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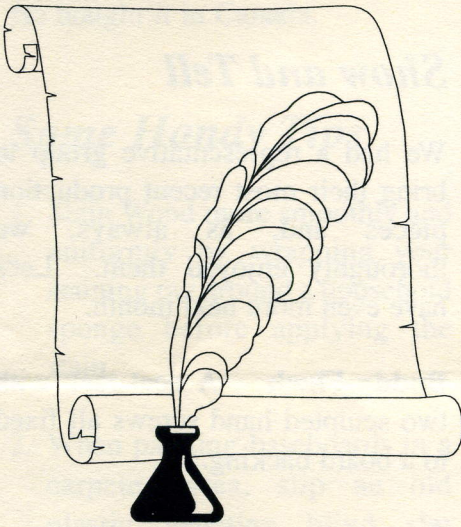
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President's Letter



At the July meeting, by a majority vote of those present, the guild members elected to change the day of our meetings to the third Saturday of each month. The August meeting will be held on the second Thursday as always and the September meeting will be at the new time, 9-12 a.m. on the third Saturday. I am sure this will be a good move and a positive change.

There is a boat-building class going on at Thuston's every Friday from 11:00 'til 4:00. They are building a small rowboat known as a Whitehall skiff. This boat is going to be very nice and all of you will appreciate watching it come together. Come by Bo's on Friday

or see it at the guild meeting.

All of our entries in the Gadsden Art Museum show were accepted. We need to get all our entries to Gadsden on the right day and remember we have a reception to attend. We are getting in this show on the ground floor and I hope it will bloom into something big and be an annual event.

I look forward to seeing you at the last Thursday guild meeting in August.

C. Ard

Next Program

August 9, 2001 - 6:30 p.m.

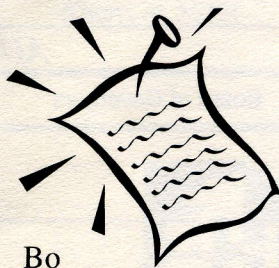
We have a wonderful opportunity to learn something about Art and Sculpture at this meeting. Robert Tucker, professor of Art and Sculpture at Birmingham-Southern College for the last 30 years, and the son of our own Robert Tucker, will try to penetrate our thick skulls with the nuances (look it up) of real art and sculpturing. We appreciate our own Robert lending us his Robert for this program.

Last Program - July 2001

It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. Chad Harmon, store manager of the Makita Pelham store. He was accompanied by Mr. Jack Bates, the Makita regional Sales Manager. The Pelham store not only sells new and factory reconditioned tools, they make repairs. They told us the Guild members that will repair ANY make of tool, and there is a 24/48-hour turn-around for repairs. They have a new random orbit sander: it will do either motion or combine them for the random motion. They have a new router on the market with a pistol grip which is super quiet. A new portable battery drill is available with a new battery containing nickel-metal hydride which makes it last much longer. A new thickness planer which moves the head DOWN instead of the base moving UP. Mr. Harmon had brought with him a new biscuit joiner which he offered to give away by lottery. Herb Skalka got it and remarked it is the first thing he has ever won. Then Chad also had about ten QUAD DRIVERS which were also given out by lottery. It was an interesting and fun program.

Special Notice

There was printed in the July 2001 issue of GUILD NEWS a letter from Bo

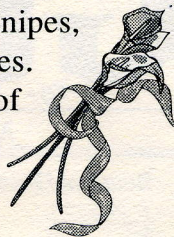


Thuston, our host for our meetings. In his letter he suggests we move our meeting day from Thursday evening to Saturday morning. Accordingly, President Ard called the meeting to order and proceeded to chair a discussion which was more positive than negative. There didn't appear to be any opposition to making this change, only enough discussion to call for a vote choosing among the First, Third or Fourth Saturday mornings. The Second Saturday is already taken by the Woodturners group. More than a clear majority voted for the Third Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m., after a motion by Dan Browning and seconded by Herb Slamen. It was determined there was a quorum of 25 members present thus constituting a valid meeting. Then a motion was made and seconded to revise BYLAW FIVE to reflect the change in meeting day. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the session was ended. Our first SATURDAY meeting will occur on September 15, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness we report the

death of Lillian Snipes, wife of Bill Snipes. The condolences of the Guild are extended to Bill.



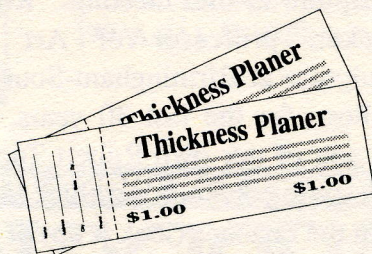
Woodworking Class

Paul Mancill and his "students" did a magnificent job making a garden bench out of Spanish Cedar. It is a massive piece, and when placed in someone's garden will last a lifetime. Nice job, Paul and you others.

