



Guild News

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**Next meeting is
 Saturday,
 January 19, 2002**

- Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM
- Meeting starting promptly at 9:00 AM
- Program Speaker
- Lunch at 11:30 AM

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President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a great holiday and Santa brought you that special woodworking tool on your wish list.

Last year was a great year for the guild, thanks to **President Charlie Ard**, a real fine board of directors providing support and, of course, your continued support. We could spend lots of time looking back on the accomplishments (which were many) during 2001, but I prefer to look ahead to 2002. I believe we have some exciting things planned.

Our monthly meetings of course, will be a priority. **Paul Mancill**, our program chairman, is making plans for some great programs. Speaking of Paul, he'll be teaching another woodworking class at Bo's this spring. I understand this will involve special joinery in building a bookcase. We're planning at least two special one day seminars to be presented by outstanding instructors on routers and

joinery. We'll get information about these programs to you as soon as possible.

Beginning in February, we will be "re-starting" our shop visits – always a favorite! A "special program" is planned for May (more later). In addition to our ongoing toys program, we hope to be involved in at least one other community activity this year. This will be discussed at the January 19th meeting.

I, along with the Board of Directors, have big plans for 2002. We need your help to put these plans into action. I ask that you get involved, participate and most of all help provide a forum to promote woodworking.

Wow! I've covered a lot of ground – but you ain't seen nuthin yet. Let's all have fun and enjoy 2002.

See you January 19th.

January Program

The January Program needs no introduction since it will be presented by our out-going president, **Charlie Ard**.

Everybody knows that Charlie is a good woodworker but he's also a great designer and builder of tools. In our next program, Charlie will show and tell us all about a 24" band saw and a wood lathe that he designed and built. They are both beautiful tools and I'm sure you will enjoy his presentation.

November Meeting Highlights

On November 17th, the front of Bo Thuston's shop area at Jos. Thuston and Sons Saw Works looked like Santa's workshop. There were stacks of toys everywhere. The elves weaving in and out between the boxes and tables piled high with toys were a little larger than one might expect of elves and there weren't a lot of green outfits with hats and pointy shoes but the spirit of giving was definitely there.

According to Toy Chairman for 2001, **Paul Mancill**, the Alabama Woodworkers Guild members contributed over a thousand toys to be given to Children's Hospital and two other related organizations.

After much bustling about and admiring of toys there was a brief business meeting. President, **Charlie Ard** was not able to attend due to the illness of his father so **Dan Browning** resided over the meeting at Charlie's request.

New officers were officially elected. The new officers are President, **Dan Browning**; Vice President, **Paul Mancill**; Secretary-Treasurer, **Harold Phillips**. The new Board of Governors are **Jack Tyler, Bob Browning, Buzz Kelly, Bill Shivers, Jim Lee and Bill Thomas**. **Bob Browning** will also continue to serve as our webmaster and the Guild News Editor is **Nelda**

Kelly.

For our November program **Fred Baker, Mike Key, and Dan Browning** demonstrated how to make wooden boxes. Fred and Mike used high tech dovetail jigs and templates to create strong beautiful joinery for their boxes. Fred left us with this quote to remember when making dovetails "heighten to tighten."

Dan demonstrated the low-tech way to create beautiful, intricate boxes using duct tape and a jig made from scrap lumber. Dan tells us that, "your way is the right way" or "whatever works for you."

And the Winner Is:

As if there wasn't enough already going on in November, the winner of the 12 inch planer was also announced. New member, **Rick McNew**, who wasn't present to win got the prize. There WERE several volunteers to take the planer for him. Rick, who WAS able to be at the Christmas party, says that he DID get the planer (just checking). He will be

under a lot of pressure to make something for the 2002 show with his new equipment.



THE BEST OF SHOW AWARD from our annual show for 2001 was presented to **Frank Jones** for

his lovely pie crust table.

The table demonstrated a number of beautifully executed wood working skills but of special note was the intricate carving. Frank says that the carving is really easy. "Just take away the wood that you don't want."

New and Improved for '02

Show and Tell at our November meeting was **John Powell's** hand-mirrors that he had made as Christmas presents for some lucky ladies in his life. John got the plans for the mirrors from Woodsmith Magazine.

Speaking of *Show and Tell*, the Board decided to do something different in 2002. You still bring in your projects and tell us about them. This year at the end of the first quarter the board will select the most unique *Show and Tell* project and award a prize at the April meeting.

