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President's Message

We had a lot of fun at the Hot Dog Supper at the last meeting. I hope those of you who missed it will be able to attend next year. We always have a great time. We were treated to the amazing site of seeing Dan Browning slave over a hot grill. The polish sausages he cooked made outstanding hot dogs. Thanks to Bo Thuston for letting us use his shop.

I received several photographs of very nice to be entered in the Gadsden Art Exhibit. We didn't quite have fifteen pieces so I'm going to enter a couple of mine. If anyone else wants to enter, they can bring snapshots to the June meeting. I want to get in on the ground floor with this show, and I hope it will develop into a very nice annual event. We need all the art show exposure we can get.

I am looking forward to the June meeting because Richard Brewer will be doing the program. He will be demonstrating the excellent linear techniques that he has been using for many years. He combines various veneers and inlays under a vacuum bag. I am particularly interested in this technique because I am about to try it on my new boat.

C. Ard

Next Program

June 14, 2001 - 6:30 PM

A pleasant surprise - our old friend and former Vice President, Richard Brewer, will be demonstrating vacuum veneering. Richard left the Guild several years ago to pursue employment but Cliff Saxon ran him down at Woodcraft, the new store on Hwy. 119. If you remember, Richard is a highly skilled craftsman and he brought us Show and Tell lots of times - we particularly remember his handmirrors and veneered work. He is a full time employee of Woodcraft, one of our sponsors who advertises on the back of our GUILDNEWS. Be sure to make this meeting and bring a prospect for membership.

Last Program - May 2001

Our annual hot dog supper was a huge success. We had 45/50 members there plus wives, children and grandchildren, all of which should add up to about 75/80 of us. Charles Yerby shopped for

and secured most of the eats, as he has done for several years. His supplies were not only adequate, they were extraordinary. There were the required hot dogs, and to accompany them were buns, relish, mustard, ketchup, onions, and kraut. To accompany the hot dogs were potato chips, soda pop of several kinds and cake. I'm tellin' you, it was a feast. The socializing was done in great style and in large quantities. The weather cooperated by not being too hot, and with everything taken into consideration one couldn't ask for a nicer party and evening. In addition to C. Yerby there were Dan Browning, Walter Barnett, Hal Skalka and several on-lookers in the vicinity of the grill who helped put on the show. Thanks men and your wives. Lest we forget, Bo Thuston serving as our host should be thanked every time we have a meeting.

Show and Tell

Would you believe two of our members were thoughtful enough to bring some of their work to our hot dog supper?

They did and we very much appreciate them.

First off, *Jim Lee* showed a folding table, the two leaves of which folded down but when raised back up formed a round table. It was made from reclaimed barn flooring and was very, nicely done.

Then our esteemed *Vice President* had two exquisite candlesticks made from laminated maple and purple heart. They were in the shape of two cones, inverted so as the two small ends met in the middle. Very nice, too.

Auction - Auction

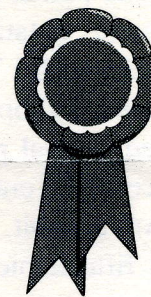
We are indebted to Bill Bailey (one of the Friday bunch) for contributing a small scroll saw for auction. There was only one bid, made by Herb Slaymen and he took it home for \$50. This is a new venture for the Guild. If you have a machine or some tools you no longer use or need, bring them to the meeting for auction. The treasury can use the money.

The Show

By now most of you should know what that means - it means a show put on by our Guild for the benefit of the public so they may know we exist and for the satisfaction of our members. Consider just what happens when we have a

show. First off, each of our member undertakes a project of some description, made from wood and made to show the best the wood could offer in the way of quality construction and finish. We have been told by the Hoover Library we may hold our show in their gallery hall early in October. Most of you will remember we held it there several years before last year when the library was closed for renovation and new construction. We get an enormous amount of publicity from the show because of where it is being held. For instance, two years ago, the last time we could have it there, the library took digital pictures which they put on the internet and our daughter in Virginia tuned it in and saw the show. This is something you can't buy because it is not available to buy. Now on to what you can do. As soon as you finish reading this go to your shop, start designing a table, chair, breadboard, toy, tool, poster bed, chest of drawers, entertainment center, desk, or anything your lovely spouse has asked for repeatedly and you have ignored. This is serious business - fortunately our predecessors in the Guild have laid down a pattern of interesting and quality projects and we have to keep up the good work. We remember way back in 1985, Spruce McRee

