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If you know Dale Lewis, our V-P and Program Chairman, you know he has a tremendous sense of humor. If you don't believe that, consider the names he attaches to his production pieces. Since the February program was on sanding and the March program will be on planes he suggests that a proper title of this program be **WE SCRATCHED THE SURFACE AND NOW FOR THE PLANE TRUTH**. Oh well, grin and bear it. Now, the program will be brought by Charles (Charlie) Ard who has blossomed into quite an expert on woodworking after his start with boatbuilding. He has designed and built a turning lathe and many other tools and mediums of mechanical assistance. His topic will be planes and scrapers. He will demonstrate the use of these two tools preparatory to sanding (or as he puts it Plane Geometry). He says it is possible, sometimes, to plane and scrape in lieu of sanding. We are sure the type wood and its condition would have to influence this procedure. Anyway, we look forward to your program, Charlie.

Last Month's Program

Even though it was cold as a

WDA in the meeting room, Dale Lewis and Nelson Brooks did a superb job of indoctrinating us as to the use and uses of sandpaper. Nelson tackled the various types of sandpaper available, their applications and their costs. Mentioned were: resin bond, glue bond, aluminum oxide, silicon carbide and ceramic aluminum oxide. Some of us were not aware there are so many available and now that we know this we will have a hard time deciding which one to use. Then came Dale who introduced us to several types of sanding machines. The portable belt sander (3" belts) is widely used by us amateurs and does a fine job until you have a table top to do. For that you need the PERFORMAX table sander (\$900) which will sand a 16" board, or a 32" table top if the top is turned around. The oscillating/revolving spindle has made sanding curved objects much easier. Fighting dust was mentioned, and it was suggested that we wear protective masks to protect our lungs when sanding. We appreciate Dale and Nelson doing the program.

Woodworking Classes

Continuing our commitment to making membership in the Guild as meaningful as possible, we have,

over the years, held instructional classes in woodworking. These classes have always been well attended and presented in an outstanding manner. Fred Baker, who has conducted several of our classes, has engaged the assistance of Mike Key (also a past President) and together will be the instructors for the classes. They will run nine weeks beginning May 5 through Saturday, June 28 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The subjects to be covered are:

1. Machines and Safety
2. Sharpening and tool care
3. Wood selection, layout and glue-up
4. Hand tools
5. Joinery - dado, tongue and groove, mortise and tenon

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This year has gotten off to a great start! We had another big crowd at the February meeting (in spite of bad weather), and another fine program. Speaking of programs — a big thanks to our own Dale Lewis and Nelson Brooks for sharing their sanding skills with us. Also, be prepared for some fun and a real interesting program on March 13th. We'll get to see planes and scrapers handled "The ARD Way."

There should be no more confusion about what to do with your name tag after the meeting. Ronnie has agreed to put the holder for the name tags in the shop area where we meet.

Remember to sign up for the Woodworking Class if you're interested. I'm sure the class (5/5 - 6/28) will fill up quickly.

Reminder — It's not too soon to start thinking about that project for our annual show. There are categories for all skill levels so everyone should enter at least one piece in the show.

A big thanks to Doug Hicks, Executive Editor for August Homes Publishing Company, for providing copies of their latest books for our library. The two hardback books, *Bookcases and Shelves* and *Classic Cabinets*, are a part of the Woodsmith Collection. I had the opportunity to review the books and was quite impressed. Doug tells me the books are available currently for the reduced price of \$17.95 each or \$34.95 for both. Anyone interested in purchasing them can call the Woodsmith Shop at 800-444-7002. Or, if you're on line, you can call their web page at www.augusthome.com. You can, of course, see Frank Jones and check them out of our library.

See you March 13th!

Dan

6. Joinery - Dovetails, box joints and splined miter.
7. Router - use and care of routers
8. Shop-made jigs and fixtures
9. Finishing

This appears to be a comprehensive program and due to its appealing nature and expectations of a large participation and since two instructors can only service so many students, the class will have to be limited to twenty participants. Sorry, but that's the way it will have to be, so enter your name on the list if you want to be a part of this. Oh yes, the cost of the nine week class will be \$75 for members and \$100 for nonmembers (the extra \$25 for nonmembers will make them members).

