

# Guild News

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## President's Letter

I've heard stories all my life about people getting that "dreaded phone call" in the middle of the night. Well, I got my dreaded phone call a couple of weeks ago in the middle of the afternoon. It was Pete Jenner telling me he has accepted a job in Texas and will be moving by the end of May—our loss and Texas' gain. Not only is Pete a friend but his contribution to the Woodworkers Guild over the past year has been immeasurable. He accepted the responsibility for our already successful toys program and then took it to another level. I'm sure Children's Hospital and Project Kids in Distress will be sorry to hear the news. We wish Pete nothing but the best in his new job and will not be surprised to hear about his involvement in a "Guild" in Texas as toys program coordinator.

I'm really looking forward to May 14th—the hot dog supper and "hands-on" experience with DeWalt Tools. Last years hot dog supper was a great success and certainly a lot of fun. This year should be even better with lots of nice tools to experiment with. Also, there's a rumor that a DeWalt Tool will be given as a door prize and perhaps we'll all walk away with a DeWalt Cap.

Remember our annual Woodworkers show beginning August 16th. I talked to the folks at

the Hoover Library the other day and they're really looking forward to a wonderful show and lots of participants. You folk are a great bunch of Woodworkers—so, let's show our stuff and have the largest number of participants ever.

See you May 14th.

*Dan*

## Next Program - May 14, 1998

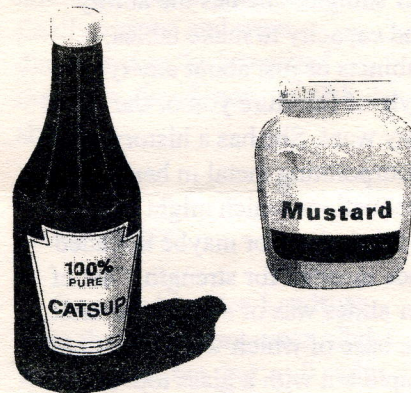
We are a little hesitant about how much to say about our next meeting because we are sure our extinguished President will have a lot to say in his message. But here goes, anyway. This will be a fun



meeting. We are repeating the meeting we had a year ago that everyone seemed to enjoy so much. First off, there will be hot dogs at 5:00 PM for any and everybody. You are supposed to come, bring your family (kids and grand kids) and your appetite. Everything that makes eating hot dogs great will be there for your supper exceptional. The necessary sauerkraut, mustard, ketchup, pickles, potato chips, cold soft drinks, and, oh yes, buns for the whole thing. There will be clowns

and balloons, and the usual bunch of woodworkers (some of whom are clowns) to make this a lively affair.

In addition to the food, there will be a "fair" put on by the DeWalt people. Several of their



machines will be set up and will be demonstrated for your mouthwatering pleasure. We say mouthwatering because if you are like most of us, every time we attend a machine show we want one of each. We appreciate the DeWalt folks going to the trouble and expense of providing us with



such a unique program at our meeting. There will not be a formal sit-down meeting like we usually have, so come and bring the family and enjoy both parts of the festivities.

## *Last Program—April 1998*

What a LOVELY surprise to have this quite lovely young lady woodworker prove to us with her slides of some of her work that she truly is a woodworker. Dianne Stanton is not only just a woodworker, but a professional woodworker as well. After graduating from Auburn, she apprenticed a professional furniture maker in Chicago and another in Atlanta before returning to Alabama to hang out her shingle. She has the ability and capacity to make tables, cabinets or just about any type or style of furniture you or the client may want. She has a history of incorporating metal in her productions which might be welded plates or maybe threaded rods inserted for strength. One of her slides was of a beautiful table, the base of which was walnut and maple but with a glass top. She had one slide of an all metal table, and she said it takes two men and a boy to lift it. She emphasized, and this is something we in the Guild can benefit from, when accumulating material for a project don't skimp on buying the best material you can afford because it will pay off in the long run. One additional note, from the pictures she showed us, it is obvious she has been around Dale Lewis enough to have been infected with his artistic love for the unusual and his propensity for quality work. We appreciate Charlie Ard bringing her to us.

## *3-M Sandpaper*

You have received recently a packet of several grades of 3-M Sandpaper in the mail, all as a result of our President's convincing them we would use their sandpaper and afterward would complete a questionnaire as to how well it performed and our opinion of it. They have written asking "where are the questionnaires?" If you have tried it and have an opinion, please comply with their request so our President won't be hung out to dry if we don't.

