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President's Message

Our meeting last month was about as good as it gets . . . It seems we had a little of something for everyone. It all started with Bo cooking hot dogs, with all the trimmings. (Those "dogs were wonderful.) From there it got a little wild and fun for everyone. You certainly didn't have a chance to take a nap that night. We sold veneer donated to the Guild by George Edwards' son-in-law, there was a truck load of 4/4 oak for sale, wax (TLC) demonstrated and for sale, and lots of wood donated for toys. David Hopper, Alabama Hardwoods, Inc., donated several pieces of curly maple as door prizes. Then, we had the program—guess you better look elsewhere for a report on that.

We had a great time in my shop on Saturday, October 16th. It was billed as a "Toys Workshop" where several "old" Guild members helped a number of "new" members build toys for donation to Children's Hospital. A lot of big pieces of wood were made little and a lot of sawdust was made. Lots of toys, cutouts, and boxes were also made. Fun for all!

Our next two meetings are real highlights of the year to me. On November 11th, at our regular meeting, we'll have our largest collection of toys on display. Then on December 9th, we'll have our Christmas Party, and again a large

collection of toys will be displayed. I hope each of you plan to attend both of these meetings.

See you on November 11th,

Dan

Next Program— November 11, 1999 · 6:30 PM

In addition to enjoying the array of toys everyone has brought to the meeting, there will be demonstrations by Bill West and Jim Caldwell on how to turn Christmas tree decorations and these fellows are experts at this. Additionally, Charley Ard hopes to have someone demonstrating ornament production on the scroll saw. This should be a fine evening, so bring a guest. Please bring your family. Light refreshments will be served.

Last Program—October 1999

The evening began with a fabulously wonderful Hot Dog supper put on by our generous host—BO THUSTON. Down through the years Bo has been a good friend to our Guild, and we want him to know we appreciate him and his gestures toward us. After dinner and the usual

conglomeration of announcements, we got around to the program. It was introduced as the BROWNING/HALL DOG AND PONY SHOW, an apt name for a couple of rogues. The subject dealt with spraying lacquer, a topic of interest to most of us. Since most of us can only dream of having compressed air, spraying equipment and a spraying booth, we were interested in hearing how these two experienced woodworkers do their thing. First off you really need a spray booth with a turntable. If these needs are met, you will have a large part of being successful at spraying lacquer licked. Most of the furniture you see in furniture stores has been sprayed with lacquer which gives the furniture a lovely finish but also a hard and durable finish. Sanding sealer is important to this type finish too, so be aware of this and consult a good source to determine if the sealer should be used. One great thing about lacquer is its fast drying time. It only takes about five minutes to dry and can be coated again immediately thereafter. Lacquer can be applied over paint but not the reverse—do not put paint over lacquer, it won't work. We surely appreciate these two veterans of the spray booth bringing us such a good program.

Announcements of General Interest

The FRED BAKER/MIKE KEY SHOW will start up again in January at THUSTON'S. These two gentlemen (?) are veterans at teaching classes, having conducted at least a dozen such classes through the years. They expect to hold eight class meetings during January and February, and the proposed project will be a country kitchen table. Watch and listen for the dates and sign up quickly because only some twelve or fifteen can be accommodated in each class. NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT: Plans are being formulated to have a chair making seminar in the Spring of 2000. A completely qualified professional will be employed to teach us how to make sturdy and comfortable chairs. NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT: President Dan will preside over a toy making day at his home shop. He hopes you will bring a piece of wood and an idea of what you want to make therefrom and utilize his shop and equipment. Several other qualified personnel will also be there to help you if you need it. LAST ANNOUNCEMENT: The lumber company we have known as Alabama Hardwoods, in Calera, has changed its name to Hardwoods of Alabama.



