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President's Letter

October will be a very full month for the guild. For the first time, we have two shows going at once. Walter Barnett is handling our regular show at the Hoover Library. This has traditionally been the place we show off our best work and I know this year will be no exception. Dan Browning is handling the new show at the Civic Center this year. This is a golden opportunity to advance the guild and I'm glad we are in at the start. Thanks to Walt and Dan and the many people who helped.

Our first Saturday morning meeting went well. We had time for a nice program by Ed Sherrif and Bo Thuston cooked. Bo tells me that he bought the first lunch but there will be a can for donations from now on. I could get used to eating at the guild meetings but I haven't found those Polish sausages on my diet yet.

We are trying to get more hands-on type of demonstrations going at the meetings in addition to good speakers. I want to get some equipment set up and have members participate in the meetings instead of just watching.

I am trying to learn a lesson from the wood turners and make some chips fly at the meetings.

There are only about six weeks left until toys are due. I would like all of you who have never made toys to try it this year by making one toy. A toy only takes a few minutes to make, so all those whiney excuses are going to fall on deaf ears this year. After you make one toy this year you will know how much fun it is and we'll try for two next year. Pretty soon we'll have so many toys that the hospital will ask for relief.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

C. Ard

Next Program - October 20th 9 a.m.

Now hear this! We are, or were supposed to have Bobby Michaelson of RAMSWOOD (See how he took the first three initials from Robert A. Michaelson - RAM) but it is unclear if he will make it. If he doesn't, Cliff plans to have us do some work on

making toys for the hospitals. We have a batch of unfinished toys donated to us and they need wheels and paint (if you like). Do not stay away for ANY reason - be there!

Last Program - September 15, 2001

We had looked forward to the return of Ed Sheriff as our program ever since it was announced and we certainly were not disappointed. Ed is a skilled woodworker who practices his art with precision. After he has dreamed up a project he starts with a sketch, then a full engineering drawing, then he makes any jigs that will be required, and finally commits it to wood. He demonstrated how he forms a bead along an uneven surface or border - this he does by first making a jig that will guide a Dremel tool along the edge forming the bead. He says there is no other way to do this. He gave a hint to the rest of us about trying to put cutting marks on dark (walnut) wood. He paints a white mark along where the pattern will be traced, and thus the pencil mark can be seen. He brought along a cabinet top (or table top) about 3' square with the frame made of

walnut. He inlaid the top with zircote which he had re-sawed to 1/32" thick and at a 10 degree angle. These zircote pieces were arranged in a sunburst pattern to which brass was inlaid between the frame and the zircote. On to another project of his: he showed us a drawer from an entertainment center with brass inlay and border. We surely appreciate his going to the trouble to prepare our program, one we will remember.

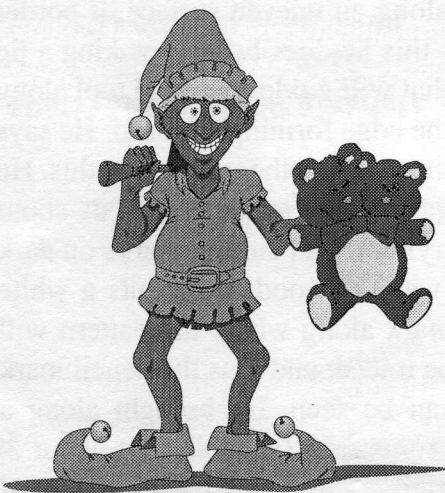
Show and Tell

Jim Anchors - showed a golf ball display case he has built for his son.

Cliff Daniels - showed a really fine walnut scroll-sawn music box.

Christmas Party

What, you say? Yep, it will be here before you know it. This is

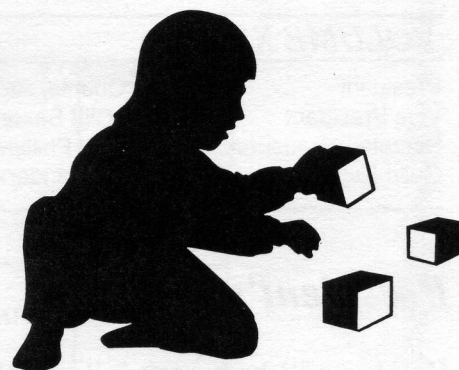


your first notice – it will be THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 6:00 PM at the SHADES CREST BAPTIST CHURCH. There will be more about this in the November GUILD NEWS, and a post card reminder will be mailed in early December to boost attendance.

The Gadsden Show

You may recall mention has been made for the past couple of months about a show at the Gadsden Museum of Art. We, the AWWG, the Alabama Woodturners Assn., and the West Alabama Woodworkers Assn. collaborated to accept an invitation to “do” a show in Gadsden. Two of our members were winners in the juried show: Ed Sheriff won Best of Show with his wonderfully made Chinese Silver Chest, and Frank Jones won a blue ribbon for his cherry pie crust table. Other winners were: a first place blue ribbon was awarded Bob Henry from the Ala. Woodturners Assn. for his tiny turned chinese Ball from pink ivory and placed on a turned deer antler pedestal; another first place blue ribbon winner was Norman Ellis from the West Alabama Woodworkers Assn. for his side table made of ash and a purple heart. We congratulate these winners and look forward to more from them and others in the future.

