.

The Hoover Library Show, following our Annual Show, didn't work out as well as we had hoped. When it came to displaying our work in an unprotected hallway environment with many potentially rambunctious children around, the library

director felt we'd better back off a bit. We did get the use of a small display case in the Art Section and there are about eight small pieces on display for about a month. Nevertheless, the response of interested members was quite large so we need to keep that sort of thing in mind for the future.

So far we have about twenty seats reserved on the bus going to Powermatic at McMinnville, TN on Thursday, October 20. If we get ten more, the total toll will be \$25.00, and I think we will. John Parker will be collecting from additional travelers their \$10 earnest fees at the October meeting—the rest paid upon boarding. The bus will leave Ruby Tuesday's at the Colonnade near the intersection of I-459 and Highway 280 at 6:00 AM for the 225 mile trip. We should return soon after 7:00 PM that evening. Wallace Williams is a friend of the President of Powermatic and he has arranged to have small groups go through the foundry to see where Artisan tools really start. And Fred Baker has been talking up with the Powermatic sales manager a barbeque lunch. Looks like a good time! Ya'll come!

Well, Nelson Brooks (Chairman), Dan Browning and Leonard Sanders will be presenting at the October meeting the cast of characters for the new year. We do it this way so that you can mull over the nominations for a month before you vote on them at the November meeting. Naturally, you will have an opportunity to nominate another slate if you wish. Nelson tells me that all his candidates are from the Softwood

Party, and he warns that there may be a floor fight since the Hardwoods have been receiving some spurious support.

At this writing, I have mail from the IWF94 for the following people: Fred Sandlin, Buddy Finch, Lee Michaels, Don Wilson, Ed Ramsey, Mike Key. If you come, I will deliver at the meeting.

Keep those show-and-tells acoming. See you on the 14th.

Ed

NEXT PROGRAM • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1994 • 7:00 PM

We have all wished we knew enough about INLAY work so as not to be afraid of ruining our piece by messing it up trying to make inlays on it. Richard Brewer is going to tell us all about it and you know he knows how. He plans to talk about the use of the router and the drill press and will have some slides also. The rabbit, or corner, inlay will be discussed. He has a technique of using sand blasting for cutting out the sub-surface space. Since this promises to be a most informative and interesting program you all come and bring a friend.

LAST PROGRAM SEPTEMBER, 1994

Our venerable guru of TOYS FOR TOTS, Ben Neighbors, produced his usual and annual conscience tugging program

designed to ignite us to do more for T F T than ever before. After a few introductory words by the maestro, he introduced Debi Nowakowski, Director, Department of Child Life Services and Education (boy, that's a mouthful), and this lovely lady proceeded to give us a picture of the destination of any toys, or child related objects, that we might make and offer the hospital. Elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER is a list of suggestions by the hospital of items the children can use and enjoy. We don't have to be confined to the list—we can make anything we want for them. We should remember most of these children are very ill and a lot of them are terminal. Wouldn't we all like to know we made an ill child happy for a few minutes prior to becoming more ill or expiring? Debi gave an example of a little girl who received one of our toys two years ago and died just a few weeks ago. Then the Helena Police Department was represented by Sergeant Doug Jones who assured us our toys are appreciated and needed in Helena. They indicated they begin receiving applications from needy families in late fall, and they do the best they can to fill all orders. Our contributions are a big help and they encourage a large participation so more of the applications may be fulfilled. After this program, for those of you who were present, it is difficult to imagine there won't be a tremendous outpouring of quality toys. There is a large group of books/magazines with plans for numerous toys, some simple and others complicated, that will challenge your imagination. To demonstrate a few, Ben arranged for several members to bring something as illustrations. Buddy Finch had a delightful Model T Ford; Jerry DeVenny had a dinosaur with moving parts (legs and mouth); Jesse Whitfield had a farm tractor; Fred Baker had a farm tractor, a wagon and a truck. There was available scrap wood in the form of pine, poplar, fir and mahogany which was donated by several shops, and we are grateful to them for it. At our annual

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.

Christmas program there will be awarded prizes to those T F T participants who make ten or more toys as follows: First Prize — \$200 then there will be ten prizes of \$40 each. The amounts may vary a little depending upon the condition of our treasury in December.

THE ANNUAL SHOW

The SHOW was a resounding success this year. It was made possible by several of our members who devoted considerable time and effort to it. Those who worked were: Richard Brewer, Chairman; Jerry DeVenny, paperwork; Mike Key and Fred Baker, demonstrations; Harold Phillips, ribbons; Sterling Brewer, who met our esteemed judge, Craig Nutt and escorted him into the display rooms, took him to lunch and presided over the People's Choice award. Without the work and devotion of these men, we would not have had such a good show. A word of appreciation to Craig Nutt. This artist, who has his studio and shop in Northport, Alabama, and to which we have had the pleasure of visiting, is a nationally recognized artist whose works are on exhibition in galleries around the country. From this, you can see we were fortunate to have him critique our work and award the ribbons. The People's Choice is discussed in a separate section.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

This is another way of describing and making an award for the best of show. Our judge had nothing to do with this award. There were provided slips of paper and a ballot box for visitors to the show to make their "choice" of the items entered in the show. There were over a hundred votes for the Choice, and when the votes were counted there was a clear winner — IVAN KRONBERG, whose windsor chair was spectacularly made and finished and was a popular choice of our members too. Congratulations, Ivan, but we all wonder if Elsie had a lot to do with it.

DALE LEWIS

It is always so nice to hear good things about Dale, and we want to report on his latest excursions. He exhibited in Norwalk, Connecticut where he won the Juror's Award for his entries. Then he went to St. Louis and entered a show called Midwest

Salute to Masters, where he won Best of Show — Artists' Choice. We take pride in our own Dale and his accomplishments and congratulate him on these latest recognitions. We pledge to continue to report his activities as long as he continues to win — so stay with it, Dale.

