

# GuildNews

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## *President's Message*

If you missed our show at the Hoover Library, you really missed a treat. It was really satisfying to hear the visitors (and there was a lot of them) commenting about the unbelievable quality of the work—not just a few pieces but all of the work. You folks that had pieces in the show really did a great job. There were several first time participants and I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as us “old timers.” Our hats off to the Hoover Library Staff. They really rolled out the red carpet for us. All of the folks at the library have become some of our greatest supporters and we're all looking forward to another great show next year.

Speaking of hats off—How about a hats off to Charlie Ard. He continues to arrange very interesting and informative programs at our monthly meeting. From what I'm hearing the next month's program will be no different. I'm sure you'll hear lots of interesting stories about how “I was minding my own business and that table saw blade jumped up and bit me.” Seriously, safety cannot be emphasized enough. Should be an interesting evening. See you September 9th.

*Dan Browning*

*Next Meeting—*  
*September 9, 1999 • 6:30 PM*  
at Jos (Bo) Thuston & Sons Saw Works, 928 North 28th Street. Directions: Take I-65 to Malfunction Junction and get on I-59/20. Go past the Civic Center until you can take exit 126B where you turn RIGHT on 31st Street for one block; turn RIGHT on 10th Ave., North, and go 3 blocks to Bo Thuston's on your LEFT. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME TO 6:30 PM.

We have a very timely subject for our meeting this month. We have had several of our members have an accident in their shops, some mild, some serious and some very serious. Your Board believes it is time for a program on safety and has arranged for several of our members who have had accidents to tell us about them in hopes the rest of us may be forewarned to the extent we won't repeat any of their unfortunate accidents. Dr. Hal Skalka will speak on eye safety; Wallace Williams will tell us about his encounter with a band saw; President Dan will warn us of the dangers of using a router; and Mike Key may come and share with us his accident. None of us wants to become a statistic in our

woodworking shop so why not at least learn a little about safety and maybe keep all of our fingers or whatever.

## *Last Meeting—August, 1999*

The first thing new to greet us was a 48" space fan blowing on us mortals. The fan was purchased from a garage sale Bill West knew about and paid for one-half each by our Guild and the Woodturners (who meet at Bo's also). Our program was brought by Tom Crawford who designs and sells canoes and rowboats. He got started by bringing to Boy Scouts a “do it yourself” program of building your own boat from plans and materials supplied by him. Then the kits became popular, and he now sells them to any and everyone who wants one. Each Thursday night at 6:30 at HQ on Hwy. 150 in Hoover classes are held to build your boat. These canoes are “stitch and glue” construction. Wooden strips, 1/4" x 3/4", thirty-one to each side are bent around a mold, or form, the edges covered with glue and then stitched together. The stitching is done by drilling tiny holes through which small wires (metal) are fed and pulled tight, thus the stitching.

When the glue has dried, the stitches are removed and the holes are filled. Next comes fiberglass cloth covered with three coats of epoxy which is scraped down smooth with regular paint or wood scrapers. The boats are made from basswood, western red cedar and fir. If you are interested in attending or just observing a class, call HQ at 733-1550 to be sure the class will be held that Thursday night. Thank you, Tom.

## Open House (Shop)

The next shop visit will be on SEPTEMBER 18 at C.W. JAVARAS' home in Homewood. Look in our Membership Book for the address and in addition there will be directions available at the next meeting on September 9th.

## Nominating Committee

Yes, it is that time of year again when we must be looking toward our leadership for next year. Bill West is the Chairman of the committee. If you are anxious to be an officer, just dying to be in a position of importance, can't wait to come before the group with whatever is going on at the time, any of the above, just give Bill a call at 871-9326 and tell him to put your name in the pot.

## Charlie Yerby

It was good to see our venerable Secretary/Treasurer back at the August meeting. He broke his ankle several months

ago, and he is now without the "boot" he had to wear while healing. By the way, we have missed his interruptive remarks as well as the way he runs the "front desk" when he is there. Good to see you, Charley

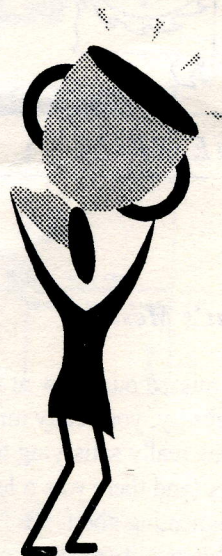


## Show and Tell

One of the nicest parts of our meetings is having a member bring and explain to the group what and how he has made. This month we had:

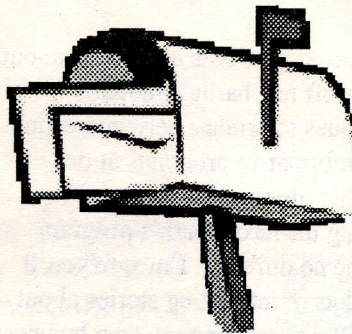
Paul Mancill	A mobile (like hangs over a baby bed)
Paul Madinger	Gluing Frame for improved clamping
Leonard Sanders	Three bowls on pedestals all made from one piece of wood.
Harold Hall	Parts made for restoration of furniture

If this bunch was willing to "show off," surely all of you should be willing to.