made a business desk of walnut and brought it to the meeting as show and tell. That got THE SHOW started. We had some talented woodworkers at that time an Spruce's move to show his desk set them off and we have been at it ever since. There is no reason any and all of you can't make a credible project for the show and win a ribbon for it. Your Board of Governors and Officers implore you to fully participate in this year's SHOW.



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

Some Suggestions

A source for scrap hardwood is to build a relationship with an appliance store and get their shipping crates from TV sets, ranges, washing machines, dryers, freezers and refrigerators. Many of these crates are made from scrap oak. After running this material through the planer, you can have 1/4", 3/8", 1/2" or 5/8" material to make your projects.

To remove the build-up on circular saw blades use Easy-Off oven cleaner in a well ventilated area and the blades will come clean in about 15 minutes.

Down through the years there have been suggestions that to lubricate a screw for easy installation, rub it on some soap. It is not good for the wood, and it rusts steel screws. Beeswax is much more useful and doesn't harm the wood or rust the screws.

There are times when we need to get glue in cracks or under veneer to repair it. Use a hypodermic syringe with a long, large needle. You may be able to get one from your family doctor, possibly a used one. Remove the plunger, fill the tube half full with glue, replace the plunger and the long needle will put the glue just about where you want it.

WOODCRAFT *on July 14th*

This has been mentioned each of the last couple of months. The GUILD has been invited by the WOODCRAFT store to participate in several hours of

demonstrations at their store on Hwy. 119 in Hoover on July 14th. The WOODTURNERS have been invited also, and they have accepted the invitation. Pres. Charlie wants us to participate too. The details about what machinery will be available etc. is not available yet, but you can rest assured they will do the job right. After all, they want a good "show" too. Mark your calendar for July 14th and reserve that day to help the GUILD promote our organization to attract new members. We also appreciate the support WOODCRAFT gives us and want to help them too.

Barn Wood

What in the world does that mean, you say? Just this. If you happen to know of a barn or other out-building on a farm nearby, how about sharing that information with the rest of us. Making furniture from barn wood, or warehouse wood, has been going on for some time. Norm Abrams of the New Yankee Workshop on Saturday night has demonstrated the use of old (75 to 100 yrs.) wood in some of his projects. The wood is somewhat hard on your planer shaper and jointer knives but the result is overwhelming. This grade of wood just doesn't grow here

anymore, and many of the old buildings are made from oak which was readily available at that time. Often the wood is available just for the take-down. There is a report of an antique store that sells tables made exclusively from old wood. The tables are new but the wood is old. The person making this report said he could make a living just working two hours a day if he could get the prices they get for the tables. Usually you wouldn't want to plane or dress this old wood too much for fear of erasing all the "beauty" marks such as knots, nail holes, bug holes and the weathered look of the wood.

2001 Directory

It is here! The 2001 Directory was available at the hot dog supper last month and what a beauty it is. We are indebted to Bob Browning for collecting the data and putting it together and he did a magnificent job. Those of you who didn't get yours last month may get it this month. There is a little more information on each of you in this issue such as your wife's name and your e-mail address so try to be present at this meeting and get yours.

JOS. THUSTON AND SONS

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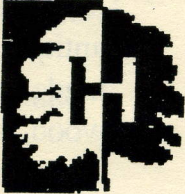
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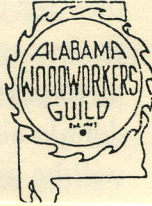


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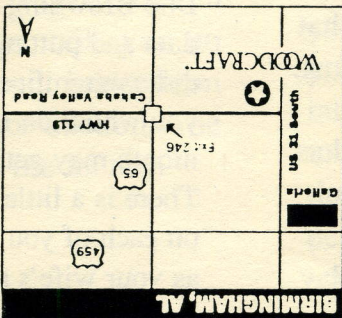
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