

# Guild News

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## *President's Message*

Hi folks . . . I thought I had better put together a "President's Message" to keep Mr. Sanders (Leonardo) from taking another shot at me.

What a great time everyone seemed to have at our hot dog supper and silent auction. A lot of great food was eaten and lots of good stuff showed up at the auction and changed hands. Thanks to all the helpers that put this together and made it so successful. A special thanks to Mike Walters of Black and Decker-DeWalt for donating the Reciprocal Saw for our raffle. The Guild benefited greatly from this donation. This leads me to a point I have made at several of our meetings—how about you folks asking for donations. For example, items for toy making (wheels, buttons, etc.), items to be raffled (tools, equipment, etc.) or perhaps a service for the Guild (engraving, sanding, etc.) The list of possibilities is almost endless. A handful of members have been active in this area, but it seems to me that if all members are benefiting all members should contribute to the effort.

I'm really looking forward to the David Wright Seminar (June 24th). This should be a great program presented by a truly quality chairmaker. The last report was a few slots are available. If you're interested call Charlie Yerby.

There are a lot of things happening. Again, I hope you folks "step up" and show your support of the Guild by participating. The

biggest example, of course, is our annual show. This has always been a great opportunity to "show off" our skills. There was a number of quality items in last year's show, but again a very low percentage of participation by our members. Other events, such as open houses, toy workshops, and demonstrations require a lot of work by a few people and certainly deserve your support.

The June meeting should be great fun. It should be entitled "everything you ever wanted to know about scroll sawing but, no one to ask." Well, I understand you can ask Cliff Daniels.

*Dan*

## *Next Program— June 8, 2000 • 6:30 PM*

In response to many suggestions to Charley Ard, this month's show will be dealing with Scroll Saws. The scroll saw has been around for decades, even before electricity was utilized to power the machine. We have one member, in addition to several others, who specializes in scroll sawing and he is Cliff Daniels, a long time member of our Guild. To make this program more interesting, Charley has arranged for several scroll saws to be available so you may try your hand at making a cut or two. You should be forewarned that once you try it and successfully produce something, you probably will be hooked and will immediately go get

a scroll saw for yourself. This should be a lot of fun so try hard to be there.

## *Last Program—May 2000*

What a wonderful time we had at the May meeting. We had a terrific turnout including many wives and a few children, and everyone came with an uncontrollable appetite. Those hot dogs went like hot cakes, and it was all Walter Barnett, Mike Key and Hal Skalka could do to keep up with the demand. The buffet table was laden with kraut, onions, mustard, ketchup, pickles, potato chips and at the end of the table plenty of cold drinks. Whom do you think was responsible for shopping for and bringing all the goodies, Joyce and Charles Yerby, of course. You should have seen Charlie Ard's plate when he left the table. As usual, Pres. Dan had a scheme going on off to the side to get what little money we might have had left. It consisted of Diane Ard and Debbie Browning seated at a table you would have to pass to get in the place, and displayed on the table were three packages of drill bits and a DeWalt reciprocating saw in a carrying case. These two lovelies were hawking tickets to a lottery for those prizes, and each ticket was \$1. Now don't think you could get away buying one ticket, no siree you had to buy a minimum of five. If you hesitated, they

smiled solicitously at you, and you would melt down and buy five. The drawing was held after dinner, and Jim Lee won the saw. By the way, the proceeds from the lottery went to the Guild.

As part of the LAST MEETING was our annual silent auction. This is usually a huge success, and this year was no exception. There were some 62 items offered for auction, and an outstanding selection was available. After each item had been examined and bids made, apparently everyone went home happy with a bargain priced tool or the money from the sales. We had a terrific evening and those of you who couldn't or didn't come were the losers. Oh, included in the auction items was a lovely quilt made by Judy Tyler. No ordinary quilt however, since the some 296 pieces for the cover were cut out on a band saw. Now get this — Judy donated the proceeds from the quilt to the Guild and it just doesn't get any better than this. Thanks, Judy.

### *Show and Tell*

Our long time hard working Guild member, Harold Phillips, brought an outstanding reproduction of a porch swing. A porch swing, you say? Yep. Harold explained he took an approximately 100 year old porch swing and duplicated it in order to make points with Dot (the girl who puts up with him). The original was made of sassafras, but Harold's version is made from oak. He took the old swing completely apart and from patterns duplicated it. Nice job, Harold.

### *Windsor Chair Seminar*

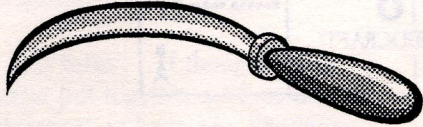
A few of you may not be aware that our Guild has held seminars nearly every year we have been in business. We have had some outstanding professionals come and do our shows/seminars, and we always go home fulfilled with new knowledge and a determination to emulate our demonstrator. This year it is Windsor Chairs that takes the spotlight. We have contracted with David Wright, of Berea, Kentucky, who has been making Windsor chairs for fourteen years professionally. He is eminently qualified by experience and education to show us how it is done. He has been featured in *Home Furniture*, *Woodwork*, *American Woodworker* and *American Woodturner* magazines. The price of admission is \$50, and the class will be limited to thirty people. He will entertain us on Friday evening, June 23rd, with his slides which will be educational as well as his demonstration on Saturday, June 24th. If you either were not at our May meeting, or didn't come prepared to pay your \$50, please call Charles Yerby, our treasurer, at 426-4320 and tell him you want to be included. The seminar will be held at Thuston's and we all know what a relaxed atmosphere exists at Bo's. Try not to miss this show for it is just another way to advance our knowledge and skills so as to become even better woodworkers.

