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President's Letter

I want to talk about our annual show, but before I do, I want to quote from a letter I received from Walter Barrett: "Our annual show was held from Oct. 6th through Oct. 14th. The quality and variety of work was excellent, however, participation was less than prior years and bordered embarrassing. We had 35 items entered by 14 guild members compared to approximately 100 items entered by 40 guild members last year. There were several categories for which ribbons were not awarded because there were no entries. I would like to believe that lack of participation was due in part to the crowded schedule with the Gadsden museum show and the woodworking show at the civic center taking place near the same time as our annual show, however, the reality of this is questioned when you look at the participants of each show. With some exceptions, the same group participated in all shows."

"Thanks again to all who participated and helped with setup and display of the show, and a special thanks to the first time participants whose work was a great addition to the show. We look forward to the work that all of you will show us in the future."

Walt writes a nice letter. Notice how he starts on a positive note, moves on to his gripe, thanks the help, and ends with a positive hope for the future. This is a heck of a lot nicer letter than I was going to write. I was going to say that out of 140 members, 14 of you entered the show. All the work we put in Guild meetings and board meetings, the programs Cliff worked so hard to find, the website Bob has worked on all year, the classes Paul has taught, all these things and more managed to inspire 14 of you to work. The other 126 of you could not be bothered to get up off your dead (rear ends) and make anything to put in the show. You have taken advantage of the good will and hard work of your friends, and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

We have now sold enough tickets to draw for that planer, so we will hold the drawing at the November meeting. It took several months but we are finally there. We have a beautiful tool box to sell, made by Fred Baker. It is on display in our glass case and it will be auctioned off after the first of the year.

The Christmas party will be December 13 at the usual place, the Shades Crest Baptist Church. The Guild will furnish chicken and ham and everyone will bring a covered dish. This is always a lot of fun and I hope to see you there.

C. Ard

Next Program -Saturday November 17, 2001

All right, everyone, our favorite public service-project has arrived on this date. All year long we have been devoting our spare time to creating toys for the children at Children's Hospital and two other children entities. It has been our custom to bring our toys to the November meeting at which time the hospitals send their representatives to our meeting for the purpose of transporting them to the hospitals. This has always been a fun time and we look forward to it. Please bring your toys in boxes, bags or whatever will contain them for easy transport. Now, if you are not quite through with them you have a reprieve that permits you to finish and get them to the Christmas party. We usually have quite a few at the party. All of this having been said, please come prepared for a nostalgic and touching few minutes when you see toys that will make some children happy. Mr. Brian Rogers, representing Children's Hospital, related about a new service at the hospital called The Amelia Center, a grief center. They never give up at Children's Hospital. When we have finished admiring the beautiful toys the members have made we will have a program. Like Key will make a small box using his Leigh Dovetail Jig; Fred Baker will make a small box using his Porter Cable Dovetail Jig; and Dan Browning will make a small box using

a miter saw, wood, and glue. Then we will have chances available for a drawing for a DeWalt 18V Drill and the actual drawing to be held at the Christmas Party. In addition there will be a circular saw blade and a surprise item which will be drawn for. This will be your last chance for a ticket to win the Delta Planer.



Last Meeting October 20, 2001

After the usual number of announcements, such as woodworking show at the BJCC and other matters of interest, the program time was devoted to toys. There was a box of unfinished toys donated by a lady in Hoover. The shop "up on the shelf" at Thuston's was turned into a toy shop as well as the space we occupy in the shop area outside the store. The attendance was good and everyone seemed to have a good time. Remember, as stated above, we bring our toys in huge quantities, to the November meeting.

Show and Tell

A thoroughly fascinating and interesting part of our meetings is the Show & Tell feature. This month we had a couple of "good 'uns":

Larry Young A splendid bookcase (this was his first project as a woodworker)

Mel Brown A bread rack. What? you say? Yes, back in the days when most bread was baked at home, it was placed on the rack to cool. Mel made it from oak hardwood flooring scraps.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to it with anticipation. It will be held on the second Thursday evening, December 13th at Shades Crest Baptist Church. We have held our party there for several years and it is a very nice place to have a party. remember, we all bring a covered dish of either salad, vegetables, or desserts. the Guild will furnish drinks. meat, bread, and decorations. No reservations needed, just show up at 6:00 pm ready to eat. To add an additional sweet dessert, we will have a program by the Harmony Hills Chorus, who are affiliated with the Sweet Adelines, a female barbershop Remember, December 13th at 6:00 pm.



