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Saturday, May 18, 2002

- Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM
- Deliver all auction items prior to 8:30 AM
- Business Meeting 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
- Auction 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- Settle up purchases 11:00 AM
- Lunch at 11:30 AM
- Shop Visit 1:00PM

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Annual Family Fun and Auction, May 18, 2002

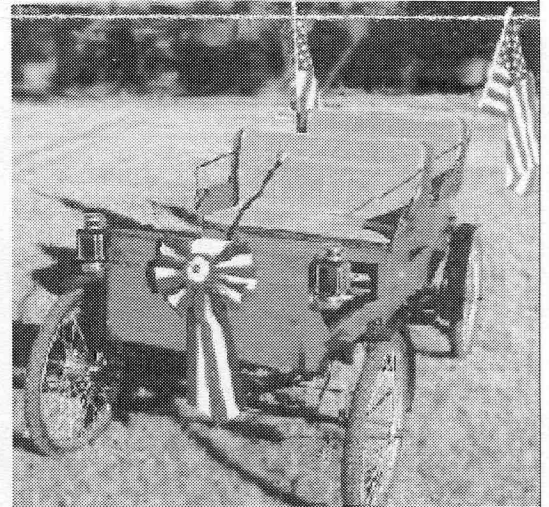
Bring your friends and family to the May 18th meeting. It is sure to be a fine day to visit the Guild. We will be holding an auction in conjunction with the Alabama Woodturners Association. Besides all the great bargains, Jimmy Woods will have two of his horseless carriages (pictured below) at the meeting. If you just have to have one, you will be able to buy the plans for \$20 to build your own.

It is THE place to be. Your kids or grandkids will love the carriages. In the auction there will be used tools, from those who have traded up, objects made by woodworkers and woodturners, items donated by some of our sponsors, and even lumber to be purchased at really nice prices.

If you have something you want to sell in the auction, bring it out to Tushton's between one and 5:00 PM on Friday, May 17th or before 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 18th. You can donate your items or sell your wares and donate 10% of the proceeds to one of the clubs. Sellers can set a minimum bid for their items. This will be a silent auction where you can see the bid on a form and up the bid as you

wish. At 11:00 AM when the bidding is over, buyers and sellers settle with each other. Funds for donated items will be paid to the club treasurers. Sellers are on the honor system to pay the 10% donation to the clubs.

After the auction, lunch will be provided. Then it's off to visit the shop of **Mike Key**.



President's Message

What's the saying? "One man's junk is another man's treasures." Well, there should be a lot of treasures at the auction on May 18th. I'm really looking forward to that day. The auction is always a highlight and a lot of fun. Who knows, that piece of junk just might be what I've been looking for. In addition to used

items, I understand there will be a number of new, nice items for sale. Several real nice things have been donated...This will certainly make the auction more interesting. So, Bring your family and friends and enjoy!

If you have not been by to see the new

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April Meeting Highlights

Our April meeting was led by Vice President **Paul Mancill**. Guests, **Brian Stause** of Indian Springs Village and **Greg Smith** of Dunnavant were welcomed.

We talked about the successful Marc Adams router workshop and our upcoming annual show. Some effort is being made to have our show as part of The Woodworkers Show in October.

On July 13th the Alabama Woodworkers will be doing a demo day at Woodcraft. Participants are needed.

Frank Fairley of Hoover was welcomed as a new member.

The first quarter Show and Tell winner, **Bill Shivers**, graciously brought his cherry porringer table

back for an encore review.

Dale Lewis was back with another of his incredible art chairs. This one is yet to be named but according to Dale is a goddess. She is a commissioned piece of maple, ash and bloodwood destined for Washington D.C.

Paul Mancill, our spotlight member for April, brought the new "big boy bed" he had made from some of his own kiln dried walnut. The bed was designed by his son-in-law and built by Paul for his grandson, Ethan. Paul also brought a guitar he had made some time back of mahogany, spruce, cherry and ebony.

Our program was highlights of some of the information we learned from Marc Adams. We played a

short clip from his video on routers (Marc donated a complete set of his videos for our library). Then **Buzz and Nelda Kelly** showed a jig they made as a result of the workshop. **Fred Baker** demonstrated a great router jig he had made. Next **Paul Mancill** demonstrated a couple of router jigs he had made based upon Marc Adams' designs.

Jim Anchors asked us to participate in making flag cases for the families of police officers, firefighters, and others who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Mike Key** suggested we might begin the project at his shop visit in May (see below).

We were dismissed a little early and encouraged to go out to Wald Park to spend the afternoon helping complete the playground project.

Shop Visit with Mike Key

Mike Key will be hosting our shop visit this month. Probably best known for his Leigh jig demonstrations, Mike is a well rounded, talented woodworker. Mike brought wonderful parquet flooring for our show and tell in January.

At our April meeting, **Jim Anchors** asked us to consider making flag cases for the survivors of 911 in conjunction with Woodworkers United for America. Mike offered his shop visit to begin the project. (For more information about the project see Wood Magazine, April 2002 or come to the shop visit.) Copies of the plans have been acquired from our regional representative, Mickey Hudspeth of Georgia. Mickey says he hopes he can count on a couple of cases from our group.

To get to Mike's shop, take I 65 South to Exit 238 (Saginaw/Alabaster). Exit right. Turn right onto Hwy 31

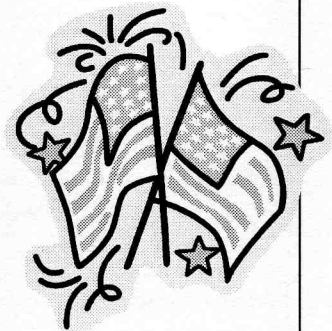
going north.