Toys For 1999

We hope you have been focusing on the cajoling, encouraging and promoting of how important it is to our GUILD to maintain the reputation we have established in the community for our abundant supply of toys to Children's Hospital, principally. Paul Mancill is our liaison with the Hospital, and at his invitation two of the ladies with whom he is associated were present at our October meeting—Suzanne Reeves and Brenda Fischer. They thanked us for our contributions over the years and expressed a hope that we will continue our effort. The time for action is the NOVEMBER meeting.

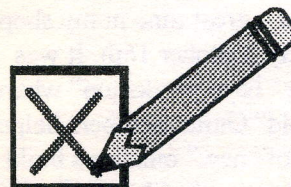
Traditionally we bring our toys to this meeting, and the Hospital ladies attend and take them away. It is also traditional to bring to our Christmas Party in December those toys not yet finished or, possibly, not yet made. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TOYS (AT LEAST 10 EACH) TO THE NEXT MEETING. The ladies from the Hospital suggested that the toys be unfinished since the children just have a ball smearing paint all over the toys and then bragging to their parents or relatives they had a hand in producing the toys. Since Paul Mancill will be out of town (BELLSOUTH), Buddy Finch will take your toys. Please prepare a sheet of paper with your name and number of toys you bring.

Nominating Committee

It is reported the committee this year—Bill West, Chairman, Wallace Williams, Buddy Finch, and Ben Neighbors—had a terrible time coming up with an acceptable group of qualified officers for next year, but they did and here they are:

President	Dan Browning
Vice-President	Charles Ard
Sec'y-Treasurer	Charles Yerby
Newsletter	Leonard Sanders
Directors:	Paul Mancill Walter Barnett Cliff Saxon Jack Perry Hal Salka Frank Jones

The By-Laws require that a reading of the report by the Nominating Committee be made in October of each year followed by a vote of the membership in November. Please try to be present for the vote.



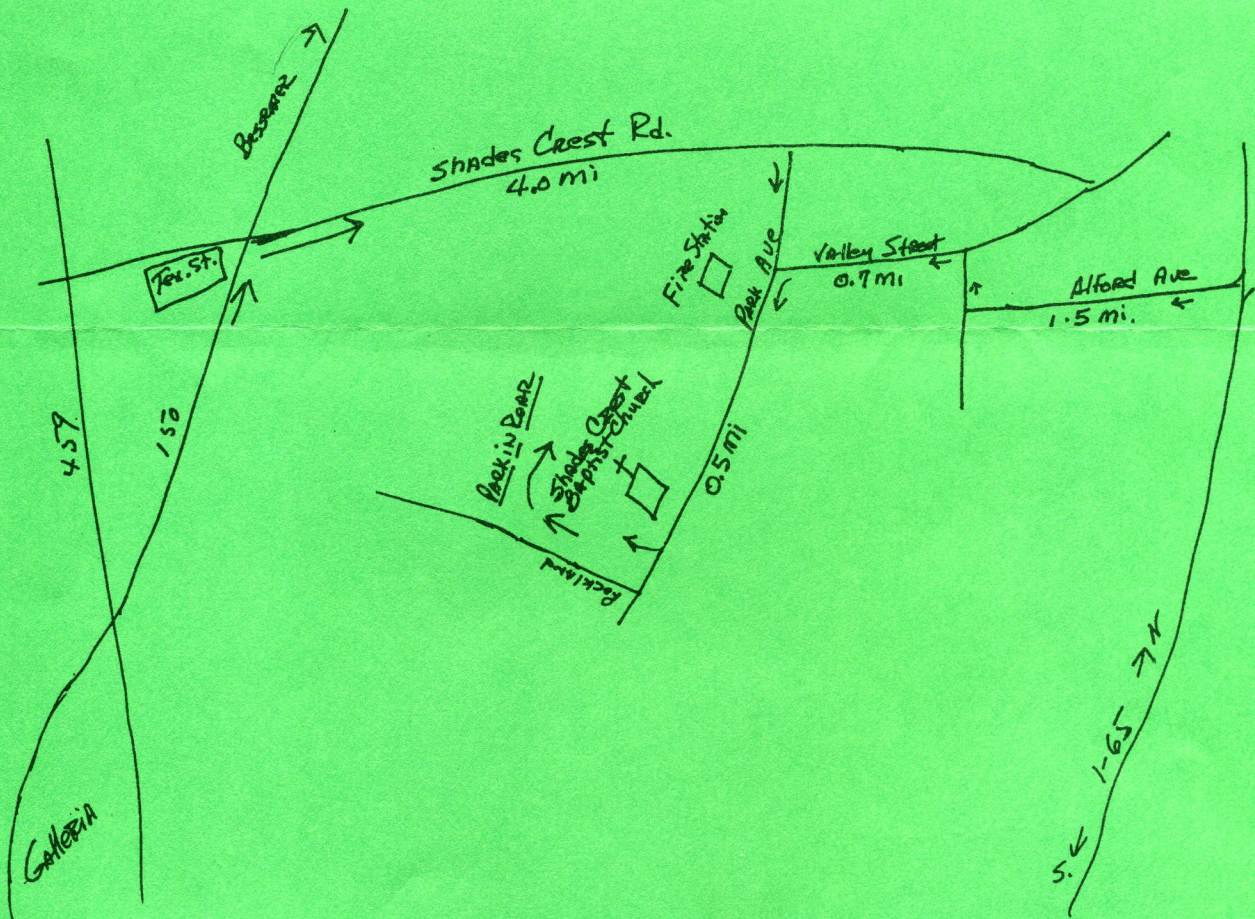
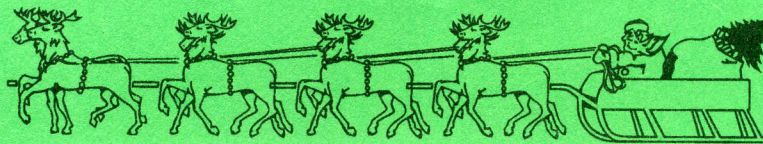
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