### *Good News*

We have been telling you all along we will have a Show this year, just as we have in the previous 17 years. As has been reported before, the Hoover Library is in the midst of remodeling/renovating the portion of the Library we have used for the SHOW. It is not scheduled for completion until sometime in November, which is too late for us. Jack Perry has been knocking on doors, making telephone calls and visiting potential sites for several months now. He has come up with a fine substitute for the Hoover Library. It is the North Shelby Library on Hwy. 119 in Shelby County. It is possible you have seen this magnificent structure out on the highway and didn't know it is a library. It has just been completed and occupied this year after a considerable period of construction. Thank you, Jack. Now that you know there definitely will be a show, you have no excuse for not completing or making something for the show. The date for the show is not final yet, but it will be in August. You still have nearly three months to get the material, secure plans, if necessary, and make your entry.

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for its members and other  
interested parties. Guild  
Meetings are held monthly on the  
second Thursday at 6:30 PM at  
Jos. Thuston & Sons Saw Works.  
INformation concerning the Guild  
may be secured by calling.

After all, how long does it take you to make something? Please remember some of the things you may enter are: Traditional and Contemporary Furniture, Turnings, Small Objects, Carvings, Shop Tools and Jigs, Toys. If you don't see a category



that fits your ambition, speak to Jack Perry or Walter Barnett and see if they can make a category for you. You must, or at least should, know by now the Guild is dead serious about our annual Show. It is the culmination of all our monthly meetings with the varied programs designed to jump start us in the direction of becoming better woodworkers as well as the seminars we have. After all this, we don't see how any of you can fail to get busy and make your entry. Call Jack Perry, Walter Barnett, or any of the officers if it is unclear about the Show project.



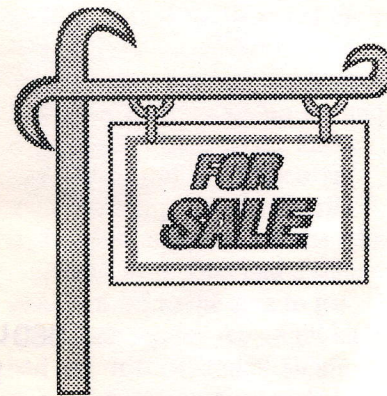
**Shop Visit**

Our next, in a long list of outstanding shop visits, will be Herb Slamen's home on June 17th. It is reported he has an outstanding shop, one anyone and everyone will want to see. There will be some toy-making going one at the time of the visit, and you may want to participate in that too. It is also customary for "goodies" to be served, so if you aren't concerned about your cholesterol or blood sugar this is a good time to stock up on those evils. Herb lives at 4616 Old Leeds Road, and there will be directions for you at the June 8th meeting.

**Favorite Hymns**

See if any of these are among your favorites:

- DENTIST's hymn—Crown Him With Many Crowns
- WEATHERMAN's hymn—There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- CONTRACTOR's hymn—The Church's One Foundation
- GOLFER's hymn—There Is A Green Hill Far Away
- OPTOMETRIST's hymn—Open My Eyes That I May See
- IRS hymn—I Surrender All
- GOSSIPER's hymn—Pass It On
- SHOPPER's hymn—In The Sweet By and By
- ORTHOPEDIST's hymn—Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones
- ELECTRICIAN's hymn—Send Out The Light



**For Sale**

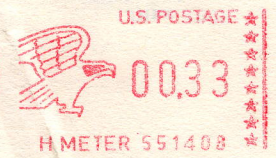
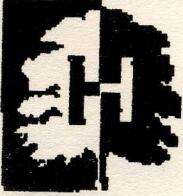
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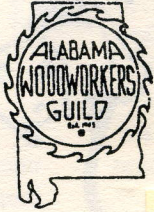
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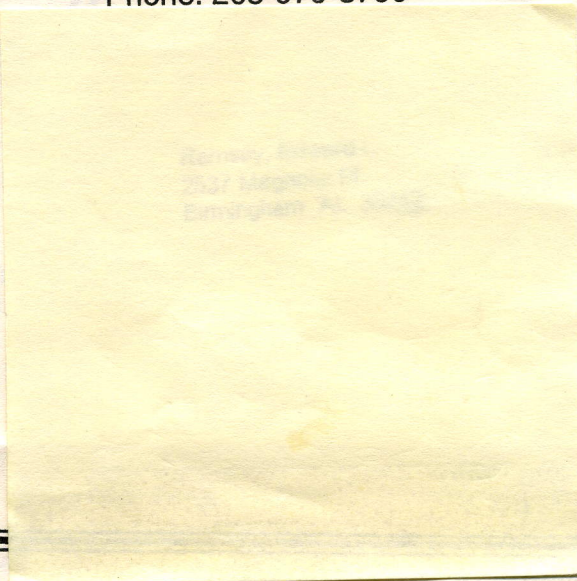



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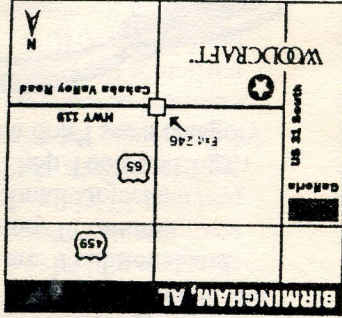
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