



Guild News

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**Next meeting is
 Saturday,
 February 16, 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
- Shop Visit 1:00 PM

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President's Message

What a great way to start off a new year for the Woodworkers Guild—a very large crowd, a number of visitors, several new members, new ideas for the coming year and a great program by our own **Charlie Ard**. I certainly can't say much about the weather, but the group's enthusiasm made us forget about the rain. (The hotdogs cooked by **Mike Key** also helped us overcome the soggy weather).

I believe this year can be one of our most productive and educational ever. The officers and board of directors are working quite hard to make this happen. Our first step was to set up a number of committees to make everyone's job easier and enjoyable. (These committees are listed elsewhere in the Guild News). This is one place we need your help. Very few people volunteered to assist on these

committees at our last meeting. (I admit there was a lot being discussed at the meeting and this issue about committees may have slipped through the crack). But, we need you to step up and give us your support.

We're planning several "special" activities this year. These activities include a couple of one day workshops, woodworking classes, demonstrations, an auction in May as well as some great monthly programs. Of course, our toys program will continue to be a priority.

I believe the year has jumped off to a great start and I challenge each of you to become more involved in our activities and help make this our best year ever. See you February 16th.

February Meeting & Shop Tour

Bobby Michelson has agreed to do our program on the 16th of February. He is an accomplished professional woodworker who builds his own modern designs. He will talk about furniture design, construction, finishing and marketing. He will use slides of his work in his presentation and answer any questions the audience may have. Bobby has judged our shows in the past and is no stranger to our group.

In the afternoon, after our meeting, our 2001 Shop Tours will begin with a visit to the shop of **Frank Jones**. This should be a real treat. Come and see where all those wonderful furniture pieces are produced. Maps will be available at the meeting. Driving directions are found on page 3.

January Meeting Highlights

In January we talked about the exciting events coming up for 2002 including lots of training, shop visits, exciting programs, and even an auction.

Speaking of auctions, the long awaited auction of the **Fred Baker** tool box netted the Guild \$450 and **Lawrence Thomas** walked away with the prize.

Speaking of prizes, show n tell contenders for the first quarter prize include a fly-through bird feeder by **Harold Phillips** and a sample of the parquet flooring that **Mike Key** is making for his home. Mike told us that he had used 4,075 pieces of mahogany and 6 gallons of Titebond glue

making his flooring.

We were visited by Kendra Veach Thomley, who invited us to participate in the building of a creative playground at Vestavia Hill's Wald Park. This will be one of those community events, much like a Habitat for Humanity project, except that the project is a playground for the young ones and an area for seniors. Volunteers at all skill levels are needed. Build week will be April 17th through 21st.

The Saturday of the build coincides with our monthly meeting date so Kendra asked us to agree to meet at the build site and help them out on that day. She has

offered a bribe of breakfast.

Our program was presented by **Charlie Ard**. Charlie went to the trouble of moving a couple of his home engineered wood working tools to Bo Thustons so that we could see them. The band saw that Charlie built weighs several hundred pounds. It seems that when it comes to machinery, Charlie likes substantial equipment, plenty of power, and movement offends him.

Charlie also brought his lathe with a wooden lathe bed. This one is a bit lighter and Charlie is able to disassemble it to take to guild demonstrations and the like.

Fred Baker Becomes Life Member

At our January meeting, President **Dan Browning** nominated **Fred Baker** as a "life member" of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. There was a unanimous vote for Fred joins such notables as **Frank Jones**, **Leonard Sanders**, **Ben Neighbors**, and **Ronnie Action** in this prestigious award.

Life membership is awarded to those individuals who have made selfless, long-term contributions to the causes of the Guild. **Fred Baker**, who has given of his time, energy, knowledge, and patience to further the goals and objectives of the Guild, is most deserving of this honor.

Pictured left to right are **Frank Jones**, **Leonard Sanders**, and **Fred Baker**.



Ball & Claw Carving Class

The one and only, **Frank Jones**, will be teaching a class on carving a ball and claw foot. Several People have signed up. Each class will be limited to 4 people at a time. The Board will come up with a list with dates and times for the starting group and each group thereafter. There is still time to sign up. If you are interested please call **Mike Key** (663-9036) or **Dan Browning** (979-3799).

