

# GuildNews

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## President's Letter

Well, it's hard to believe that we're three months into the new year. College basketball is over, baseball has started, flowers are in bloom, and of course, allergies are killing us all! It's also the time of year to be thinking about that award winning project for our annual show. We also have a new challenge this year. I announced at our meeting last month the "Spring Woodworking Contest — Small Objects" to be held at Thuston's Saw Works. This certainly has the makings of a fun show and Bo is offering some nice awards plus a final night barbeque dinner.

Great show last month - I thought I knew how to burnish the edge of a scraper until I saw it done "the Ard way". Speaking of shows, I'm really looking forward to the demonstrations by the Tannehill Woodcarvers at our April 10th meeting. Time is running short to sign up for the Woodworkers Class. (Class dates are 5/5 - 6/28). There are still a couple of slots available. If you're interested, see me at the April meeting.

Reminder—Pete Jensen is working hard to set up and coordinate the tours of Children's Hospital. Several members have signed up for the tours but Pete tells me there is room for more. If

you're interested, call Pete or see him at the April meeting.

Are you ready for some "fun in the sun" on April 12th? Charlie Ard has done a really good job setting up the day of demonstrations at the Home Depot in Hoover. This is a great way to show off our skills and get some real good publicity for the Guild. We'll talk more about this at our next meeting.

See you April 10th!

*Dan*

## Next Program

Something a little different this month — *Carving*. Most of us have had occasion in some of our projects to wish we could carve a design on them or decorate them in some way. Then who hasn't looked at a statue and wished we could sculpt one. Dale Lewis has arranged for the Tannehill Wood Carvers Club to send Bill Strickland, Carl Wiggins and Ken Sims to demonstrate carving in several dimensions. They will talk about different styles of carving, how to go about it and even how to properly sharpen their carving tools. This promises to be an outstanding program — come and bring a friend (prospect for membership).

## Last Program

Our very own Charlie Ard was the focus of everyone's attention as he undertook to demonstrate and explain the use of hand planes, scrapers, sharpening the blades for those tools as well as for jointers and planers. If you will excuse the pun, he did it the Ard way. The jointer hand plane, something few of us have, was demonstrated to make a believer out of us that that plane can joint the edges of two boards if you do it correctly. Of course, most of the tools we use will do a great job if we do it correctly. It takes time and preparation for our members to put together a program like this and we certainly appreciate it.

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## *The New Banner*

As advertised in the last *GuildNews* our new banner, courtesy of Walter Barnett, was on display at the last meeting. That thing will be of great use at our *Show* in August. We have been stretching our old banner across the side of Sloss Furnace, and anyone who is not watching where he is driving as he goes over the viaduct can see from the banner we are there. Whenever we go anywhere else and want to be recognized, we can utilize it. Thanks, again, Walter.

## *Toys for Children*

In order to prove he was present at the last meeting, Pete Jenson, our new Chairman of the *Toys for Children* program, won the door prize. Don't spend it all in one place, Pete, just at Acton's. Now the Toys Program — Pete has taken over the program and is off and running. He is already well known at Children's Hospital having visited with them several times. Here is the message this month. Pete has made arrangements for tours of the Hospital. They have allocated one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please give serious consideration to contacting Pete and tell him you want to make a visit. He will collect

ten of you and set up a tour just for you ten. He says if you have ever had any doubts about spending a little time and money to make some toys you won't after a visit. All you have to do is see and meet some of those children and your heart will melt and you will be off and running in your toymaking. Pete may be reached at 663-7624 and if he should happen to not be there, give the message to Alice.

## *Visitors*

We may have set a record at the March meeting. We had four visitors and they all became new members. Now that is the way to go, ladies and gentlemen. If you agree that our Guild is a worthwhile way to spend a couple of hours once a month, tell your friends and neighbors about us and invite them. Keep 'em comin'.

## *Show and Tell*

We believe a first was established at the March meeting. No one can remember when we didn't have a single entry in this category. This has *always* been a highlight of our meetings so you people bring something, anything, you have made and tell us about whatever it is. That's an order, troops.

## *Special Supper*

Just before the May 8th regular meeting at 5:30, we will have a family oriented *Hot Dog Supper*. There will be more details made available to you at this month's meeting. But, mark you calendar so that whatever details are imparted to you, you will have reserved the time for it.

## *Demonstration*

Home Depot has made it known that they would like for our *Guild* to occupy the sidewalk outside their store and show the customers what great artists we are and how we use tools. The date is April 12th and Charlie Ard would like for you to notify him what you would like to demonstrate. This is a great way to publicize the *Guild*, and every time we do these demonstrations we sign up a bunch of new members. You girls and boys are so talented and do such a fine job with your demonstrations the public concludes if you can do what you are doing so they can too. Let's not pass up this opportunity.

