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*Next meeting is
Saturday,
April 20, 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

At our last meeting there were a lot of comments about the quality of our newsletter and considerable praises for the work of **Nelda Kelly**. I certainly agree with all that--Nelda is doing a great job! I must, however, compliment all of our officers and directors. This group is truly a pleasure to work with. Each member brings a level of knowledge and skills that compliment each other and makes a great team. Each is playing a vital role to carry out the business of the Guild and I thank them for making my job easy.

By the time you get this newsletter the Router Workshop will be history. I have high hopes for a great day and a great learning experience. A lot of work went into putting on the workshop but I think we all had fun. Hopefully, the follow-up to the workshop at our April Guild meeting will also be a good learning experience.

Remember to check in with **Jim Lee** with your show and tell. Jim is

doing a great job keeping this under control.

As a parting shot, as with all organizations (social, civic, political), it seems that a few people are always deeply involved with the majority sitting on the sidelines watching. That appears to be happening in the Guild. I know some folks simply don't want to get involved (and I respect that), but I do believe there are a number of you who are willing to help on some of our projects. How do we get you involved? What do we need to do differently? I'm certainly open to suggestions and would love to hear from you. We have a good organization, and with your help, we can be even bigger and better.

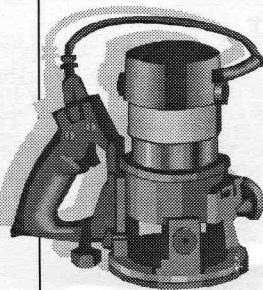
See you April 20th at Thuston's.

PS: We will not be having a shop visit in April. This way you folks who are volunteering at the Vestavia park project won't have to miss a thing.

April Program

In the next program we will maximize what we learn at the Router Workshop by presenting some of the jigs and techniques that Mark Adams shares with us. For those who attend the workshop, it will be a good way to reinforce and expand on what was learned.

For those who cannot attend the workshop, this will give you a "make-up" opportunity. The router is probably the most versatile tool in your woodworking arsenal, so don't miss this program.



March Meeting Highlights

Our March meeting day saw another rainy Saturday morning. With an outdoor presentation planned, our program director, **Paul Mancill**, took some teasing from President **Dan Browning**, about his planning.

We were fortunate to have several visitors: **Mary Ann Wadsworth** brought her daughter **Sonja Walker**, **James Armstrong** brought along **Neal Pate**, and **Mike Oglesby** visited from Maylene. New members, **Earl Smith**, **Fred Hogg**, and **Tony Cagle** were also welcomed.

We talked about our upcoming **Router Workshop with Marc Adams** on April 13th. More people signed up and paid at the meeting but we were still short of the number that had originally said they would attend. **Frank Jones** gave his cash payment to President **Dan** during the meeting.

Again volunteer forms were available for the Vestavia Playground Project. Design Display will be doing all the pickets for the project. The Alabama Woodworkers Guild purchased a picket. *We will be meeting at Thuston's on April 20th*, not at the playground due to lack of interest from the membership for moving the meeting.

We discussed **Cliff Daniels'** idea, to highlight a club member in each month's Guild News (see page 3) and at the meeting so we can become more familiar with our fellow Guild members. **Dan**

pressed for volunteers and then put **Jim Lee** in charge of drafting someone. **Paul Mancill** is our first victim, honoree, at the April meeting.

We are scheduled to do demos at Woodcraft on July 13th. More details later.

Our annual show will be conducted in conjunction with the Alabama Woodturners Association this year. The week beginning October 5th has been tentatively reserved with the Hoover Public Library.

Show and tell participants in March included **George Schoppert's** toy car; a birch plywood scroll saw Indian by **Buddy Finch**; a scroll saw angel with hinged wings by **Nelda Kelly**; a cherry porringer table by **Bill Shivers**; and a cherry Craftsman hall table by **Jim Lee**. The quarterly winner will be announced at the April meeting.

Neal Webster, our presenter and owner of the portable bandsaw mill with 24hp motor, started off a little shyly but warmed up to his subject when bombarded by questions from an eager audience. He explained sawing quarter sawn lumber and the proper method for cutting up logs into lumber.

One of the best things about meeting at Bo's is that a little mess in a presentation isn't a problem. Despite the pouring rain, we were able to see the portable bandsaw mill in action, thanks to **Bo Thuston** inviting it right inside. Logs were cut into lumber and some of that lumber went into the kiln at **Paul Mancill's** house and will be available for purchase at the May auction.

March Shop Visit

If you missed your chance to see **Cliff Daniels'** shop, you missed a real treat. Cliff efficiently uses every inch of space. One of the most commented upon features was his storage area for table saw blades. Everything in his shop is well organized and labeled.

His DeWalt scroll saw, with which he does all that wonderful work, was quite ordinary looking except he has added magnets to hold spare blades within easy reach and a lift for the arm. He also has a comfortable swivel stool to sit on while working at his saw. (You need to be comfortable while doing so many tedious inside cuts!)