ACTON'S CHECK

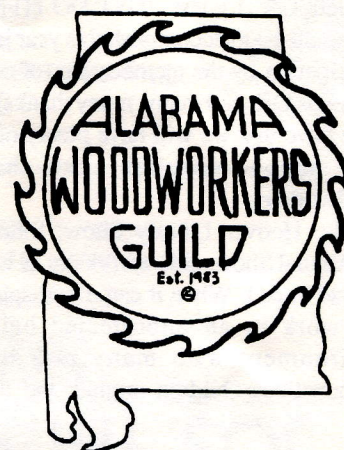
Once again Ronnie has returned to us what represents the profit he would have made on sales to us members. This money goes into our treasury and will be devoted to the best interests of the Guild. This month the check was for \$114, and we want Ronnie to know we appreciate it.

DOOR PRIZE

This little exercise we go through each month is designed to create a record of attendance at the meetings. We appreciate all of you signing in at the front desk as you enter Actons and to stimulate you to do so, we offer a gift certificate of \$15 to Actons. This month there were 59 members present. President Sheriff asked for a number between zero and sixty and this number produced Rusty Emmons. Rusty had some exquisite intarsia work in our show this year, and during the show and tell period showed us another piece he didn't have quite ready for the show. Nice going, Rusty.

SHOW AND TELL

Next to our regular program, this is the most fun we have at our meetings. We have many talented members who regularly share with us the results of their creations. We are convinced, however, there are many more of



you who are producing items that would be of great interest to the rest of us. We reason that you must be woodworkers or you would not be members of the Guild, and if you are woodworkers you must be making something in your shops. If you are making ANYTHING in your shops the rest of us would like to see it. We learn from each other what to make, how to make it, how to finish it and what may be done with it. We implore the rest of you to bring your "stuff" to the next meeting. In September, the following brought their prize pieces for us to enjoy:

Ed Sheriff	A left-hand and right-hand marking knife; and a really quality music box.
Leonard Sanders	A bowl of myrtlewood
Rusty Emmons	An incartia piece of a bird on a limb (mentioned above)
Nelson Brooks	A caricature face carved on a round wooden ball and inserted in one-half of a golf ball, and placed on a tee. Made by Nelson's brother.
Frank Jones	Asked for help from us as to the type tree the burl came from. Looked interesting.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

We mentioned in the article dealing with Toys for Tots that we would itemize for you suggestions by the hospital for you to undertake to make for them. Herewith is the list:

The number in () after each item is the number they need.

Toy kitchen set (3), workbench for boys (1), doll house (1), small wooden shapes for children to paint (lots), picture frames for children to paint (lots), puzzles (lots), cars and trucks (lots), child-size chairs (20), child-size round tables (2), child-size computer tables (2), adult-size computer tables (2), wooden toys (lots), wooden ABC letters and numbers (4), letters of the alphabet to paint (5), toy deposit boxes (8), suggestion box (8).

CINCINNATI CARVERS GUILD

So you thought we were the only Guild around, well they have a Guild for carvers in Cincinnati. They wrote to Pres. Ed and asked to be placed on the mailing list for our NEWSLETTER, as they had done to more than a dozen other Guilds. They say now that we were they only Guild to respond and wrote a letter of appreciation. Just passing this along to you so you may know your officers do more than just preside at our meetings.

EAST TENNESSEE WOODWORKERS GUILD

This is another Guild which has a fine reputation and is obviously very busily engaged to operating a good Guild. They will be having their annual SHOW, which is entitled MASTER WOODWORKERS SHOW, and is scheduled for October 21-23 at the Candy Factory, 408 10th Avenue on the World's Fair site in Knoxville. There will be furniture, cabinets and fine accessories as well as demonstrations of skills. Items will be of native and exotic woods on display and will be for sale. Admission is free. So if any of you are going to be in the Gallinburg or Knoxville area during those dates, this would be another chance to see what other woodworkers make and from which we might get ideas.

FINE WOODWORKING

We continue to be grateful to FINE WOODWORKING for their gift subscription AND for their willingness for us to reprint articles or other material from their magazine. They have a new book out that sounds exciting. It is entitled BUILDING TRADITIONAL CABINETS, by Jim Toplin, a professional cabinetmaker. The book includes a full photo gallery of interpretations of styles ranging from Colonial to Shaker to the "country" look. There are step by step instructions, from layout and design to installation and final adjustments. The book sells for \$19.95 and may be ordered from The Taunton Press, 63

South Main Street, P.O. Box 5506, Newton, Connecticut 06470, or you may call (203) 426-8171, or (800) 283-7252. They also have another good book out entitled WOODSHOP JIGS AND FIXTURES by Sandor Nagyszalanczy for a price of \$22.95. It also may be ordered as shown above.

HOOVER LIBRARY

You may recall when we were in the midst of promoting and assembling our annual show, there was introduced the idea of displaying some of our show pieces at the Hoover Library. Ed Sheriff and Richard Brewer, President and Vice-President respectively, met with the library personnel and proposed the idea of a display. The library didn't come up with much space, in fact they only offered a glass display case. So our managers accepted what was offered, and there are now on display several small items that would fit into the display case which is located in the music and art room of the library. The items displayed were those of Ivan Kronberg, Nelson Brooks, Ed Sheriff and Richard Brewer. Everyone should go by the library and see them.

FOR SALE

If you have been wanting a biscuit jointer, and if you haven't enjoyed the pleasure of using one, we have a bargain for you. It is a Ryobi, Model JK100, and the whole kit is there including the carrying case. You may make arrangements to see it or you may talk about it with Mr. Dan Rice at 879-7009.

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