

# Guild News

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## *President's Letter*

### IT'S SHOW TIME!

I'm really looking forward to this year's show. It has the potential to be the biggest and best ever. Charlie Ard (our resident boatbuilder) has put forth a lot of time and effort to make the show a success. Now, all it takes is you—so, complete that project and put it in the show for all to see. For those of you with small objects we've purchased a couple of real nice display cases to show them off. The cases will provide security as well as easy viewing.

I was unable to attend the turning seminar last Saturday but I understand the attendance was great. This is certainly a nice endorsement for the Guild as well as your interest in a quality Seminar.

Don't forget the silent auction at our next meeting. This is always a fun event as well as profitable for some.

See you August 14th.

*Dan*

## *Acknowledgment*

Your editor had to miss the last meeting and we wish to thank WALLACE WILLIAMS for volunteering to make notes of the July meeting, converting them into sensible language and transmitting them to me. Please be kind to Wallace for his efforts.

## *Next Program—August 14, 1997*

It's the annual SILENT AUCTION. If you haven't participated in one of these, you have missed a treat. What you do is search around your shop and gather any tool or tools you no longer have a need for; and look through your wood pile and determine if you have no need or plans for a nice piece of maple, or whatever it may be and if exotic enough it doesn't have to be a large piece. Bring the tools and/or material as items of auction. Understand that if you enter something, it is a firm commitment and whatever price it brings that is the price it goes for. There will be bid-slips placed by each item, and the members will write their bids

and names on the bid-slip, place it face down and move on to other items. At the "cut-off" time, the bids will be read and the successful bidder pays the seller and everybody goes home happy. Don't miss this fun. Even if you don't have anything to auction, come on down and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

## *Last Program— July 1997*

The Alabama Forge Council certainly lived up to their advance billing. The Council started with only a handful of members, and has now grown to some 600 members, the largest in the U.S. Each of about a dozen groups has a working forge to teach members, demonstrate techniques, make things and generally promote blacksmithing. The cost of getting into blacksmithing is modest since you only need an anvil, a forge and several hand tools. Forges today are fed by propane burners, rather than coke agitated by bellows, and can be made simply or as sophisticated as you wish. These craftsmen have steel piles, as we have wood piles,

and may consist of railroad spikes, lawn mower blades, overhead door springs and RTS57 (rear truck spring 57). Several pieces were heated to the critical temperature, hammered into the shape or design wanted and cooled in water to restore temper. Imagine making a fine knife from a railroad spike! One was passed around for us to see, and it was a thing of beauty. Much more was shared with us, and we truly appreciate these gentlemen going to the trouble to prepare and bring our program to us.

## *The Show*

We have been mentioning the show to you for several months and it is now upon us. Just a little history. Almost from the first year of our existence we have had an annual show. We have consistently made it available for the public to enjoy and only a few years after starting we made it into a juried show. There is still time for you to produce one of your fine productions and enter it in the show. The categories suggested are: traditional or contemporary furniture, turnings, carving, small objects, toys and tools. Now, if you haven't made anything recently you may enter anything you have made, even in recent years, provided the

piece has not been previously entered in a show. Look around and select a chair, table, bowl, toy, tool, workbench, tool box, jewelry box, carving, or anything you have made and are proud of. The site will be the BellSouth building lobby at the corner of 6th Avenue and 19th Street, and we must have our entries there on Saturday, August 16th. The hours we will be receiving the pieces will be announced at our regular meeting on August 14th. The following Saturday, August 23rd, we must remove our things and express our appreciation to BellSouth for hosting our show. If you are this late committing to the show, please call Charlie Ard at 956-1871 for instructions on how to enter.

## *Woodworking Class*

We have successfully completed another woodworking class for those members hungry for information and instructions in the lovely art of woodworking. Ronnie Acton provided the location, welcomed everyone to his facility and was an excellent host. Instructors included: CHARLIE ARD - sharpening; IVAN KRONBERG - gluing up panels; FRANK JONES - hand tools; DALE LEWIS -

finishing. Not mentioned above, but of enormous importance are the codirectors of the class, FRED BAKER and MIKE KEY, who made a major contribution with their time, expertise and initiative. We are deeply indebted to all these gentlemen for their willingness to share their particular talent with those yearning to become better woodworkers.

## *Door Prize*

Continuing our practice of awarding a door prize of a \$15 Gift Certificate to Acton's, when the drawing was made it was Charlie Brown (of Peanuts fame) who won it. As an additional award, a marking scribe by the blacksmithing group was won by Robert Tucker, Congratulations, men.

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***Show and Tell***

We only had one this month, but it was worth waiting for. John Farmer brought a fine model of a square rigged sailing vessel that he had recently completed. It is good enough to warrant a display case so, in spite of some of the trials and tribulations during construction, he has made a very nice cover of glass and cherry. Nice going, John, and thank you.