Bill Thomas will be organizing our shop tours this year. Let Bill know if you would like to have your shop on the schedule. The plan is to have tours on Saturday afternoon following monthly meetings.

Paul Mancill will be teaching a class on building a Craftsman style bookcase. The class is open to all skill levels. With sliding dovetail joinery and a drawer, this class has something for all but the most advanced student.

What am I bid?

If you were able to visit our annual show at the Hoover Library in October, you had the opportunity to see the gorgeous walnut tool box that Fred Baker entered in the show. With his beautifully crafted box Fred took second place in the small objects category. Now Fred has generously contributed his prize winning entry to be used as a fundraiser for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

The Guild will be auctioning off the beautiful, award winning walnut tool box made by **Fred Baker** at the January meeting. Rumor has it that bidding will start at \$200 for this work of art. Several

people have already voiced an interest so we are expecting high bidders. Bring your money and get in on the fun.

The box (pictured right) which is billed as a 'tool box' but could just as easily be used for a number of other purposes, (it's really too nice to put tools in) is currently on display at Thuston's in the Guild's glass display case. If you have not gotten to see it yet you should pay Bo Thuston a visit and take a look.

The winner of the bidding will not only walk away with a one of a kind heirloom, but will be supporting the Guild as all proceeds

from the sale will go into the treasury of the Guild. Be sure to thank Fred for his generosity when you see him.



Christmas 2001

Our annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13th at the Shades Crest Baptist Church was, as usual, a real treat. There was excellent food, melodious entertainment, abundant prizes, and above all good fellowship.

Woodworkers and their guests brought more toys and delicious side dishes to complement the meat, drinks and bread provided by the Guild. After a scrumptious

meal we were serenaded by the Harmony Hills Chorus of the Sweet Adelines.

Then there were prizes. There were special prizes only for those who had made toys. There was 100 Board feet of curly maple contributed by Hard Woods of Alabama, a \$25 gift certificate from WoodCraft, a flag necklace from **Niki Jovaris**, two walking canes made by **Frank Jones**, turnings

by **Lawrence Thomas** and **Cliff Daniels**, a scroll saw ornament also by Cliff, tools, and goodies from Bo Thurston, and Makita.

The grand finale was the drawing for the DeWalt and Makita drill kits. **Dan Browning** was the lucky winner of the Makita set and **Bill Thomas** got to take home the DeWalt set.

Time to Pay the Piper

It is a new year and a new budget...that time of year when our treasurer reminds us that we need to start collecting money for annual membership dues. Our dues are an unbelievable value at only \$25 per year.

A large portion of our annual

dues goes to publish the GUILD NEWS.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, **Mr. Harold Phillips**, will be only to happy to accept your payment at the January meeting or you can mail him a check to:

3460 Mountainwood Drive S.E.,
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Happy New Year



Thanks to Our Sponsors

We would like to once again say thanks to all the organizations that sponsor our Guild each year.

We would particularly like to recognize **Bo Thuston of Jos.**

Thuston and Sons Saw Works who not only allows us to hold our meetings at his business, but provides a shop in which we are able to hold training classes. Bo even cooks lunch for us on occasion.

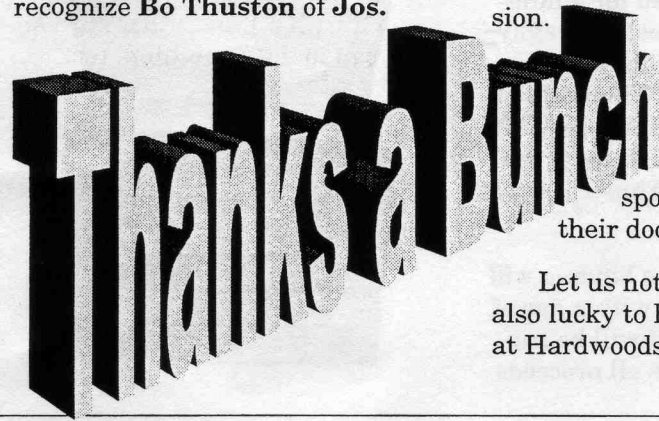
We also much appreciate **Woodcraft** which has also been a Guild sponsor since opening their doors in our area.