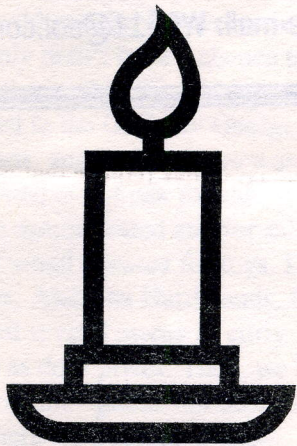


"The party of the year", that is how our annual Christmas party is described. If you have attended before, you have no problem making a decision - if not - prepare for an evening of great fellowship and the world's finest buffet-spread you will ever see. Each family is requested to bring a covered dish of your favorite recipe of vegetables, salads or desserts. The Guild will furnish the meat, bread, drinks, plates etc. so that all you have to do is bring your dish and be there in time for a 6:00 eating time. After dinner there will be a program of group singing, as usual, followed by a truly great treat. The FRONT ROW CENTER Barbershop Quartet will present a program the likes of which you have never heard. They are members of HARMONY EXPRESS, a Barbershop Chorus who have an annual concert at Samford University. They are great performers and we hope you will make every effort to attend. As usual also, it is at our Christmas party we bring the rest of our toys for Children's Hospital. You should know that a non-member, Bob Moore from Centre, AL, who is 80 years young with restricted sight, has built 35 toy cars for Children's Hospital to go along with our's. Our party is being held this year at the Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Bluff Park, and to get there just follow the map given below:



Show and Tell

We had only one shower and teller and that was Dale Lewis. Dale has produced two more of his tea pots from scraps of exotic woods similar to the one he entered in the SHOW this year. They are unique, and let it be known that we always enjoy and appreciate Dale's entries in our S & T program.