Seminar August 2, 1997

Having dealt with our educational program in May and June, now we have another such program coming up on August 2, 1997. You may recall John Jordan, who has done a couple of seminars for us, and provided us with the Englishman Chris Stott last year. Now John has offered, and we have accepted a turner from Australia. He is George Hatfield and he is from Sydney. In the December 1996 issue of *American Woodturner* he was featured in an article entitled *Skewing a Bead*. Those of you who are turners know that making a bead with a skew chisel is a hazardous undertaking and not to be entered into inadvisedly. George is a veteran turner and

teacher. He is also associate editor of *Australian Woodworker Magazine*. He will be a demonstrator at the *American Association of Woodturners* symposium in San Antonio next July. More about this later.

Show and Tell

This very interesting part of our meetings is and always has been a highlight. All of us are interested in what each other are doing in our shops. That is why we encourage, or even demand, that you bring something you have made and share with us the material and finish used so we may be encouraged to do something similar. The presenters at the February meeting were:

Ivan Kronberg Two bowls, one of hickory and one of ash. Ivan has just bought the Cadillac of lathes, ONE WAY, a Canadian Company.

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SPRING WOODWORKING CONTEST-SMALL OBJECTS

April 21 - MAY 1

THUSTON SAW WORKS - 928 NORTH 28TH ST.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED IN THREE CATEGORIES PLUS "BEST OF SHOW":

- ◆ TURNED OBJECTS
- ◆ BOXES
- ◆ CARVINGS

RULES:

1. ALL OBJECTS MUST BE "TABLE TOP" SIZE
2. ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON APRIL 21st OR 22nd IN THE A.M.
3. ANYONE MAY ENTER UP TO THREE PIECES
4. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AND DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THUSTON SAW WORKS MAY 1st AT 6 P.M.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE:

- ⇒ \$100 FOR FIRST PLACE
- ⇒ \$50 FOR SECOND PLACE
- ⇒ \$25 FOR THIRD PLACE
- ⇒ \$100 FOR "BEST OF SHOW"

TO ENTER COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, DETACH AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR ENTRY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

CATEGORY: _____

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (INCLUDE TYPE OF WOOD(S) USED):

official use only:

Item Number _____

Dan Browning Three lidded boxes. Dan experimented with aniline dyes and the boxes did not resemble the wood from which made.

Toys for Tots

We are now going to refer to this program as Toys for Children. The other name is kaput now. As you know Ben Neighbors handled this program for some ten years and asked to be relieved so someone else could get the pleasure for a while. President Dan Browning has persuaded Pete Jenson to take over and run this important program our guild has engaged in since the beginning. Pete outlined his plans of attack at the February meeting and we see no let-up in the intensity of the program. We appreciate and welcome Pete and hope he won't harass us like Ben did.

Banner

A title like *Banner* doesn't bring forth a flood of memories or understanding, but with a little explanation you will understand. Thanks to Walter Barnett, we now have a fifteen foot by three foot (15' x 3') banner which may be stretched across the side of a building (like at the *Show* each year) or hung across our meeting room. A local artist by the name

of Lavelle Cost has designed and made our banner spelling out our name in blue letters on a white background and including our logo. When you enter our meeting room at Acton's on March 13th you will be overwhelmed by our new banner, and we believe it would be appropriate to mention a word of thanks to Walter.

