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President's Message

As most of you saw last October, I have been building a boat for the last year or so. I have done almost no woodworking during that time and even the piece I put in the show was something I built several years ago. I have spent almost all my free time working on that boat and lately I have noticed that my wife's boundless enthusiasm for the project has begun to taper off.

She has been talking about a china cabinet that needs to be built and where we are going to get the lumber and other unpleasant subjects so here is what I did: I said "I tell ya what, I'll take you shopping anywhere you want to go", (I was thinking maybe Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville, or somewhere like that.) Big mistake. She said "OK I'd like to go to Paris". Can't accuse the girl of being afraid to speak her mind.

As a result of my own big mouth we will be leaving for France on Feb. 8 and I will not be at the guild meeting that night. Cliff will conduct the meeting and I'm sure it will be fine. I will be back in March and from now on only carefully considered wisdom will issue forth from my lips.

See you in March,

C. Ard

*Next Program —
January 11, 2001 • 6:30 PM*

We truly have a great experience in store for us. Dean Black, who has been a good friend to our Guild for many years, will bring our program. Dean has been the judge of our annual show several times, and he has brought our program a good many times. He has always been gracious in giving us a tour of his shop, when we go up to Springville for one of his open house functions. This last time he was observed eating off the same table with his dog. He appears glad to share his lovely wife, the artist in the family, when he comes to visit us. Dean has an enormous reputation in this area as a high quality and talented woodworker and most anything he tells you will be about 99% right. Dean has his work all over the place—from gates to the botanical gardens, to turned 10' columns at the Museum of Art and other big projects for clients all over this area. We welcome our old friend to the February meeting.

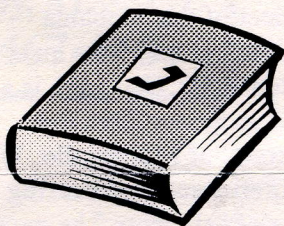
Last Program

Cliff really came up with a surprise when he invited Dr. Maurice Clabaugh to be our speaker. Maurice is the incoming (January 2001) president of the Alabama Woodturners who also meet at Thuston's. Dr. Clabaugh is a retired professor from the University of Montevallo. With his experience in addressing groups of "students," he gave us a thorough introduction to woodturning. He gave some practical suggestions about how to go about making bowls, the primary target of his presentation. Some of his suggestions were: don't disguise a bowl, in other words make it look like a bowl; finish bottoms so one can't tell how it was chucked; remember, often the bottom sells the bowl; the thickness of the sides should be from 3/16" to 1/4"; no tool or sanding marks on the inside of the bowl; look for good figure when deciding how to turn a new bowl; in pricing a bowl for sale, consider type of wood, time it took to make it, and (get this) what the traffic will bear. Someone asked him what make of lathe he uses, and he responded an Australian

STUBBY Lathe which John Jordan (also a friend of our Guild) is the agent for. It was a good evening, and we appreciate his coming and sharing with us.

2001 Directory

President Charlie (we apologize for previous misspelling) admonished us to take seriously the completion of a questionnaire for the new directory. It has been decided to

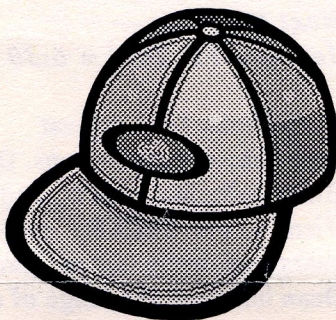


eliminate the information dealing with what tools each of us has, how long we have been woodworkers, our favorite woods, etc. Instead, we will have the vital statistics plus the name of our wives and little more than that. We have customarily required our members to have paid their dues by February to be included, but this year we must have the form to be included also. Please don't overlook this at the February meeting.

Monthly Raffle

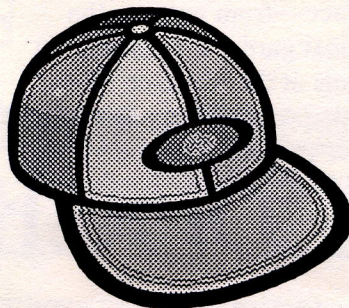
Your Board of Governors has decided to try something a little different for our Guild. If you have made something, or have a desirable tool you don't need, or anything else that

would be attractive to our members, and are willing to part with it or them, we will raffle it or them off at the meeting. The proceeds from the raffle will go into our general fund for use in conducting our hot dog supper, paying quality speakers, or any of the other expenses we have to operate the Guild. Look around and see what you can donate.



New Caps

Be sure to see Harold Phillips at the February meeting and get your Guild cap. They are attractive golf-style caps with our logo on the front. They are \$10 and you can't beat that price for a golf-type cap and besides, you can advertise our Guild and attract some new members. Bring your \$10 and let's sell them out in February.