Looking at Cliff's back yard, you can see that he doesn't spend all of his time in his workshop. There was a playhouse, a gazebo with lots of fancy woodwork trim, and every square inch of the yard is beautifully landscaped. There were several other areas that I was just itching to explore!

Quite a few people took advantage of the opportunity to extend their woodworking Saturday with a chance to see Cliff's shop and visit some more. These shop tours are a great way to get ideas and to get to know your fellow woodworkers better.

Thanks again to **Cliff Daniels** for having us over and to **Bill Thomas** for making the arrangements.

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 going East. Go past the Civic Center until you can take exit 126B where you turn right on 31st Street for one block; turn right on Richard Arrington Blvd, and go 3 blocks. Bo Thuston's is on your left at 928 28th Street N.

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Spotlight Member

Our first monthly spotlight Guild member is our Vice President, Program Chairman, and teacher, **Paul Mancill**. To say that Paul is an active member is an understatement, but how well do you really know him?

Paul Mancill in his own words:

I started building furniture over 30 years ago because I needed a dining table. I've been building, refinishing and repairing furniture ever since. I am not a woodworking specialist since I enjoy doing all types of projects including turning, carving and building both small and large pieces. I am not a perfectionist but instead my focus is more toward aesthetically pleasing and functional pieces.

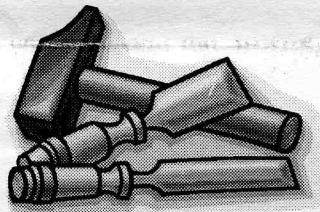
Ball & Claw Carving Class

While we were visiting **Cliff Daniels**, there were a couple of great looking ball and claw feet sitting on his workbench. As a member of the first **Frank Jones** carving class, Cliff has produced some beautiful work.

We allocated two days for each class, but we are hearing that one day is enough. Frank says class members should pack a lunch. He says the classes are lasting from 9 AM until around 4 PM.

Bob Browning, from the 2nd class, reports that though it is a real treat to learn to do the carving, it is a truly great treat to hear the "Frankisms" and "Frank stories" during the process. We are indeed fortunate to have such talent shared with us just because we are members of the Guild.

Class attendees will need to bring a 3" x 3" or 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" piece of mahogany, walnut, or cherry the length of the leg that the student desires to make.



Tools required are:

- 3/8" chisel,
- #2 gouge 12 to 16 mm
- #5 gouge 12 to 16 mm
- #7 gouge 10 to 16 mm
- riffler files and rasp

Bookcase Class

The Saturday morning bookcase class being taught by **Paul Mancill** continues. As of this writing, both sides for the bookcase with their 32 mortise and tenon joints have been completed. The class members put square pegs in round holes per Paul's change to the design. This adds a nice touch to the piece and further celebrates the joinery. The sliding dovetail joinery for the shelves has been completed. There are still dovetail joints on the two drawers to be done. The project should be completed in May.

Welcome New Members

Tony Cagle, Pinson
Fred Hogg, Birmingham
Earl Smith, Chelsea

Dale Lewis

There is a nice feature article about our own **Dale Lewis** along with some color photos of some of his whimsical furniture pieces in the Birmingham Magazine March issue.

Missing

At some point during our February visit to the shop of **Frank Jones**, a #6 gouge was misplaced. Frank would like to find it because those aren't being made anymore. If anyone remembers seeing the gouge or accidentally carried it out with some of their stuff, Frank would love to have it back, no questions asked.

May Auction

At our May meeting, we will be holding an auction. Contribute your merchandise to the Guild for the auction or sell your wares and donate 10% of the proceeds to the Guild.

Invite your family and friends to come in and join the fun. Jimmy Woods will be bringing 2 of his horseless carriages for us to see at the May meeting as well. Some wee folks might even get a ride. Seems there is a weight limit but our children or grandchildren might be able to get a ride. This will be a good time to bring a guest or two.



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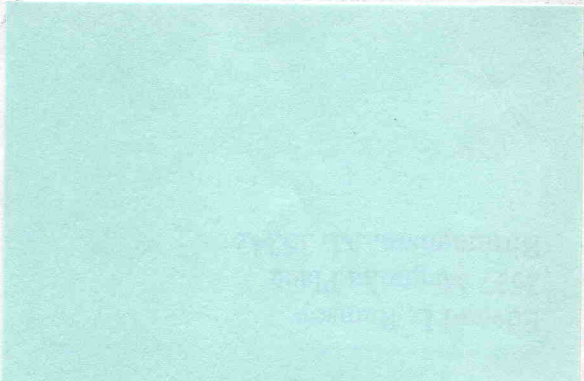
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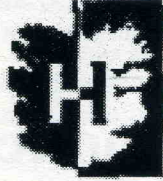
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