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GUILD HAPPENINGS

What a great month for the Guild. The Sloss Festival was a huge success. Our group raised \$205 dollars for the Camp Smile A Mile Charity by offering the public an array of artistic goods from dovetail boxes, yo-yo's, tops, wooden spoons, bowls, pen, key chains and various other wooden doodads. And judging by the look of camaraderie on everyone's face when I got there at 2:30—it was not all sacrifice.

For our next meeting we will be drawing on the talents of all the Guild.

September 12 - Monthly Meeting at Acton on Weekend Projects (Ones you can actually complete in one weekend—not being the Yankee Woodworker) and Toy Projects for the Toys For Tots Drive. Bring your projects and Expertise.

Guild Awards for 1996 Sloss Festival

Contemporary Furniture

Intermediate

First Place Ben Neighbors
Third Place Buddy Finch

Advanced

First Place Dale Lewis
Second Place Dale Lewis
Third Place Frank Jones

Traditional Furniture

Intermediate

First Place Charly Ard
Second Place Hugh Griffith
Third Place Larry Boots

Advanced

First Place Ed Sherriff
Second Place Paul Mancill

Toys

First Place George Edwards
Second Place Cliff Saxon
Third Place Leonard Sanders

Carving

First Place Marilyn Milstead

Small Objects

Intermediate

First Place John Tow
Second Place Dan Browning
Third Place Cliff Saxon

Advanced

First Place Ed Sheriff
Second Place Paul Mancill
Third Place Dale Lewis

Turning

Intermediate

First Place Floyd Cox
Second Place Jesse Whitfield
Third Place Floyd Cox

Advanced

First Place Ivan Kronberg
Second Place Jim Caldwell
Third Place Jim Caldwell

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the 1996 Annual Show at Sloss Furnace will be history. This year, as always, the quality of work was exceptional. There were 49 pieces entered by 20 members of the Guild. If you missed the show, it is truly your loss. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the setup and the demonstrations. You made my job easy, so thanks again. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bo Thuston for providing the food for the reception. Thanks, Bo!

Ben Neighbors is looking for TOYS and a lot of them. Now is the time to start on your toys for Toys-For-Tots. November is closer than you think! The meeting will highlight toys, so be thinking about any special toy you have made and share it with the Guild. Thanks to Harold Phillips, Ben Neighbors, Fred Baker, Frank Jones, and Leonard Sanders for picking up wood from Folmar Millwork to be used for toys.

Walter Barnett has agreed to be chairman of the Nominating Committee this year, so give him all the help and support you can. The Guild is for the enjoyment of everyone, so consider getting involved in some area. You will be glad you did!

See you at the meeting

Mike

Skiing behind a wooden boat
by Charles Ard

My good friend Daniel Moynihan was home from Ft. Lauderdale for the weekend recently and suggested we go skiing like we used to when we were kids. I dug out my ski and ropes and stuff and by Saturday afternoon three of us were headed up the river to Chococolo Creek (one of the finest skiing places on earth). Dan was born on a water ski. I used to be pretty good, but a lot of water has washed down since then (and a few enchiladas too!) so I had a little anxiety about how this was going to work.

Any doubts about Dan's ability vanished when he popped out of the water backwards. We went up the creek, around twists and turns until we got to the highway bridge. As we approached the bridge I saw a big metal sign that read "No Skiing Under the Bridge-by order of the marine police". What? I've skied under that bridge

for almost 30 years! Anyone who will run a ski into a bridge has not long to live anyway. A law against it will not help much. Protect him from the bridge and he'll just find something else to hit. The bridge was coming up fast, I had to quit complaining and do something, so here's the way I worked it. I pulled Dan right up to the bridge and cut the throttle. He could see the onerous sign too and let go of the rope. I pulled the boat through the bridge while he pushed his ski ahead and swam, under his own power. Once past the bridge Dan picked up the rope and I pulled him back up (backwards naturally). If the marine police read this—I believe we complied with the spirit and letter of the law but we didn't like it one bit.

At length Dan got tired and it was my turn. My ski went into the water and I followed, trying to pretend I was 18 again. Dan brought the rope around and hauled me out of the water as easy as pie (the fat boy can still cut it despite recent editorial

GOOD WOOD NEIGHBOR
Q&A

Bo Whalen, 665-5444, is looking for accessories for his Delta Lathe such as: face plate, chuck, or tool rest. Bo also has some spare machines and parts of machines like motors to sell.

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comments otherwise). I skied behind this wooden boat and thought about how it came to be. A Douglas fir tree grew somewhere out west, was cut down, and peeled into veneers to make plywood. The plywood eventually found its way to Ronny Acton's shop where I got it and tortured it into the crazy shapes of a boat. The engine was designed for a Chevy Nova and now has a new life pulling middle aged fat boys around a creek on a board (did I mention I like wooden skis too). The whole thing is so improbable that I regard it as direct evidence for divine provenance.

On the way back down the river we were talking about all the wonderful work now on display at the Sloss show. I believe this wooden boat produces more fun than anything I have ever built. And Sunday morning I felt like I had been run over by a truck.

Congrats to Frank Jones

Congratulations to Frank Jones on the fine write-up in the Feature Section of the Birmingham Post Herald on August 9. They even captured him in his classic outfit doing what he does best hand dovetailing. Our Guild was also mentioned in the article. If you haven't read it go to the library and read it!

Should have been there and on time

The following members would have won the door prizes had they been there and on time:

- Charlie Ard
- James Guarnieri
- Ted Jones

Tool Tips

Tip #1:

When ever buying lumber, no matter how gorgeous it looks, put it on the ground to check for warps and turns. I guess you always learn this the hard way. I recently bought a beautiful piece of maple and worked an entire weekend on it because it was warped.

Tip #2:

When dealing with warped boards the following kind of help: 1) plane the sucker as much as you can. 2) if there's an area that won't show use a relief cut. 3) if either 1 or 2 fail use said board for kindling.

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