Book Case Class

Paul Mancill will be leading a class on building an arts and crafts bookcase. The bookcase will be built during the class by Paul and the class members out of cherry.

The classes will take place at Thuston's on Saturday mornings beginning the 23rd of February (except for the monthly Guild Saturday meeting dates) for half a day. There will be six to ten sessions. The cost of the class will be \$75. All proceeds will go to the Guild. Plans and a sign-up sheet will be at Thuston's Friday, February 8th.

Committee Chairs

Annual Show	Walter Barnett
Christmas Party	Bill Thomas
Library	Frank Jones, Bill Shivers
Meeting Preparation	Mike Key
Membership	Bob Browning
Newsletter Editor	Nelda Kelly
Nominating Committee	Available
Programs	Paul Mancill
Publicity	Fred Baker
Shop Visitation	Bill Thomas
Show-N-Tell	Jim Lee
Special Classes	Dan Browning, Paul Mancill
Special Events	Dan Browning Paul Mancill
Toy Program	Jackie Tyler
Web Master	Bob Browning

Welcome New Members

Tom Robinson
Gregory Gauger
John W. Lawson

Dues Notice

We continue to collect dues for 2002. Our dues are an unbelievable value at only \$25 per year.

You can pay at the February meeting or mail your check to : **Harold Phillips**
3460 Mountainwood Drive S. E.
Birmingham, AL 35244

Directions to Frank Jones's Shop

To get to **Frank Jones's** shop take I-65 South to Exit 247, Valleydale Road, turn right and follow Valleydale Road across Hwy 31 and past 84 Lumber.

It is 8.2 miles from 84 Lumber to Frank's Driveway.

Somewhere along the way the road name changes to Helena Road and keeps going right on through Helena and becomes Hwy 17. You will go past the intersection with Hwy 52.

When you pass **Ronnie Acton's** place you are one mile north of Frank's driveway. There is a mailbox on the road with **Frank Jones's** name on it. Turn there and follow the road.

About Us

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 Avenue North, and go 3 blocks. Bo Thuston's is on your left.

Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling **Harold Phillips** at 205-424-0819. Guild News information can be sent via email to nelbuz@msn.com.



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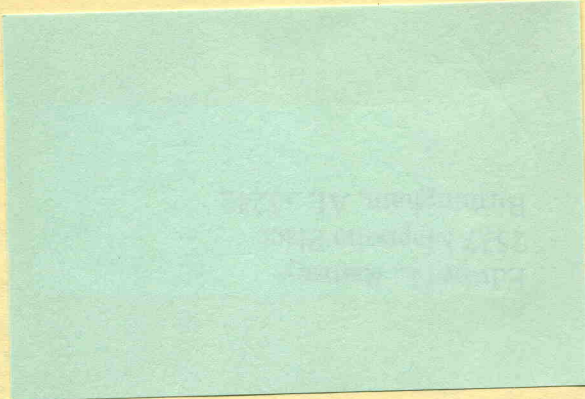
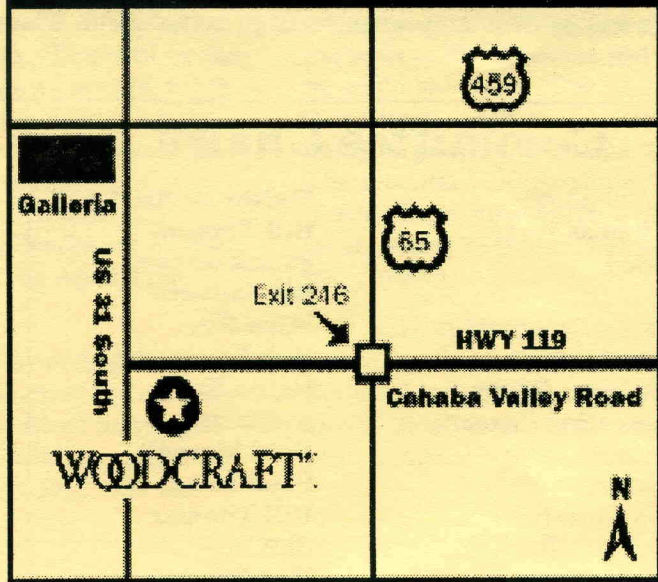
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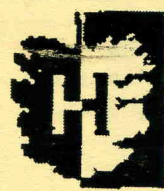


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