Free and For Sale Walnut

Harold Phillips brought in another load (not moonshine) of walnut scraps. There were some nice four and five foot pieces that were sold for a modest amount to benefit our treasury. Then there were smaller pieces which were for free, and they went like hot cakes. Thanks, Harold.

Raffle - Thickness Planer



The Guild is selling raffle tickets to a 12 1/5" thickness planer for

the benefit of our treasury. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. What can you lose? Not very much, and you might win the planer. Even if you already have a planer, go ahead and win this one and give it back to the Guild for a future raffle. If any of the rest of you have a machine you no longer use or want, you might consider donating it to the Guild for raffling.

Show and Tell

We had a representative group to bring their most recent production pieces and, as always, we thoroughly enjoyed them. Let's have even more next month.

Buddy Finch A coat rack with two sculpted hand screws all fixed to a board backing.

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.

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Herb Slamen A truly beautiful cigar humidor with inlaid top and perfectly mitered corners.

Lawrence Thomas Lawrence had some 8 or 10 walking sticks - some made from saplings and some from regular wood.

Leonard Sanders A sculpture of a woodworker standing at his workbench and planing a board. He bought it in Canada.

Some Handy Tips

1. Stain Wood more smoothly and uniformly by wrapping your staining rag around a household sponge before applying the stain.
2. When painting baseboards in a carpeted area, slip an old plastic venetian blind slat between baseboard and carpet with curved side up.
3. To prevent leftover caulk from drying out in the tube, use a wire connector. The threads allow you to screw it on securely and you can use different sizes depending on how far down the tube the nozzle has been cut.
4. Save coffee cans or oatmeal boxes, remove the ends and nail horizontally along the overhead joists in your shop. It's a great way to store dowels, moldings, tubing, etc.

5. To keep your expensive paint brushes like new, wash them with a shampoo and conditioner in one. The shampoo cleans and the conditioner keeps bristles ultra soft.
6. Keep spray tube from your WD-40 can from getting lost by taping an empty Bic brand pen tube onto the side of the WD-40 can. Then slip in the spray tube and replace the pen cap.
7. Transfer your wood glue into an empty mustard bottle. It dispenses easily and is designed to allow very little air to reach the contents, even when you leave the top open.

The Show

Time is running out unless you are a fast worker. We are booked into

Hoover Library during the week of 6th - 14th of October and, if you have any memory of our being there before, you know how fortunate we are to secure this space. Now, if we have a super place to display why we are in existence (to promote amateur [and/or professional] woodworking). Please agree that we should make every effort to make something for the show. It doesn't have to be exquisite, but it may be, and it doesn't have to be some huge piece, just something nice. The full schedule at the library is to place our entries in the morning of October 6th and they will remain on display until the 14th, at which time we will "take them down." The judging will occur on October 7th and hopefully the judging will be completed in time for a refreshment reception that afternoon. So now that you have the whole story, get with it.



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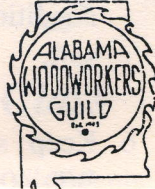
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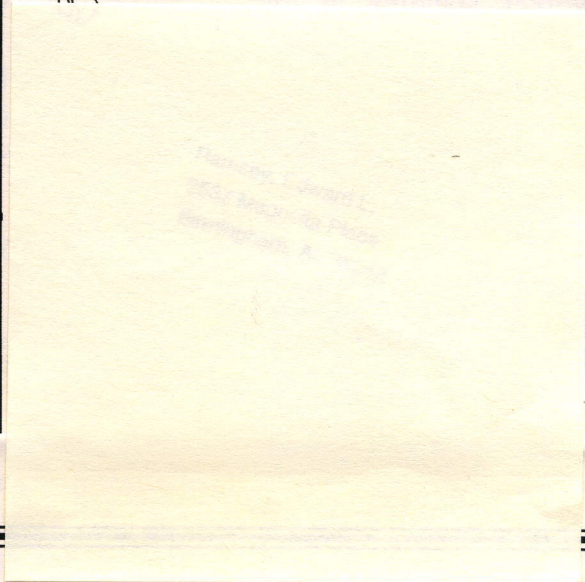
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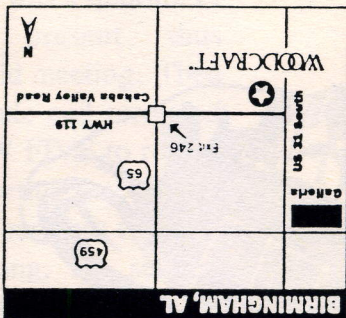
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