2001 Toys



We know you wonder why we “harp” almost incessantly on the making of toys each year. There is a very simple answer: those who participate in the making as well as the receiving of the toys receive a tremendous amount of satisfaction and joy. Down through the years we have had members who devoted an enormous amount of time to make quality toys for the

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children. We have one member who hasn't failed to make several each year even though he cannot attend our meetings. Now, this year, we have John Powell who has already delivered thirty-four little wheeled cars to Harold Phillips because he wasn't sure he could make it to the November meeting. Making toys for the children is not only good for them but for us too – it is great fun. You know, it is one thing to let the GUILD down, but quite another thing to let the children down and that is what we will be doing if we don't get 'em made and delivered to the November 17th meeting. What a great time we have at the November meeting each year. Excitement fills the air, and we all mill around looking at the astonishing collection of really great toys. There will be representatives of Children's Hospital and two groups from two other hospitals who deal with children. They will load the toys into their vans and transport them to the hospitals. Don't you want to be a part of this?

Woodworking Show

We believe this is a first for us – a woodworking show at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center, Friday - Sunday, October 12 - 14th. We know they have such shows in Atlanta each year, and we as a Guild have attended the Atlanta show on a couple of occasions. They are wonderful shows and have something for

everyone. We have been allotted space for a booth which will be manned by our members, 29 of which have already volunteered to serve as booth attendants. We plan to bring some of our stuff from Gadsden for the show. Plans are for us to have T-Shirts with our logo for the workers to wear. We have already prepared brochures and cards (thanks to Bob Browning) to distribute at the show. There will be several seminars offered: Windsor Chair Making, Friday, October 12th, from 9 am to 4:30 pm for a fee of \$105. If you are interested in Windsor Chair Making, the fee is quite small for what you learn about how to start the chair and complete it. Then on Saturday morning, 9am to noon, Building Better Jigs and Fixtures, for a fee of \$70. Also on Saturday afternoon, 2pm to 5pm, Simplified Pricing and Marketing for Wood.

As a special added attraction, if you register in advance for one of the seminars, you will receive a FREE 3-day pass to the Show. If you can't subscribe to the seminars, attendance will cost you \$4. If you register in advance for a seminar you may receive a 20% discount to a year of FINE WOODWORKING MAGAZINE. There will be demonstrations by professional woodworkers as well as exhibits of tools the likes of which aren't even available in Heaven. This is one event you don't want to miss.

Thickness Planer Raffle



We haven't held this raffle yet and there is still time for you to get your tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. Bo has donated a table to set the machine on and if you don't have a planer, this is your chance to get one. Of course, the more tickets you buy, the better chance you have. Harold Phillips has the tickets but you have to watch him because sometimes he will shortchange you if he can.

Router Seminar

The GUILD has a history of holding quality seminars and hasn't missed a year in at least the last 15 years. As has been announced, we expect to have a router program early next year. Dan Browning has invited an acquaintance of his from Indiana by the name of Mark Adams. Mr. Adams has a woodworking school so he must know a little something about woodworking that he can pass on to us. Like anything else in this world, if it is worth seeing or having, it will cost something to get it. It is estimated that the seminar will cost about \$40 to \$50. Mark your calendar.



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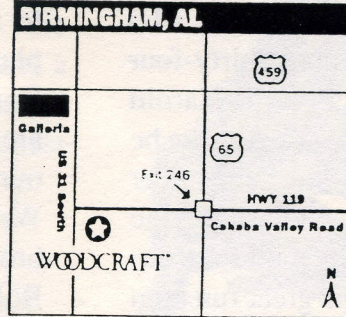
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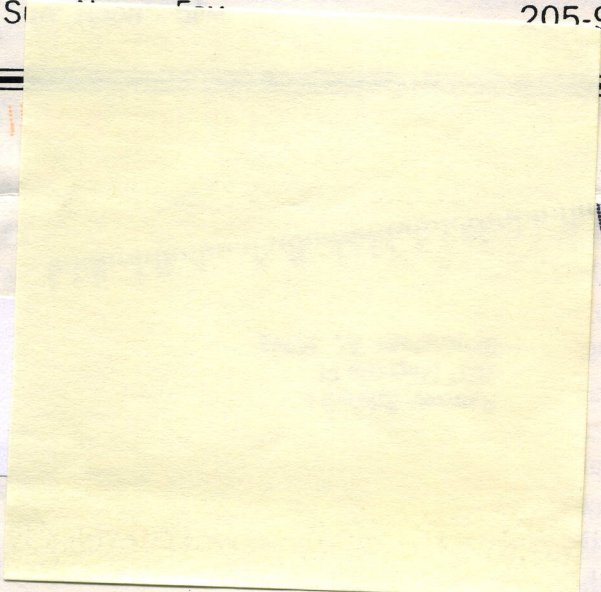
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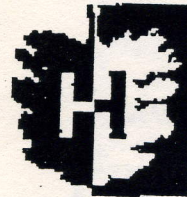
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