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President's Message

Great meeting last month! Once again one of our own members put on a great show. Thanks Paul. I continue to be amazed at the quality of woodworkers we have in the Guild and the ease with which you folks present your work at our meeting.

I had an opportunity last week to visit with several woodworkers in Berea, Kentucky. If you haven't traveled to this small town in eastern Kentucky you've really missed a treat. It seems the town has far more than its share of quality craftsmen. Each of these folks are willing to stop and visit with you and share ideas. I'm hoping to contract with one of these guys to do a seminar for us. I've discussed this possibly with David Wright, outstanding Windsor chair maker. I'll explain more about this at our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, it should be a good one. I understand we'll be exposed to the art of carving panels for those special doors. I'm looking forward to this.

A suggestion has been made that we consider renting a bus and going as a group to the International Woodworkers Show in Atlanta. (I believe the show is in August.) If you have any ideas or suggestions on this let us know at the March meeting.

See you March 10th.

Dan

Next Program— March 9, 2000 • 6:30 PM

Would you believe we are going to hear another MADINGER as our program? Well, we are. Paul's brother Allison is an expert carver. He is a retired civil engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, and has been carving all his life. In addition he is a semi-pro golfer and lives in Hawaii. His carvings run the course of recessed carvings, leprechauns, airplanes and you name it and he has carved it. He is bringing some of his work to show and tell about.

Last Program—February 2000

Our speaker, Paul Madinger, was a refreshing breath of fresh air for, you see, he is a talented woodworker and yet is pretty near the same age as the rest of us. Paul has developed a jig for making the revolving lazy susan tray and making a pie crust rim to bind it together. His router is clamped to the jig and after a glue-up of the material, he is able to cut precise circles. All of his family and friends have received one or more of them as a gift from him. We should have also said after the circles are cut, the lazy susan is built and then given to the lucky recipients. Due to the wear and tear on 'susans, he finishes them with polyurethane. Nice work, Paul, and we appreciate your program.

Alabama Organ Center

In last month's GUILD NEWS it was mentioned that a party would be held at the Organ Center for former transplant patients. President Dan reported that he attended the party and was unusually touched to see the little fellows who were running around and enjoying life. One story that came out of the party was a little boy with whom Dan was engaged was asked which of the toys (made by us) would he like to have. He indicated he would like the wheelbarrow across the room. Dan obligingly told him he could have it. However, Dan was informed by a nurse that the wheelbarrow had already been given to another child. So, Dan is on the spot (not unusual for Dan). He turned to the little boy and told him not to worry, that there would be a wheelbarrow made just for him. Bob Andrews is the author of the wheelbarrows we all admired at the toy party in November and he has been commissioned to make one especially for this little boy. Isn't that a nice story?

Irondale Whistlestop Festival

As reported in the February GUILD NEWS, we have been invited to participate in the 2000 Festival. This is a huge affair attended by thousands of people and they invited us to set up shop

and demonstrate what we do on our machines. The dates are not known yet but it is in the Spring, the time of year when it is fun to get outside and do "something." Why not do something at the Festival and who knows, you may become famous. It is reported there is no charge to participate unless you want to sell your products, then there will be a charge. President Dan can supply the information you need to sign up.

Shop Visitations

President Dan asked for a show of hands as to whether the Guild would like to repeat the home shop visits like we did in 1999. There was clearly a majority of our members who would like to see that done again. Whereupon, Dan asked Buzz Kelly to chair the undertaking and he accepted. Now this is fun. If you haven't visited any of our members' shops, it is enlightening to see what make of tools they use, how they have arranged their shop for best utilization, whether they have a painting room separate from the dust-laden shop and all the many other things necessary to have a good shop. When Buzz asks you to participate, say YES without hesitation. Now you will be expected to serve some donuts, cookies, coffee and/or cold drinks or you will not have conducted a successful party. The refreshments are optional, but appreciated. Look forward to these visits—they are FUN.

Silent Auction

The GUILD has held several of these over the years, and most

of us have had a great time at them. What you do is scour around your shop and remove those tools, wood, finishing material (unopened, please), power tools, hand tools or anything you are not using, and would just as soon get rid of. Bring it or them to the meeting that is designated as the night, and we will have a silent auction. The way this works, your "stuff" will be placed on a table with a stack of paper (3 x 5); the interested buyer will write his bid on the slip of paper and place it on the bottom of the stack (so the next fellow can't see it); there will have been recorded before the auction starts the minimum you will take for your "stuff." When there are no more bidders, the auctioneer will begin announcing the winning bid on each item, and the successful bidder can then pay the owner and take his booty home. It is fun and you should be involved in it.

Toy Workshop

We continually remind you we need toys all year long, and in recognition of it President Dan is promoting toy workshops where we can come and make toys together for the good of Children's Hospital and the other agencies that get our toys. All these agencies have need of our toys all year long and it is imperative that we make the contributions when they are needed. The President will be announcing the dates the workshops will be held, and it is hoped many of our group will respond as beneficially during the year as we do at year end. Listen up.

