

# Guild News

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## *President's Letter*

As you know, September will be our first Saturday morning meeting. I hope to see all the familiar faces and some new ones. I plan to conduct the meeting like always, but we'll have more time for the program. I feel like the business part of the meeting can easily be boring so I try to keep it moving along, but with the longer meeting maybe we should take more time for business. I'd like to have your comments about the order of our meetings.

There will be a woodworker's trade show at the civic center in October, on the same day we set up our own show at Hoover Library. I got a call from the promoters of this show and an offer for us to participate in it. They will furnish us a booth to show some of our stuff and free passes for the people that man the booth. It's unfortunate that this conflicts with our show but I want us to do it anyway. This is a national show and it is just the kind of thing we need to promote the guild and it's members. So, here's what I did. I called Dan Browning and asked him to get in touch with the people and handle our participation in this show. I also asked him to seek out members who do not often get involved in guild business and ask them to work this show. It will have to be done during

our Hoover show so everyone will be busy.

Several of us met down at Thuston's shop last Saturday and built the six boxes we needed for the Gadsden show. Thanks to Mike Key for handling it and to Paul Mancill, Herb Slamen, and Buzz Kelly for helping. Bo has offered to take our stuff up there in his truck so we need to get it to his shop right soon. I will call the participants and work out the time.

There is just a little over a month till our show, so get those projects finished and ready to go. We are back at the Hoover library this year and I want us to have alot of nice things in the show and a good turn out to see it. See you at the first meeting.

*C. Ard*

***DON'T FORGET !!  
NEXT MEETING,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER  
15TH AT 9:00 A.M.,  
AND THE 3RD SATURDAY  
A.M. THEREAFTER.***

## *Next Program - September 15th 9 a.m.*

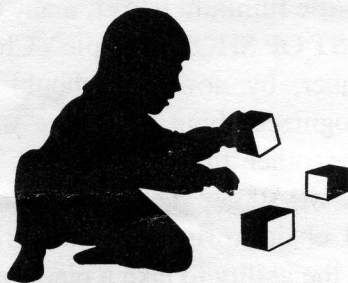
We are truly in store for a great treat. One of our past presidents, long time member of the Guild, prolific furniture maker, many times BEST OF SHOW (People's Choice) winner, by now you should have recognized about whom we write - none other than Ed Sheriff. How can we forget his beautiful tables and chairs, original in design. He has the ability to take a piece or two of wood and glue or fasten them together to make lovely furniture. He also makes great boxes - jewelry as well as humidors, all such pretty creations. If you remember, his pierced skirts on dining tables as well as other decorations are beyond description. He plans to show us how he does these exercises and also how to make molding with a router. Don't miss this one folks.

## *Last Program - August 2001*

We are indebted to BEN NEIGHBORS for taking notes of the last meeting and passing them on to us. The following are his words. Robert Tucker was

introduced by his dad, Robert Tucker, Jr., who is a member of our Guild. Robert has been a professor of Art and Sculpture at Birmingham Southern College for 30 years. He was to show slides of "things" he has made but Murphy's Law took charge and the bulb in the projector burned out when he started. Bob brought two sculptures he had created and did an excellent job explaining where his ideas come from and how he made the sculptures.

### Toys - Toys - Toys



Hopefully, saying it three times will get you off your duff to make your toys for 2001. How many of you haven't even started? Do you realize we will devote our November meeting to bringing in the toys and delivering them to the hospital representatives? This is, and has been, the highlight of the year for our Guild since its inception. I know some of you have already made them and some of you are in the process of making yours but it is to those of you who haven't started yet we address this notice. There is a tremendous amount of satisfaction to be derived from making toys that you know will mean so much to some child. Many of the children have never even seen a wooden toy, much less have one. Picture for a moment: a child from Mississippi

is in Children's Hospital - the parents can't make it to Birmingham to spend the day with the child on his birthday, or even get him a present over here. The Hospital goes to their inventory of toys made by us, and gives that child a toy for his birthday. That is only one example and there are many more. Like, for instance, a child is depressed over his illness, is having to live in the hospital because he can't go home. Our toys provide a moment of cheer to that child. Hopefully you are convinced to go straight to your shop and make plans to secure material (if you don't already have some) and make at least ten - 10 - toys, and in the process don't forget the little girls. We have created a reputation for producing between 1,500 and 2,000 toys each year and with our reputation for providing quality toys, we simply must make every effort to make 2001 the best year ever. Please do your best to do a good job for the children.

### Show and Tell

We had a fine group of S&Ts last month:

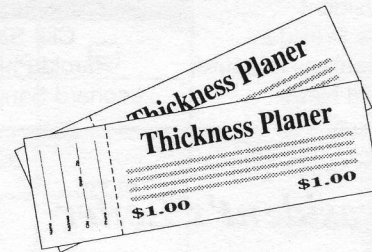
**George Schoppert** A seaplane (almost finished) made of walnut, birch and "some unknown wood".

**Jim Lee** A nice plant stand made from recycled oak from an old barn, stained Rosewood with a piece of ceramic on the top and bottom shelves.

**Cliff Saxon** Large segmented bowl made from Pear. About 12"

tall, 10" in diameter and tapering to about 6" at bottom.