## *Rolling Library*

We have been told, again, that the library cabinet will indeed be put on wheels so it may be rolled into our meeting room and thereby be more convenient to our members. Just in case some of our newer members don't know it, we have many reference books, periodicals and other material available for your reading and research pleasure. For instance, you have never made a table from scratch, right? There are several books and magazines in the library that will describe in detail how to make the legs, skirt, drawer (if wanted) and the top. It will show you how to make mortise and tenon joints to attach the legs to the skirt. It will show you how to attach the top to allow for movement of the wood to avoid checking (cracking) and everything else you need to know. So, seek out Frank Jones (who probably will have a hot dog hanging out of his

mouth) and get him to assist you in securing the right book for your project.

## *Dean Black's Shop*

You have heard of Dean many times in our GUILD NEWS. He could easily be considered a member of our GUILD, as he has visited us so many times. He has presented our program a number of times and is always received by our members with wonder and appreciation. You probably have never seen a shop quite like his. He has (at last count) seven (7) lathes up and running and available for whatever he needs to do. One of his lathes is about 20 feet long, and he has used it to turn porch columns, for one thing. He has a bowl lathe that will accommodate about an 8' in diameter bowl blank. This machine is anchored to the concrete floor in such a way it could never get away. He also is a gunsmith, and has a metal lathe he uses to make gun barrels. We would estimate the floor space of his shop to be about 40' by 100'. His inventory of wood, bowl blanks (some enormous) will blow your mind. But, you see, Dean is a professional and as

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such has to have whatever it takes to meet the client's needs. If you happen to visit the Art Museum for any reason, ask where the Japanese exhibit is. You will see about eight walnut columns, about 10" in diameter, some 12' tall, and sitting on appropriate round (turned) bases, a smaller one resting on the bottom one. This man lives an interesting life surrounded by his shop, his lovely wife who is an artist, and his gallery where he sells his wife's paintings and his bowls and whatever else he has made for sale. You must put this on your calendar for May 30th, from 10 - 2. Bring a brown bag lunch and be prepared to enjoy every minute of it. As for road directions, you go up I-59 to the Springfield exit (about 40 miles) and go to the first stop sign, turn left for a couple of blocks and his building is easily seen on your right. If you have any other questions, ask your officers at the May meeting (they will be feeding their faces too) about your concerns.

***A Happy Report***

Think back with us to our SHOW last year at the South Central Bell Building. There were many fine objects entered and among them was a Sleigh Bed, complete with mattress and quilt. It was an extremely nice piece, and it was made by Kathy Earley, a lovely lady who has been a Guild member for several years. The day of our last meeting, April 9th, Kathy suffered a brain

aneurysm, a very serious condition at best. She was hospitalized immediately, and we are so pleased to report she is rapidly on her way to recovery. Kathy, we rejoice you will be with us soon.

***The Show***

We hope you all aren't tired of hearing how you should have already started, if not completed, your SHOW project for this year. Since your officers and board place so much importance on all of you participating each year, we continue to emphasize it. Knowing full well we are repeating things said previously, we do so in order to encourage you to get some wood (the best you can afford) and build something. It can be a large item or a small one, but each has a place in the SHOW. We are so fortunate to have the Hoover Library offer us space beginning August 16th, and we are grateful to them for this. We have previously reminded you that there are several categories: furniture or other large items, small items, toys, tools, turnings, intarsia (look it up), carvings, and you name it (if you can make it, we can enjoy it and judge it). Remember also the show is judged by a competent judge (called a juried show) and blue, red and white ribbons appropriately inscribed with the Guild logo are awarded to the first, second and third places in each category. Now as you look at the SHOW, do you still believe

you aren't competent enough to enter, or as we hope, are you convinced you SHOULD enter just to show your friends and neighbors HOW GREAT THOU ART. Don't let the GUILD down by not entering because your presence and participation is appreciated and you will be glad you did.

***The Wheels***

If you were there April 9th you know the rubber tired wheels finally arrived and were distributed to the interested members. Good, now on with the show.

***Door Prize***

It seems like Ben Landrum wins that door prize more often than anyone, but that's all right, Ben, just don't spend it anywhere but at Acton's.

***Show and Tell***

We had three of our members to bring an offering for our consideration and enjoyment, as follows:

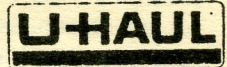
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| George Schoppert | Model T Ford (He does a great job with his Fords)   |
| Mike Key         | Occasional Table, turned goblet and a turned bowl.  |
| Leonard Sanders  | Two turned bowls, one of Iron Wood and one of Maple |

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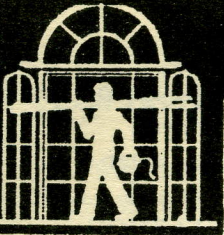
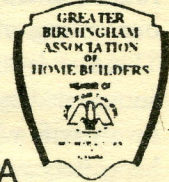
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