Let us not forget that we are also lucky to have the kind folks at **Hardwoods of Alabama** as

sponsors. **Hardwoods of Alabama** was responsible for that 100 board feet of curly maple that we divided up and gave away at our Christmas party as well as several other gifts over the past year.

DeWalt and **Makita** have also been kind to us over the past year as in other years.

Remember to patronize our sponsors. When you get an opportunity tell them how much you appreciate their kindness to our organization.



With Much Appreciation

With much appreciation for a job well done, we allow **Leonard Sanders** to retire (at least for a little while) as our Guild News editor. Leonard has done an outstanding job over the past thirteen years.

Leonard invited me over to his home to turn over his Guild News files. It was a real treat to visit with Leonard and Dot and to get

some inside scoop on how he put our newsletter together each month.

Leonard hand typed his articles on a typewriter the old fashioned way. His silent partner in this endeavor was his lovely wife, Dot, who was his grammar and spell checker.

From the looks of the projects that he had just around his house,

it was obvious that Leonard spent a great amount of time on woodworking as well as writing about woodworking.

Thanks again Leonard for all your years of hard work and dedication!

You left some mighty big shoes to fill. I hope I don't let you down.

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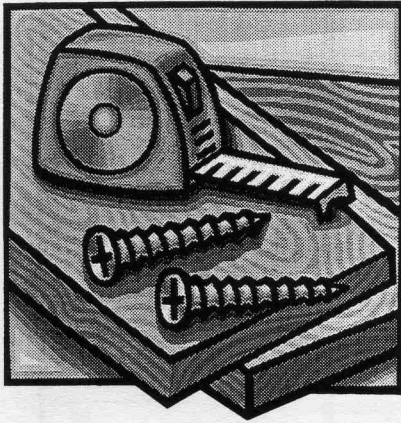
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Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling **Harold Phillips** at **205-424-0819**.

See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

What Will You Make?

Our annual show is still months away but now is the time to plan your project for this year.



What will you make?

Walter Barnett has again been volunteered (you can spell that railroaded) into being in charge of our annual show this year. Walter will be responsible for arranging a time and place for our show, advertising the show, obtaining a judge, organizing the categories, the awards, and staffing the show during library hours.

All we have to do is make something to be entered into the show and get it there.

Let's show Walter how much

we appreciate his efforts by making 2002 the biggest show that the Guild has ever had in terms of participation.

If you plan ahead you may even have time to lend Walt a hand with all that other stuff so he can make something, too.

Toys Program

Many thanks to everyone that made toys in 2001!

Our grand total for the year was 1200 give or take a few cutouts. This was a little off from previous years but still a good effort.

The Children's Hospital makes very good use of these toys not

just at Christmas but throughout the year.

Our grand total for the year of 2001 was 1200 toys, give or take a few cutouts

Jack Tyler will be coordinating the Toys Program in 2002. Let's all make an effort to make toys in '02. Only about 40 people made toys last year. It would be great if we could increase participation!

Paul Mancill

New Board Meeting Place

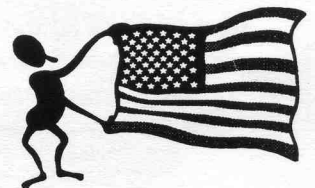
Our incoming president, **Dan Browning**, has found a new meeting place for the monthly meeting of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild Board. The new Bruno's that just opened in December at the corner of Highway 150 and Shades Crest Road has a meeting room that they are happy

to share with us for our board meetings.

The room is bright and cheery and we are able to purchase dinner at the Vincent's Market prior to our meetings.

The Guild Board meets on the

first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Guild members are welcome at the board meeting.





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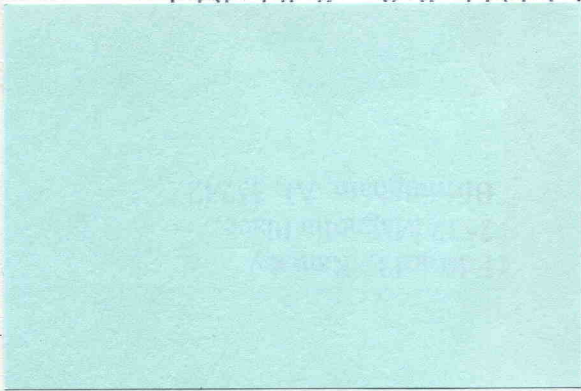
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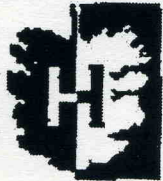
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