At the first red light turn left on State Hwy 119. Go through 6 traffic lights (about 3 miles).

Turn right onto Wilderness Lane about 100 yards past the 6th light.

Go about 150 feet before turning left onto Wilderness Trail. It looks like a driveway and it is. Follow Wilderness Trail .03 of a mile. Mike's house is on the right. Park where you can find a place. The address is :

**286 Wilderness Trail
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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.

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

See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

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Spotlight Member John D. Powell

I started my woodworking in 1947 (7th grade) in woodshop in Langley High School in Pittsburgh, PA. Since then I have enjoyed making many different things. After retiring from 40 years in computers, I started my own woodworking business in Maryland. We moved to Alabama 4 years ago and my shop moved with us. I have made Christmas presents for 10 grandchildren for 13 years and still make them on request. I have made over 4000 wooden crosses distributed to sailors through the Seafarers Center in Baltimore Maryland. I have a scrapbook of most of my projects. I belonged to the Annapolis Woodworking Guild for many years before moving to Alabama. I recently acquired a lathe and am learning to be a wood turner.

Ball & Claw Carving Class Schedule Change

Frank Jones will be unable to teach his class scheduled for June 1st. That class will meet on June 8th only.

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

Marc Adams Revisited

Overheard at lunch, "I don't believe I'll be tripping out early todayMarc is doing a terrific job!" **J.P. Ray**. This was the sentiment throughout the day. Over and over we heard how much everyone enjoyed the router workshop and were glad they had come. More than once we heard "worth every penny!" Attendees are already asking when we can get Marc Adams back. Those who missed this one really missed a treat.

A special note of thanks to **Betty Thomas, Debbie Browning,** and **Marcia Mancill**, our gracious luncheon hostesses.

Jim Burt, President of WAWA wrote us the following note: "On behalf of W A W A I wish to say what a great show Marc Adams put on for us. His demonstration on routers was very educational. It was first class in every way. I feel it was well worth the cost. The AWG did an outstanding job putting this program together. I am looking forward to attending many more programs in the future. W A W A is behind you all the way. Once again, Great Work Guys."

Welcome New Member

Frank Fairley of Hoover

Vestavia Park Project

Construction of the Wald Park Playground was an exciting, tiring but wonderful experience. Over 2000 volunteers turned out during the week. Several of the Guild members showed up to work as promised. Many thanks to each of you.

Being present Sunday evening to see some 200 children swarm over the grounds was very rewarding. There are still some unfinished items on the punch list. If you could help, call Kendra Tomley at 824-6088 and offer your time.

Bill Thomas

President

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playground in Vestavia, you need to do so. Several of the Guild members volunteered their skills on building the playground and deserve a big thank you. I'm a little hesitant to single out any one volunteer for fear of overlooking someone. But I understand that **Bill Thomas** (a board member) worked in excess of 100 hours during the project. What a contribution for a great cause!

The Marc Adams Workshop was great! We had a real good attendance and the Guild got a lot of exposure...and, some new members. Thanks to all who helped make this a great success.

See you May 18th.



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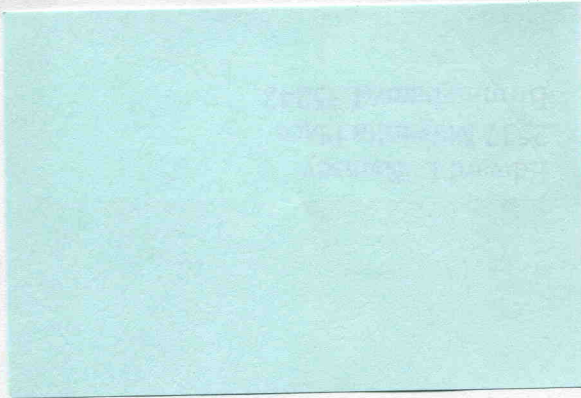
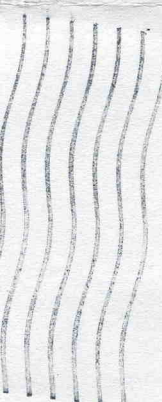
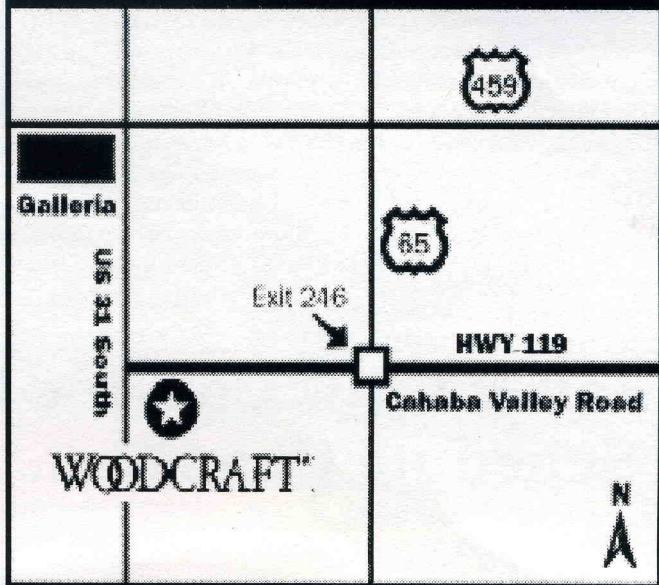
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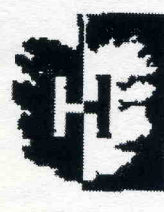
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