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President's Letter

IT'S SHOW TIME! Well, it's almost show time. You still have time to put that final finish on your show piece—or dust off one of those special pieces you built for your home and put it on display. We have all the “makings” for a great show. Great location, great facilities and a great group of woodworkers participating. So if you haven't yet decided to enter a piece, get with it and join the fun. All of the details about the show are covered elsewhere in the newsletter or will be explained at our August 13th meeting.

Speaking of shows, the International Woodworkers Show will be held in Atlanta on August 20-23 at the Georgia Dome and the World Congress Center. I hope some of you folk get an opportunity to attend the show. If so, plan to come back and give us a report at the September meeting.

More talk about shows—Our next meeting (August 13th)—should be quite interesting. I understand Gary Chandler (Simply Shaker) really puts on a great demonstration. Rumor has it that he'll do some turning as well as showing his Shaker chairs and boxes.

My sincere sympathy to Ivan Kronberg in the loss of his wife.

Elsie was a friend, and a real contributor to the Guild—we'll miss her.

See you August 13th!

Dan

Next Program—Thursday, August 13th, 1998

Most of us are acquainted with Shaker furniture. In case you have momentarily forgotten, the Shakers are a group of people living in several parts of the U.S. and especially in Pennsylvania. They adhere to strict rules of living and worshipping which includes living as modestly and frugally as possible. When their forefathers began to make their furniture, they followed their rules of frugality and produced the clean straight lines, the sturdiness and practicality of the various pieces that are unequalled in furniture manufacturing. As a result, Shaker furniture is equally, or maybe more, popular today than when they were inventing it. Our August program will deal with Shaker Furniture. Gary Chandler is from Huntsville where he owns and operates his own furniture business known as Simply Shaker. He produces Shaker furniture on commission and shows his wares at the Kentuk Center

Gallery. Let's give Gary a warm welcome.

Last Program—July, 1998

What a pleasant surprise we had in Tim Tingle. This gentleman is so laid back, yet he possesses an enormous talent capable of presenting his story and accomplishments articulately. Tim is a sculptor and carver and displayed some of his works, all of which would meet critical examination. There were small objects, such as caricatures, and a turtle carved from a block of cedar that looked like it would crawl off if not impeded. Then there was the cigar store Indian, life size, sculpted from a cedar tree trunk. It looked like it could walk and talk. Mr. Tingle has developed an art that astounds anyone who sees it—carving figures in the trunk of a living tree with chain saws and/or hammer and chisels. Some of this work may be seen in Orr Park in Montevallo. His artful endeavors are somewhat unusual since Tim is a coal miner and has been for many years. In addition to his sculptures and carvings, he has perfected the art of carving a chain from a plank. He demonstrated how he goes about it, and we were

all very surprised. The chain he exhibited had links about 2" x 3" and was 60' 2" long and was what he thought would be a world record until another fellow came up with one 82' long.

Library Platform

We it has finally happened. There was rolled out for all to see a platform on swivel wheels on which our library cabinet will be placed. All this effort is to enable Frank Jones, the only librarian we have ever had, to roll the library out into the meeting room where anyone interested in securing printed assistance may have better access to it. This project has been under consideration for some time, and it is a pleasure to report it has been done.

Marvin Heinz

This Guild member went to the trouble to put together some 130 pieces of wood for our observation. Each piece is labeled with the common and botanical names. There were many most of us had never heard of, but it was fun to be introduced to them. We appreciate Marvin going to the trouble to pack and bring to the meeting his extensive collection and maybe he will bring it back some time when those who missed this showing may see it too.

In Memoriam

We sadly report the passing of

Elsie Kronberg. Most of us will remember her behind the counter with Sue Acton on meeting nights, and we all know and admire Ivan and extend to him our sincere condolences.

Toy Show (Display)

President Browning announced that in having a conversation with the Hoover Librarian, he mentioned our toy program. This eventually led to their suggesting we hold a SHOW of toys early in December in preparation for our Christmas party and delivery of our 1998 production of toys to Children's Hospital and U.A.B. Hospital. What an opportunity to let the world know just what it is we do with and about toys. This should be a kick in the pants for all of us to make our minimum of ten toys, and make really pretty and useful toys. We would like to have one of each toy made for display so the usual variety may be seen and understood. It is not too early to start on your minimum of ten toys.

Sloss Furnace

Most of you know we held our annual SHOW at Sloss Furnace for several years. Then came the time in 1997 when we were told the space was no longer available to us. Now, it seems, they miss our demonstrations. They have contacted President Dan and asked if we would accommodate them by having some of our

members spend the day of August 29th demonstrating various kinds of woodworking. There will be a Blues Festival going on at the time, and there should be plenty of spectators who have never seen woodturning, carving, scroll sawing or any kind of woodworking you can name. Let Dan know if you would like to be a demonstrator.

Shop Tours

The question of whether another round of shop tours would be of interest to our members was asked. There was enthusiasm for the idea. This was done a year or two ago and was enjoyed. How our fellow members do their work, where they do it and with what they do it is always of interest. There were several members who indicated they would be willing to clean up their shops, provide donuts and coffee, and welcome interested members. Those who said they would participate were: Frank Jones, Leonard Sanders, Dan Browning, Walter Barnett, Harold Phillips, Mike Key and Charlie Yerby. Watch for the announcement that this is underway.

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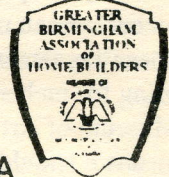
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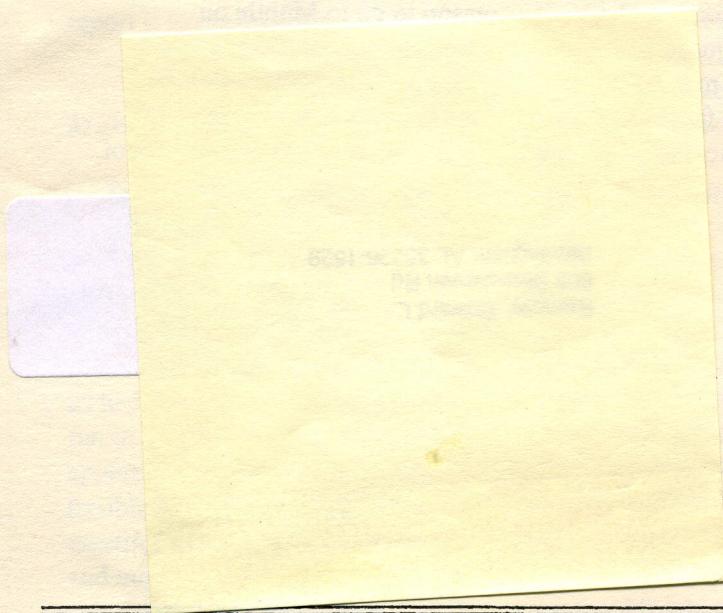
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