## *Mini Show at Thuston's*

Bo Thuston, in wishing to show his appreciation for our support down through the years, is holding a show at his establishment for our

members. It will be a show to include only small objects which may be placed on a table top for scrutiny and enjoyment. The field of entries will be limited to turned objects, boxes and carvings. Each member of the Guild may enter a limit of three objects in all three categories or any one they wish. The show will be on display from April 21 to May 1, culminating

in a dinner. The entries will be judged by a competent artist, and at the dinner the winners will be announced and they will receive gift certificates in each of three places in each category. Our board member Paul Mancel has application forms and you may secure one from him. There is an expression that became popular a few years ago and that is *Bo Knows*. Well this *Bo* knows

how to entertain our Guild, and he has done so on several occasions and this promises to be another in his string.

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**Tip**

Being primarily a turner, I your editor, subscribe to *Woodturning* a British publication. It is most enlightening and has many provocative as well as informative articles each month. The following *Tip* is from the March 1997 issue and may solve the problem for us of cutting a log when our vise is either too small or the log is just too big.

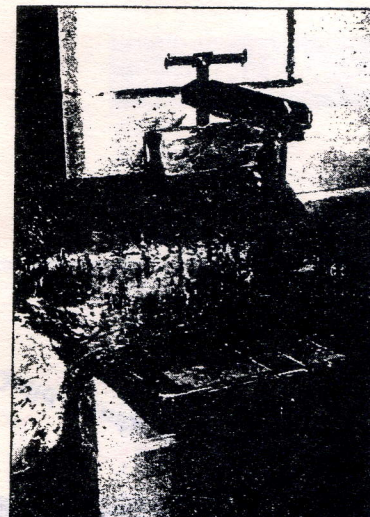
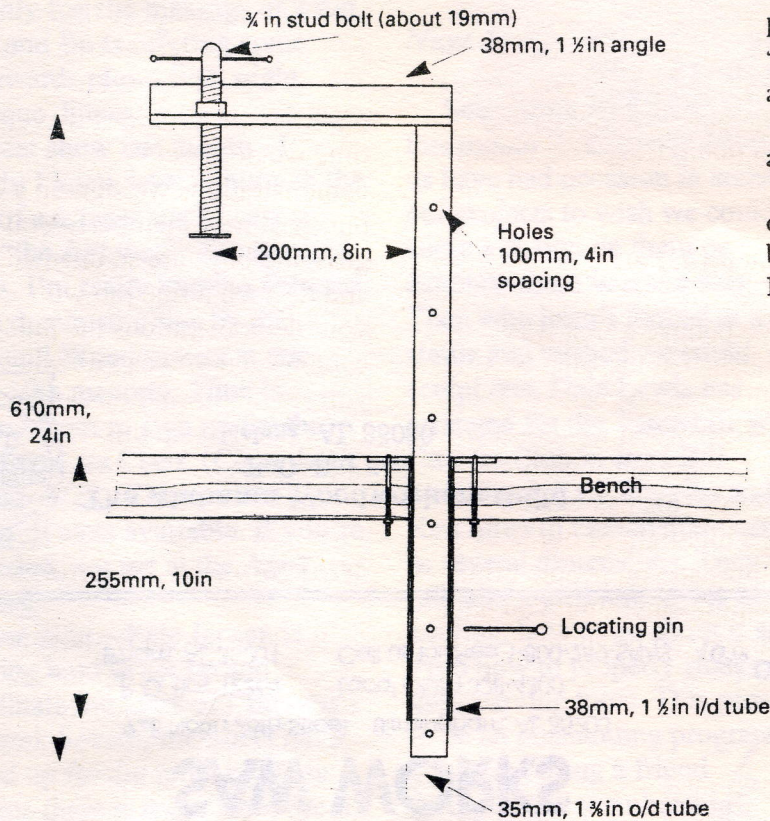
**Bench clamp for cutting logs**

Trying to build up my wood stock, I used a wooden horse for cutting logs into usable sizes with the Bosch 'Tyrannosaw.' But how to cut logs into billets in a safe and secure way became a problem.

The bench clamp shown works well for this. It can also be used for cutting by hand or power saw.

As I work at an oil refinery, getting scrap for my clamp was easy, but most engineering firms should be able to supply the parts.

Roger Arnott, Barton on Humber, North Lincs.



Roger Arnott's bench clamp.

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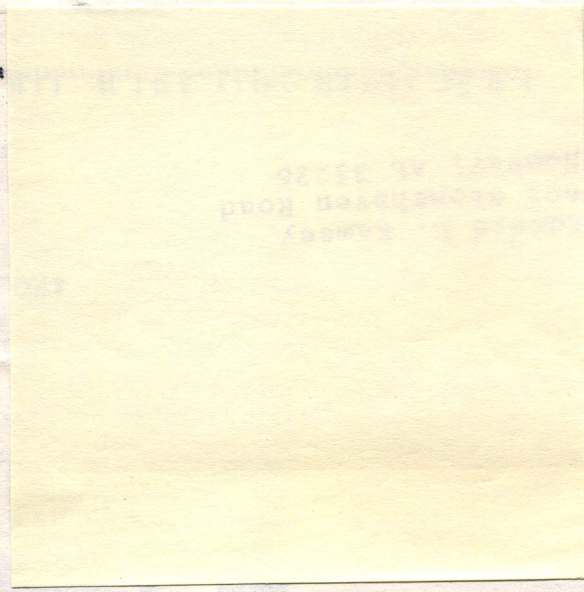
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