## Door Prize

Our usual door prize supplied by Bo Thuston was a rubber mat on which you may place small objects for routing. Rod Miller won it.



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**The Show**

The SHOW was a tremendous success this year. The publicity in the newspapers (There is reproduced below one of the newspaper notices) and on TV are appreciated and the visitors to the Art Gallery at the Hoover Library have been steady and numerous. We are indebted to David Traylor for serving as our Judge this year. David has been a friend of the Guild for many years having hosted a woodworking class at his plant on occasion. There were a total of 67 objects in the Show this year (55 for judging) which were produced by 27 of our members. One could easily wonder where the rest of you were. The following are the winners of the ribbons and we offer our congratulations to each of them:

**Traditional Furniture:**

*Advanced:*

- 1) Ed Sheriff
- 2) Dan Browning
- 3) Paul Madinger

*Intermediate:*

- 1) Leonard Sanders
- 2) Charley Ard
- 3) Jack Perry

**Contemporary Furniture:**

*Advanced:*

- 1) Dale Lewis
- 2) None
- 3) None

*Intermediate:*

- 1) Jim Lee
- 2) Jim Lee
- 3) None

**Turning:**

*Advanced:*

- 1) Lawrence Thomas
- 2) Ivan Kronberg
- 3) Lawrence Thomas

*Intermediate:*

- 1) Fred Baker
- 2) Fred Baker
- 3) None

**Small Objects:**

*Advanced:*

- 1) Ed Sheriff
- 2) Dale Lewis
- 3) Dan Browning

*Intermediate:*

- 1) George Edwards
- 2) Leonard Sanders
- 3) None

**Carving:**

No entries this year.

**Shop Tools & Jigs:**

- 1) Jack Perry
- 2) None
- 3) None

**Toys:**

- 1) Paul Mancill
- 2) Dan Browning
- 3) Frank Ryerson

**Open Category:**

- 1) Lawrence Williamson
- 2) Harold Skalka
- 3) Lawrence Williamson

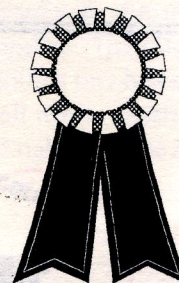
We thought you would like to know who the twenty-seven members are who entered the SHOW:

- Ard, Charley
- Baker, Fred
- Barnett, Walter
- Browning, Dan

- Earley, Kathy
- Edwards, George
- Jenson, Pete
- Jones, Frank
- Kronberg, Ivan
- Lee, Jim
- Lee, James E.
- Lewis, Dale
- Madinger, Paul
- Mancill, Paul
- Neighbors, Ben
- Perry, Jack
- Ryerson, Frank
- Sanders, Leonard
- Saxon, Cliff
- Sheriff, Ed
- Skalka, Hal
- Thomas, Lawrence
- Tucker, Bob
- West, Bill
- Whitfield, Jesse
- Williamson, Lawrence

**GROUP SHOW**

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild  
Hoover Public Library, Friends Gallery.  
This exhibit includes furniture, toys, boxes  
and puzzles. **Through Aug. 21.**



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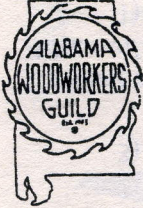
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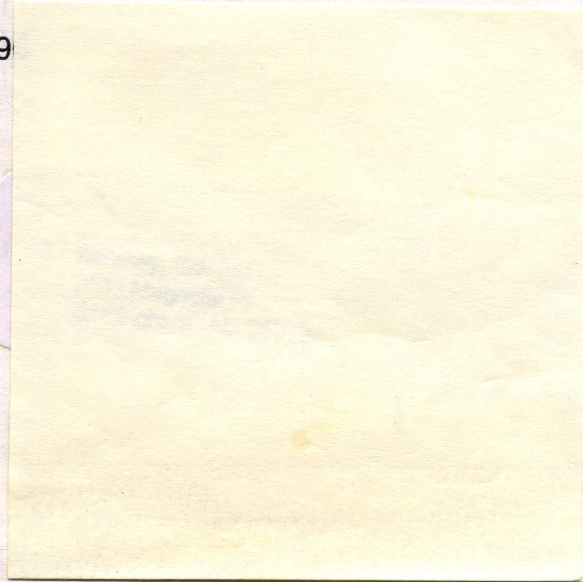
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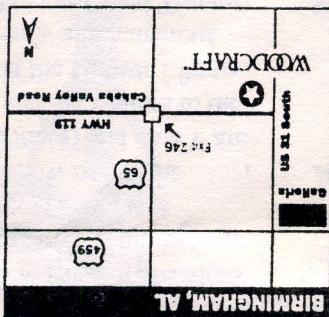


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 (Cahaba Valley Road) 3/4 of a mile. We are  
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