***Turning Seminar***

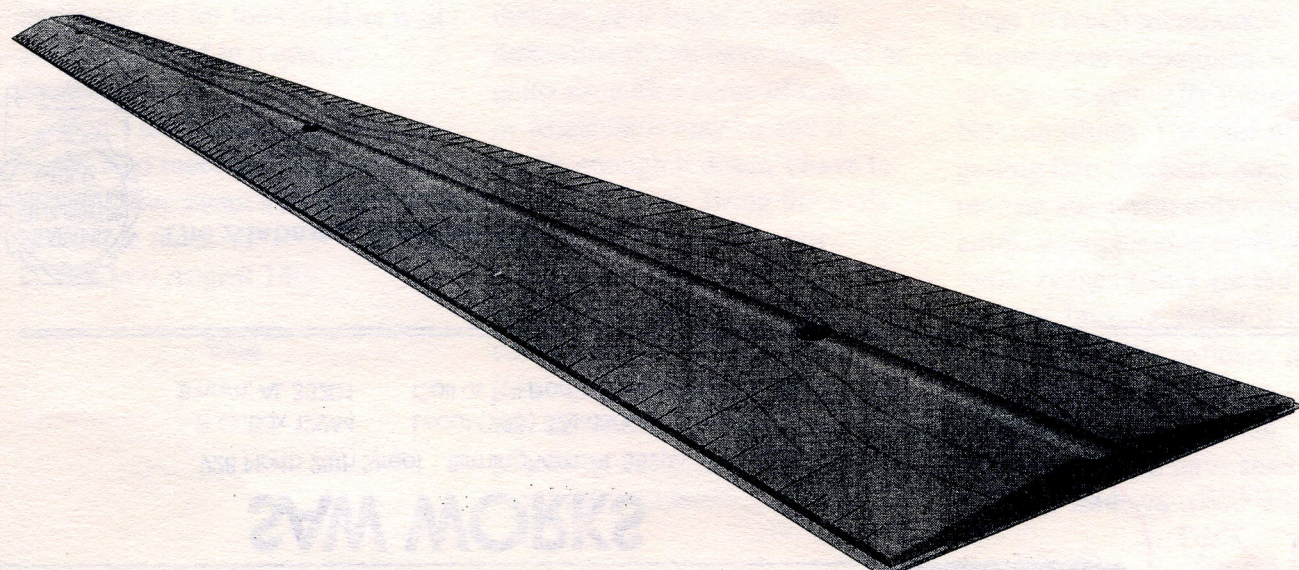
By the time you get this Guild News the umpteenth turning seminar will have been held on August 2nd. Hope you were in attendance, and we will report on it in the next Guild News.

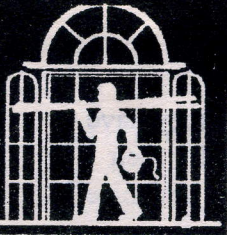
***Toys for Children***

Lest ye forget, the need for toys for Children's Hospital has developed into a twelve-month need. They have children who are having operations or other procedures every day, and they have children with birthdays or other momentous occasions almost daily. It is especially nice to have a toy to give to that child who is sick and in the hospital. Some of these children are so

far away from home they have no relatives on hand for their "occasion" and think how nice it is to be able to give them something to at least partially soothe their hurts. Call Pete Jenson at 663-7624 for what he needs at this particular time or a tour of the hospital, if you wish. This in no way is in lieu of our Christmas program of Toys for Children which we have been doing almost from the beginning of the Guild. If you don't want to make any right now, then get started soon on your quota of a minimum of ten toys for our Christmas program. We surely do not want this program to diminish one iota for it is our principal community project. So, get it moving, guys and gals.

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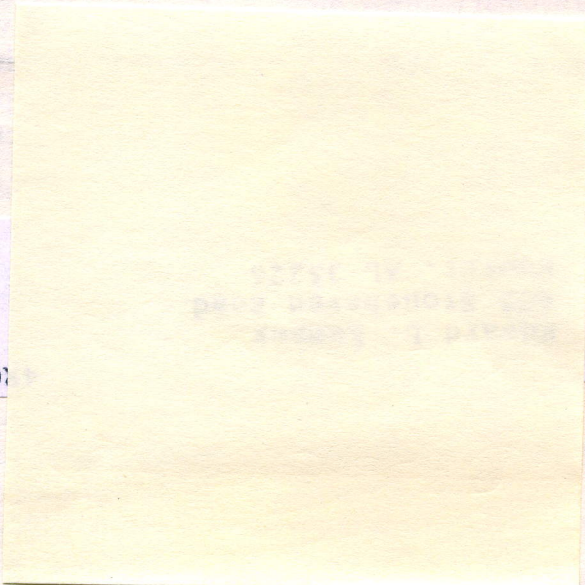


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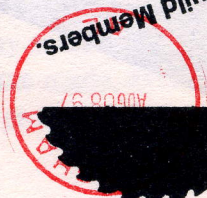


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