Door Prize

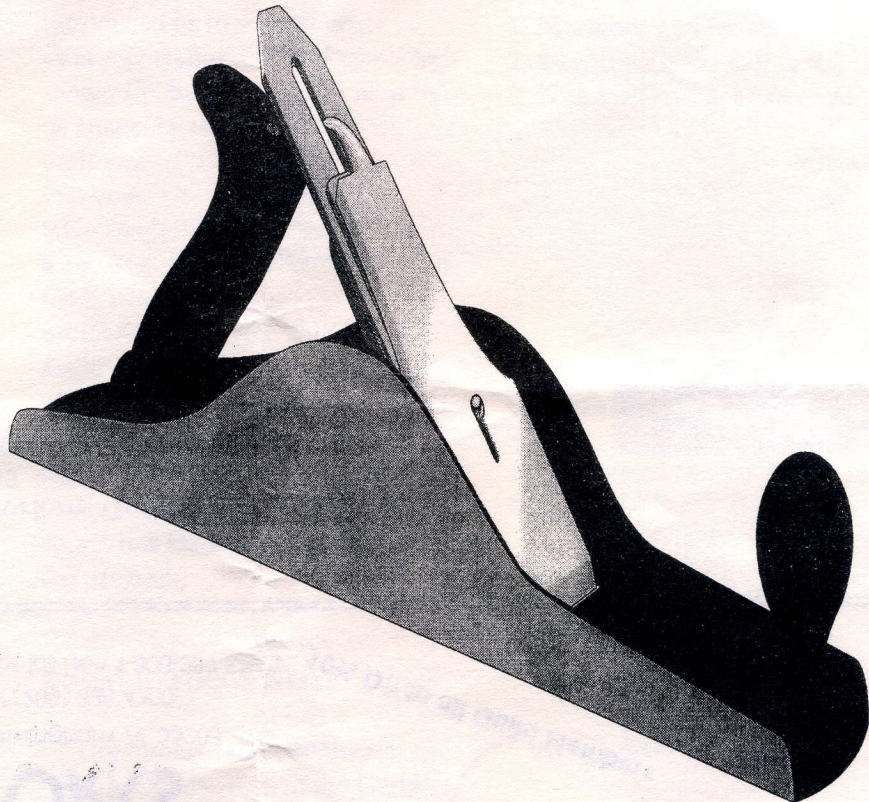
Continuing our practice of awarding a \$15 gift certificate at Acton's for bothering to show up for the meeting, the name randomly drawn was George Hammond. You have to spend it all at Acton's, George.

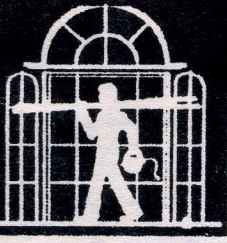
Sale - Swap - Buy

We are always glad to list items such as these because we are not only doing the seller a favor we hope some member will acquire or dispose of some tool he either needs or doesn't need any more. Two items this month:

Jerry Dodd A Model 500 SHOPSMITH 647-6731

Lawrence Williamson A Walker Turner, floor model, gear driven, 220 Volt, 3/4 Spindle Shaper. Call 664-1997.





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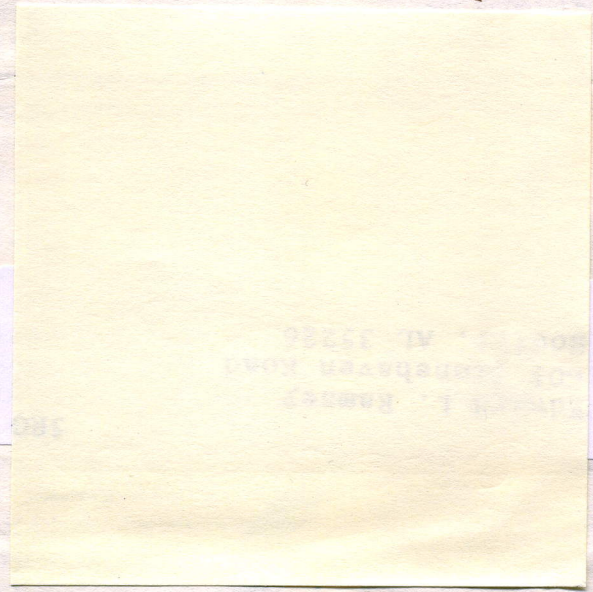
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