The 2000 Show

There can be no doubt that having our SHOW at Hoover Library is a mighty plus for our GUILD. It is the best place we have ever had to hold it. This year there will be remodeling going on at the time we usually hold our annual SHOW. It is not clear when they will be able to accommodate us, but they have assured us time will be made for us. This is no reason for you to ignore your obligation to get cracking on your project. You may have a little longer period of time to get it done, but please don't wait until you know the deadline to get started. The time is NOW. If you aren't being pushed to get it finished, you can do a better job. There are numerous publications in our library from which you can get ideas for projects so drive ole Frank Jones crazy by pestering him to open up the library so you can get some help. It is a great feeling to visit the Hoover Library after the judging has been concluded and see a ribbon (blue, red or white) attached to your work. Jack Perry will again be the head guru with the possible help of Walter Barnett.

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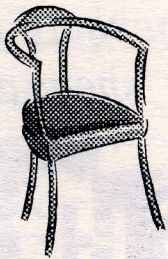
The Alabama Clay Conference 15 & Alabama Craft/2000

This was mentioned in the February GUILD NEWS, and you also should have gotten a flyer in the mail. This is put on by the Art Department of University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa March 1 - 5, 2000 so you will still have time to get there after receiving this GUILD NEWS. Our GUILD is a sponsor of the show, and we have several members who are also members of the Alabama Craft Council. Dale Lewis is prominent in both these organizations, and he would like to see as many of us there, registered etc. who can make it. Arrange your date calendar so you may include this great show in your future.

Chairmaking Seminar

By this meeting President Dan will have been to Berea, Kentucky and, hopefully, will

have engaged a professional chairmaker to conduct a chairmaking seminar for us this summer. We have had seminars on quite a few subjects over



the years, and we believe we can truthfully say every one of them has been a complete success. Now they are not free! When you employ a professional, whether lawyer, doctor, accountant or whatever you expect to pay him his price. This has never been a problem in the past, and we don't expect it to be so this time. Chairs

are such a challenge, we believe the appeal would be greater than some other pieces of furniture. The complexity of height, width, joinery, design and finish are equally challenging to us mere amateurs, and we believe all of us will want to attend. The dates and details will be announced at the meeting, when available.

Show and Tell

The truly fun part of our meeting is when our members bring and share with the rest of us something he or she has made and is not ashamed of. The February bunch were:

- George Schoppert A small car and a Beanie Baby
- Cliff Daniels A Sculpture made of walnut
- A fish made with the intarcia method

Door Prizes

Yes we had more than one so we had to pluralize the word. The winners were:

- Larry Young DeWalt shirt
- Harold Phillips DeWalt shirt
- Jack Tyler Bullet Drill Bits (B & D)
- John Palmer Bullet Drill Bits (B & D)
- George Schoppert \$15 Gift Certificate to Bo's

GOOD NEWS: We know all of you will be glad to know our friend Ivan Kronberg, who was diagnosed with a tumor in his left shoulder has lived through radiation treatments and surgery and is now 100%.
Nice going, Ivan.

The Atlanta Woodworking Show

This is a magnificent show if you love the sight of tools and the smell of wood. Several years ago we had two vans full of our members to go and spend the day at this show. It is at the Gwinnett Civic Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia (right near Atlanta). Maybe you will be going somewhere else on the weekend of March 24, 25, & 26th and could stop by and see this great show. It may be a little tiring to make the trip in one day from here but it can be done. We met at around 5:45 or 6:00 at the Colonnade, drove to Atlanta, saw the show and returned home and were home around 8:00 pm. Some of the attractions are watching live demonstrations, getting answers from factory reps, talking with other woodworkers and discover new project ideas. There will be huge computer controlled machinery as well as hand tools. Just thought you might be interested in getting inspired.

Closing Line

Our president closed the February meeting by saying, "Your time is valuable—My time is up" so we are dismissed.



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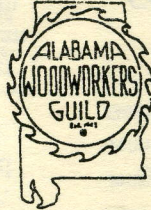
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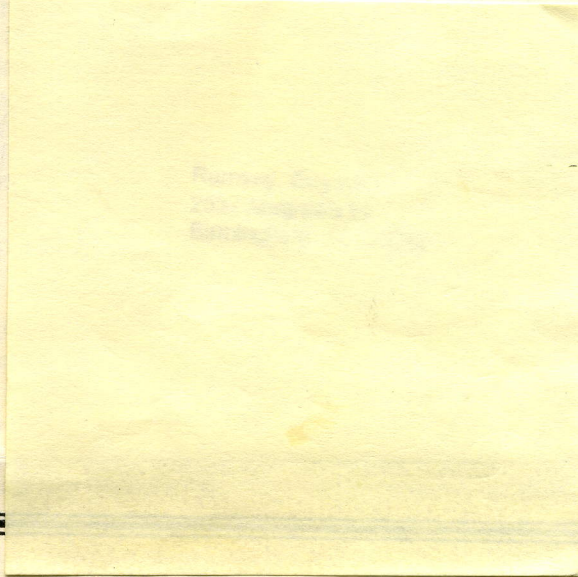
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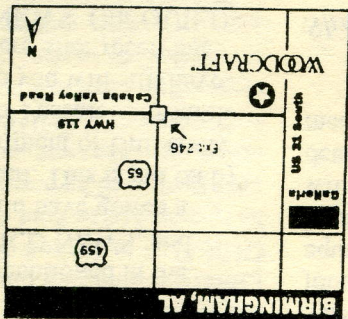


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