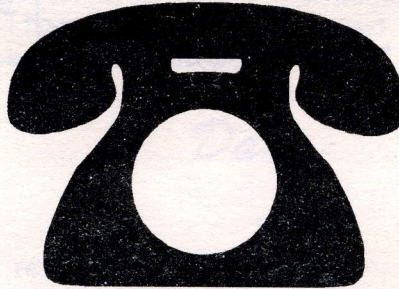


Christmas Party

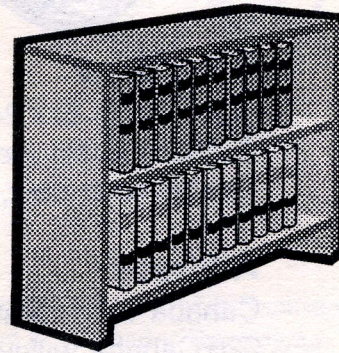
We reported last month our annual affair would be held at the Helena United Methodist Church where it has been held many years. However, due to extenuating circumstances, it has been moved to the Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Bluff Park. It is easy to get to and directions will be given in the written notice of the party. It will still be held on our regular meeting night, December 9th at 6:00 PM. You don't want to miss this party, it is a humdinger.

Help!

One of our members, Sam Moore, is urgently searching for an issue of Today's Woodworker, Issue #55. He needs it so he can make a doll rocker and chair that is featured in this issue. His



granddaughters are the reason he needs to make them, so you can understand why he is getting restless with Christmas just around the corner. He may be reached at work at 849-5408 or at home at 629-5731.



Library

We hope you noticed at the October meeting our white plastic chairs had been retrieved from Acton's. Additionally, we hope you noticed our Library had been retrieved and was in place. There isn't a Guild in existence that wouldn't like to have a library like ours. It has been in the development and gradual improvement for several years and is now a thing of beauty. There isn't any subject dealing with woodworking that can't be researched in our library. Frank Jones is the only librarian we have ever had—he not only catalogues the material in it, he built the cabinet in which it is housed. If you have read this newsletter before getting to this subject, you read that it is hoped we may have a seminar in the Spring dealing with chair making. The December 1999 issue of *Fine Woodworking* has an article devoted to chair making. If you have a desire to make a chair or chairs, just check out the FWW issue and get some ideas. There are, no doubt, other publications in the library that deal with chairs also. Just ask Frank.





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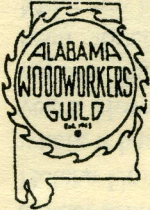
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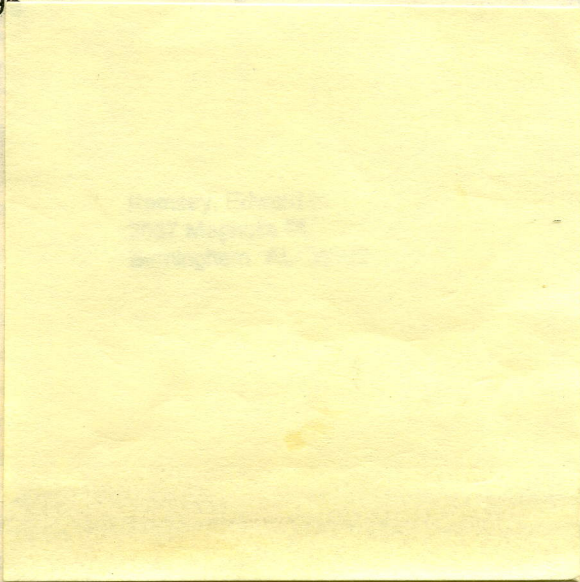
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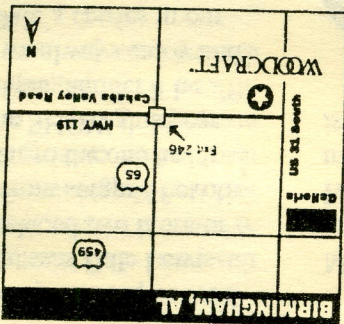
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