The 2001 Show

The show we have been writing about every month since the first of the year has come and gone. This year we had 15 members participate by entering 35 pieces, (in 2000 we had 31 members entering some 105 pieces). The entries this year (which

are pictured elsewhere in this GuildNews) were of very high quality, and there have been many complimentary remarks about the show. We are sure you would like to know who won ribbons so the following is a summary:

ADVANCED CLASS

Contemporary Furniture: First Place - Mike Palmer Second Place-Mike Palmer

Traditional Furniture:

First - Dan Browning Second - Dan Browning Third - Paul Mancill

Small Objects:

First - Ed Sheriff Second - Fred Baker Third - Ed Sheriff

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Traditional FurnitureFirst - Leonard Sanders

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

Second - Cliff Saxon Third - Walter Barnett

Small Objects:

First - Cliff Daniels Second - Cliff Daniels

Turning:

First - Cliff Saxon Second - Cliff Saxon Third - Cliff Saxon Toys:

First - Leonard Sanders Second - Leonard Sanders

Carving:

First - Leonard Sanders

BEGINNER CLASS

Traditional Furniture:

First - Nelda & Buzz Kelly Second - Nelda & Buzz Kelly Third - Nelda & Buzz Kelly

There were several other pieces that were not entered for judging and are greatly appreciated.

This is how the notice appeared in *The Birmingham News*:

* Sunday, October 14, 2001

GROUP SHOWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild. Hoover Public Ubrary, 200 Municipal Drive. The arrural show features lumiture, toys, boxes and turnings from local artisans. Through Sunday.

Woodworking Show at BJCC

You may remember we had a booth at the show, and from this exposure we made quite a few people aware we exist. Some of them joined on the spot, others took our hand-out material and called to inquire about us, and still another group came to the October meeting. This is a really

good thing that has happened just because we had the booth. We also have a function each year that could be just as effective as the booth and that is OUR own SHOW. If we will return to our previous aggressive SHOW each year we can attract even more than we have in the past. We have an obligation to attract as many new members to get them interested and active in woodworking as we possible can. There just are not many, if any, other places where prospective woodworkers can meet, talk with and observe woodworking available in this area, therefore the obligation mentioned above.

Battery Charger Recall

The November issue of WOOD MAGAZINE has a recall notice for BLACK & DECKER and DeWALT BATTERY CHARGERS. Recalled for replacement: DeWalt models DW9107 and DW9108; Black & Decker Industrial and Construction models 97915 and 97016 power tool battery chargers. In addition: DeWalt model DW9116 batteries are being recalled for repair. These chargers have date codes, also on their bottoms, 9927EM thru 9952EM and 0001E# thru OO31EM. Black & Decker service centers can assist you with this matter.

Nominating Committee Report

The "lucky" people who accepted this job did a superb job. As a result of holding meetings, making phone calls and personal contacts, they came up with what has come to be known as a "slate." Here is what they offered:

For the Year 2002:

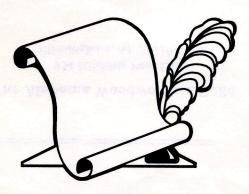
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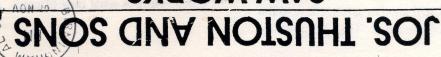
This slate of prospective officers will be voted on at the November meeting.

And So It Came to Pass

After many years (some 13) you are going to get a break. Nelda Kelly will be keeping you informed about Guild activities beginning with the January 2002 issue. It has been a "great run" for me, one I shall not soon forget, but as they say "all good things have to come to an end." The Guild is a truly wonderful group of people, and I shall miss each one of you. Keep up the work of the Guild and give your officers your support and especially show Nelda you appreciate her taking this job.

Until later, Leonard





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