The Browning Legacy

Dan certainly has a better legacy than that fellow who just left office in Washington. Dan served our Guild four terms. During that time we had to move from Acton's, where we had met since our inception in 1983. He met crisis after crisis with authority and good humor. There is no way we can calculate the hours, days and months Dan devoted to our Guild. He held the office longer than anyone else has and willingly. We want you to know we appreciate your efforts, Dan, and hope this won't be the end of your contributions to the Guild.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly 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. 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. Bo Thuston's is on your left.

Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling Harold Phillips at 205-424-0819.

Dale Lewis

When we open up an item in our GUILD NEWS with that name, you can be assured something of high quality and a newsworthy event has happened. When we opened up our newspaper on Sunday, January 14, 2001 to the ARTS/BOOKS section F, there was a headline 1/2" tall starting with



DALE LEWIS, and continues "CONDUCTS ONGOING, GRATIFYING LOVE AFFAIR WITH WOOD." The article goes into his history in artsy woodworking and his ability to create "exquisite craftsmanship with whimsical flair for the improbable." It goes on: "He creates furniture and ornaments that delight the eye and amuse the intellect. As much sculpture as furniture, his creations have wit and elegance, the perfect conversation piece for any room." What a fine tribute to our friend and mentor, Dale Lewis.

Linda Caldwell

It is with sadness we report the death of Linda, wife of our staunch member and past president, Jim Caldwell. Some of you will remember her, not only for being Jim's wife, but for gracing our Christmas Party program at the piano. Our condolences, Jim.

Source of Cypress

Someone at the January meeting asked if we have the name and address of the couple who brought some samples of cypress to our October meeting. Here it is: River Sawmill & Lumber, 515 Sundown Drive, Prattville, AL. 36067 (Jim Flournoy)



Show & Tell

We had a great group of members willing to share their output with us at the January meeting:

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| Cliff Saxon | Pepper mill, vase & platter |
| Jack Perry | Toy wooden truck, scroll sawn turkey |
| Dan Browning | Kitchen cutting board, trivets |
| George Schoppert | 62 year old nut bowl he made while in high school, and a small bowl |
| Frank Jones | Spiral walking stick |
| Leonard Sanders | Dogwood vase in a mahogany rack |

Tools For Sale

Occasionally, we have a worthy cause to report. Mr. Carl Brooks who lived in Pelham died recently, and his wife contacted the Guild to see if any of us are interested in buying some of his tools. Here is a partial list:

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| 10" Craftsman benchtop band saw | \$75 |
| 8" Skil drill press | 125 |
| Bench grinder—2 wheels | 50 |
| Makita scroll saw | 125 |
| Ryobi scroll saw | 100 |
| Craftsman router w/table | 100 |
| Craftsman circular saw | 35 |

Plus an assortment of clamps, drill bits, hammers, squares, etc. This gentleman was mostly a scroll (fret) saw worker. The full list will be at the meeting. You may contact Mrs. Shirley Brooks at 403-0227, or go in person to 169 Greenpark South, Pelham, 35124, but call first.

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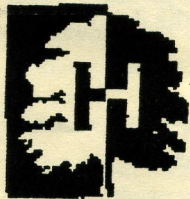
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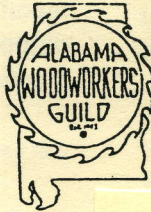
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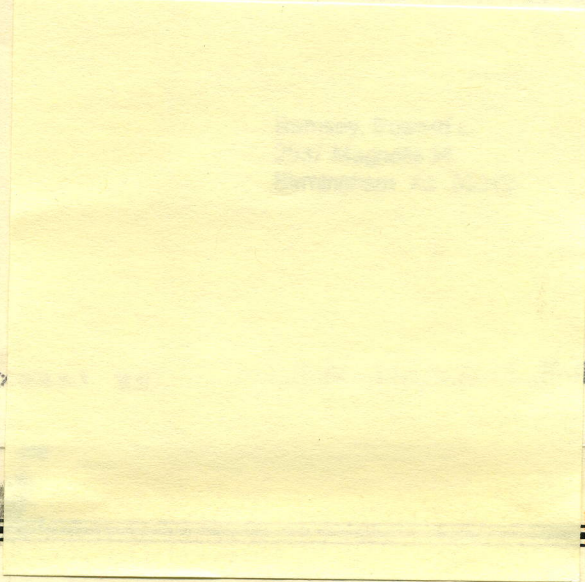
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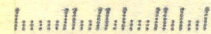


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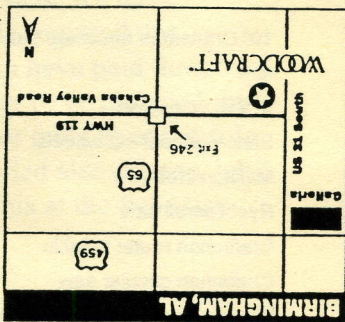
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