### Get Your Tickets



You may recall we advised you of a 12 1/2" planer that has been donated and we expect to raffle off. Now Bo Thuston has donated a table to set it on. The tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Remember the funds go to the Guild treasury and we can use the money. If you win the planer and table and don't need them you can donate them back to the Guild to be raffled off again., See Harold Phillips and get your tickets at our next meeting.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. 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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Another raffle concerns a tool box made by Fred Baker and donated to the Guild. Those of you who have been around a while know the quality work Fred does. Those who haven't been around quite as long should make an effort to see this special tool box. It is an engineers tool box with shallow drawers for drawing tools and other measuring devices. The whole thing locks when you shut the lid, and being of high quality wood it is a piece to be desired. Get your raffle ticket from Harold for this one too.

## ***Router Seminar***

This should be a tremendous opportunity for both 1) the experienced router jockey and 2) the totally inexperienced jockeys.

The router is a tremendous tool, fun to use and satisfying to see the results. Dan Browning has arranged for Mark Adams to conduct the seminar in February or March. The cost will be \$40 to \$50.

Mr. Adams has a woodworking school in Indiana which Dan attended and can attest that Mark is an experienced and talented woodworker.

## ***It Is Show Time!***

We don't have a big tent, we don't have animals, we don't have clowns ... wait, we don't have a big tent, there will probably be some wooden animals, and you make

your own decision about the clowns. We do have one of the finest places in this area for our show, the newly renovated and remodeled Hoover Public Library. The show will run from October 6th through October 14th.

We have the place and the time, now it is up to us to make it another success. While we have categories to cover every member of the Guild, there are many who have never participated. ENTER AN ITEM IN THE SHOW, even if it an item you built some time ago or an item that has been in a previous show. Many of the people who see the items in this years show will have never seen our work before. If you don't want you work judged, ENTER AN ITEM IN THE SHOW FOR DISPLAY ONLY.

For years we have enjoyed the benefits of sharing in each other's work, a common pride in the results ... learning together from the processes and mistakes that produced the end result. In almost every case, if you talk to the builder of the project, he(she) will point out things that he would do differently or areas that could be improved, while we as the admirer of the finished product would be proud to produce such an object just as it is, without change or improvement. Our best lessons can come from objective review of our work, SHARE YOUR WORK WITH US AND OTHERS, so that we may learn with you and from you. I have never attended one of our shows and looked closely at the items being displayed without

seeing ways to improve my own work. Unfortunately I have not always been successful in incorporating this knowledge into my work, but I greatly enjoy the effort of trying and take pride in the finished product.

For those who have participated in previous shows, Thank You, we look forward to your entries again this year. Those who have not participated in the past ... this is a great year to start, bring an item or items of your work and share your efforts with us, we will all be better woodworkers from your efforts.

See you on October 6th!

## ***Makita Store in Pelham***

You may recall we had Chad Harmon, store manager of the Pelham Makita star as our speaker at the July meeting. If you recall, he told us to bring our "sick tools" to him and we would get prompt, real prompt, service and at a discount. We had a "sick" grinder (like the body shop men use) that wouldn't start. We took it in and they put a new switch on it and handed it back to us in about 10 minutes. This was only because of our affiliation with the Guild. Since you too are affiliated with the Guild, then you too can get the same service just by announcing you are from the Guild. By the way, the cost was a real surprise. We won't tell you how much for fear of disturbing his superiors, but it was a fine price.



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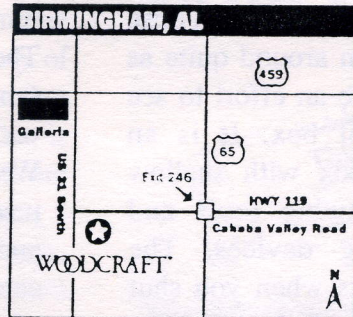
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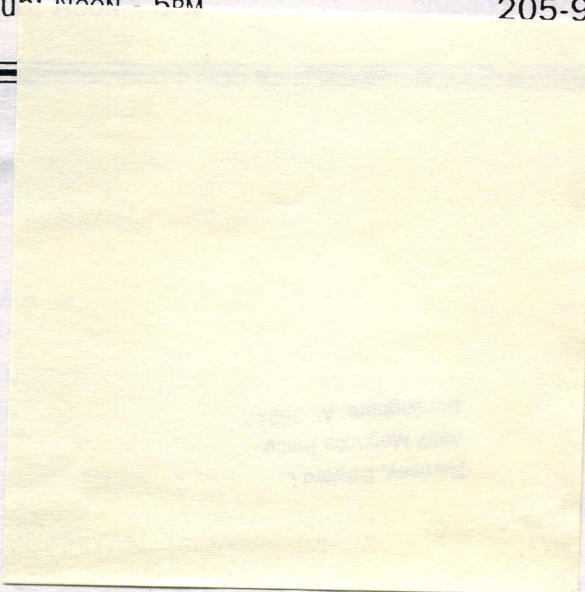
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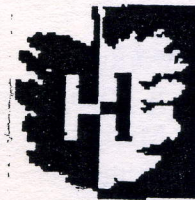
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