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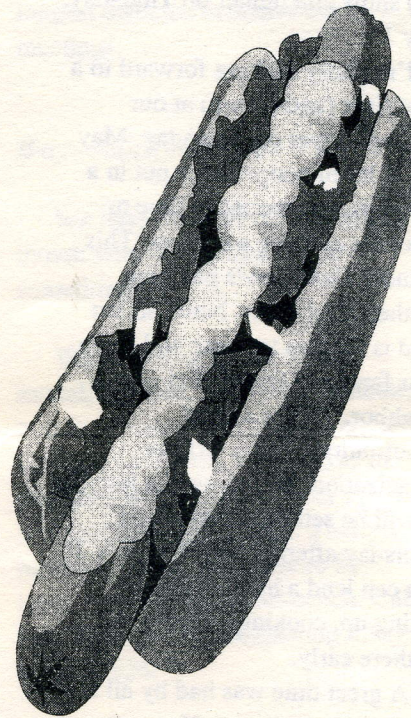
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Hot Dog Supper

What's a HOT DOG? It's meat, bun, kraut, mustard, onions and relish! AND, you may start eating it at either end! Plenty of chips and drinks to go around, and best of all — IT'S FREE. Remember, if a HOT DOG isn't HOT, IT'S NOT.



Eat all you want — seconds, thirds, fourths, etc.

When? May 8th — What time? 5:30 PM

Where? Acton's — For Whom? You, your family, and your friends who may be prospects for membership. Hey, you guys, this is a chance to make points at home — SHE won't have to cook that day, and the kids will love it. After dinner, everyone (who wants to) stays for our regular meeting.

President's Letter

By the time you get this newsletter, Bo's show (i.e. Spring Woodworking contest - Small Objects) will be history. The enthusiasm has been building and I certainly anticipate a good (and fun) show and dinner on Thursday, May 1st.

I'm really looking forward to a great time (and crowd) at our Hotdog supper on Thursday, May 8th. A lot of people have put in a considerable amount of time to make the evening a success. This includes Dale Lewis planning another great show. Now, all we need is for you to come and bring your family, a friend, and/or a neighbor. This is a great opportunity to show off our organization. By the way, a few of us will be setting things up on Thursday afternoon at Ronnie's. If you can lend a hand with the setting up, cooking, serving, etc., be there early.

A great time was had by all at our demonstrations at Home Depot on April 12th. They supported us quite well and the exposure for the Guild was great!

While I'm on the subject of enthusiasm and support, I want to express my appreciation to the Officers, Board Members, past Presidents and Guild members for your support this year. We all know that it takes a combined effort to make an Organization such as ours strong. That effort can be in many forms—attendance and support at our meetings, participation at demonstrations, taking a leadership role on one of our projects, or simply making suggestions. I encourage you to continue to lend

your support in whatever way possible. If you have the time and want to take a more active role let me know.

Reminder: The Woodworking Class begins at 9:00 A.M. on May 3rd at Actons.

See you May 8th!

Dan

Next Meeting — May 8, 1997

Dale Lewis has done it again. We are fortunate to have someone like Dale, who seems to know everybody, invite the people who can bring us interesting programs. This month he has invited Cotton Brown. We interviewed Cotton by telephone and we can assure you this gentleman is an enthusiastic professional woodworker, or better still, artist. Cotton was at one time a sheet metal worker but after suffering a fall and injuring his back turned to full time woodworking. It had been a hobby for some years but turning to full time and hanging out a shingle was the turning point in his life. He is a native of Mobile and his shop is a separate building in his back yard, much like Dale's. He said he thrashed around hunting a product that would sell and make him a living and after several years of making crafts and selling them at crafts fairs he found what he wanted. After many designs he came up with patio and sun room furniture. He says the chairs and gliders may be used outside but since his tables sell for \$1,000 not many buyers put them outside. He

has a "brand" name for his work which is "Southern Style Comfort." He is going to bring a table made 20 years ago and one made recently so we may see the evolution of his work. All his work is made from mahogany which may partially explain the price of it. He sells his work at art shows and over the telephone sounded very enthusiastic about his coming visit and the opportunity to talk about woodworking, the love of his life.

Last Program

What a pleasant surprise. Who would have thought carving and sculpting would be so interesting? We had three representatives of the Tannehill Wood Carvers Club show us how they do what they do, and that is to create unbelievable caricatures, realistic busts, Santa Claus statues, relief carvings, chip carvings and folk art. They use bass wood, butternut and katava, mostly. These men, Carl Wiggins, President of the Club; Ken Sims, Librarian; and Bill Strickland, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, made the presentations and each of them made us sit up and take notice. Some of the work is finished with acrylic paint, oil paint (using sealer on natural wood), stains and wax. President Wiggins invited any and all of us to visit their meetings at Tannehill Park on the fourth Thursday and the second Saturday. We may call for more information at 979-1111. We really do appreciate these men taking their time to prepare and bring us the program. We also appreciate Dale finding and

inviting them.

Door Prize

In keeping with custom, practice and tradition, there was the usual drawing for the door prize, and who won it? Joe Knapp.

Demonstration

The announced demonstration on the sidewalk in front of Home Depot was spectacular. Pres. Dan reports they had several of our talented woodworkers turning, routing, carving and passing out applications for membership in the Guild. The manager of the store told Dan he was thoroughly impressed with the work done on their doorstep. He expected "craft" quality and instead he got high quality woodwork. He invited us to return later this year. There were dozens of applications passed out and hopefully we will have some new compadres in the Guild soon.

The Show

What have you made to go in THE SHOW this year? What have you started for THE SHOW this year? What are you planning to make this year? If you don't know about THE SHOW because you are a relatively new member, let us tell you about it. It was begun some fourteen years ago and has gained momentum to where it is now a recognized affair each year. There are several categories of works you may enter including contemporary furniture, traditional furniture, fret

work, lathe turnings, toys, small tools, carvings, intarsia (look it up), in fact most anything you want to enter is welcomed. We employ a professional woodworker to judge our show each year and blue, red and white ribbons (nicely tailored) are awarded for first, second and third place in each category. This is great fun, ladies and gentlemen and if you haven't started, well, do so. You won't regret it.

Library

We don't want to lose sight of the fact we have a pretty comprehensive library managed by Frank Jones. We have text books as well as periodicals and woodworking magazines from some of the best publishers in the country. If you need to know how to undertake something you have never done before, chances are very good you will find the information in our library. Frank is available before each meeting not only to open the library but help you find what you are looking for. If you are more than a casual observer, you will see the members returning something they have previously checked out. Y'all come.

Show and Tell

This part of our meetings always commands attention. It is most interesting to see what our members have made, what they made it out of and how they finished it. We had three at the last meeting and appreciate them:

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| Frank Ryerson | Toy Rabbits |
| Jack Perry | Trailer Truck and Helicopter |
| Steve Onisick | Shoe Shine Box (dovetailed, no less) |

Just a footnote to this section. Frank and Jack both live in Tuscaloosa, and no doubt travel the longest distance to attend our meetings.

Buy—Sell—Trade

We have three of our group this month who would like to sell something:

Woodturning Lathe; Sears model, 36" bed, 12" max clearance, two face plates, special right angle tool rest for bowls, two lengths of straight tool rests, live center and a four and three jaw chuck. There is no stand so one will have to be made or put it on a workbench. Call Fred Sandlin (the sharpening man) at 663-7524.

A whole shop is for sale: Sander (new), 16 speed drill press, 60 gal. air compressor, sharpening center, shaper (with all new cutters), radial arm saw, table saw, lathe duplicator, pin router, 24" band saw, pattern knives, dust collector, 6" jointer, scroll saw and a 3 in 1 Woodmax with sanding, moulding and planer attachments. Call Don Bennett 849-8248.

Powermatic 10" tablesaw w/vega sense \$300.00; Router table w/3 hp router \$150.00; Ryobi 10½" planer \$145.00; Ryobi 6" Jointer \$145.00. Call Steve Onisick at 942-8075.

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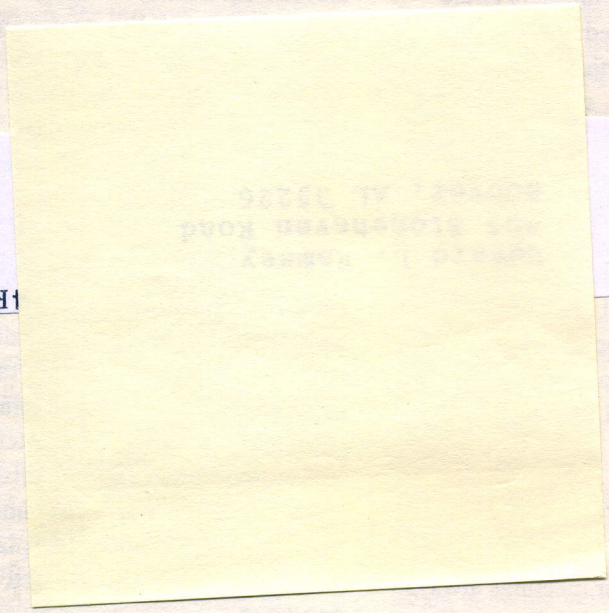


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