



# Guild News

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**Saturday,  
June 15, 2002**

- Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM
- Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM
- Program
- Lunch at 11:30 AM
- Shop Visit 1:00PM

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## President's Message

A highlight of the May meeting was a ride in the horseless carriage brought to the meeting by **Jimmy Woods** of Tuscaloosa.

Those of you who missed the presentation by our second spotlight member, **John Powell**, missed a real treat. This is the kind of sharing the Guild is all about. It is good to get to know our members better.

Disappointment, that's the only way I can describe my feelings about the turnout for the silent auction and meeting last month. It was probably the lowest attendance at a meeting since I joined the Guild about fifteen years ago. The small number even included a few visitors from the Alabama Woodturners Association.

I would certainly welcome a telephone call from anyone who might explain what caused this. I would also welcome any suggestions to help improve interest and attendance.

Other than low attendance, the day

was quite successful. A lot of really nice items were sold (and, of course, some not so nice) as well as a great selection of hardwoods donated by Hardwoods of Alabama. A special thanks to you folks that put in a lot of time to make the auction a success.

I was unable to attend **Mike Key's** shop open house after the meeting, but I understand it was well attended and **Mike** was a great host.

It's time to start building toys for the Children's Hospital! If any of you have new ideas for these toys bring them to our next meeting and share with the entire group. Also, I hope you're planning for our annual juried show to be held in October. This is certainly a highlight of the year.

See you June 15<sup>th</sup>....and don't forget your show and tell items!

## June Program

As many of you know, **Bob Browning** has done an outstanding job with the Alabama Woodworkers Guild web page. At the June meeting **Bob** will give us a demonstration and virtual tour of our web site.

This will be a good demonstration whether you use a computer or not. Our web site may very well be the best advertising that we have and this program will give you an opportunity to offer suggestions regarding our web presence.

In addition, **Mike Key** will bring

a selection of various exotic woods and will discuss some of the uses and properties of different species.

I know we will all learn something from these two presentations. Don't miss it!

After the meeting **Bill Thomas** is opening up his shop for us to visit. **Bill** is a relatively new member but a very active one. I understand that a visit to his shop is a real treat, not to be missed. I have heard that the landscaping at **Bill's** house is also worth a visit too. (see the map to **Bill's** shop on page 2)

## May Auction & Family Fun Day

Our May meeting actually began weeks before with pre meeting plans. Then on the Friday before the meeting, **Bo Thuston's** was a hive of activity. Of course, that roofers were there putting on a new roof and the rain the day before our event just added a touch more excitement.

Bo had moved lots of equipment around and out so we had much more room than usual to display our wares. Then the new skylights served to better light the area. The small turnout seemed even smaller with the larger, better lighted area.

**Jimmy Woods** came riding right on in to the meeting area, one young rider already in his horseless carriage with him. We didn't have

very many kids but the ones that were there loved those cars!

**John Powell** did a nice presentation, telling us a little more about himself and his woodworking projects. One that he brought with him was a huge semi-circle frame he is building to hold several pie shaped wedges of custom stained glass. He had two full photo albums of projects that he had made including a number of car pictures. I can't wait to see what he puts into the annual show!

Then there was the sale. Lots of stuff out there, a majority of it looked like either wood or people trying to sell their first tools so they could (or had already) trade up.

Folks like **Ken Gray** who are just starting out, found some real deals. Some of us took home some of the stuff we brought, but the lucky ones sold enough to pay for their purchases.

It was such a chilly day, that the hot dogs have never smelled so good nor tasted as good in May as they did this time.

Thanks to **Hardwoods of Alabama** for donating lumber and to the many Guild members that donated all or a portion of their proceeds to the Guild.

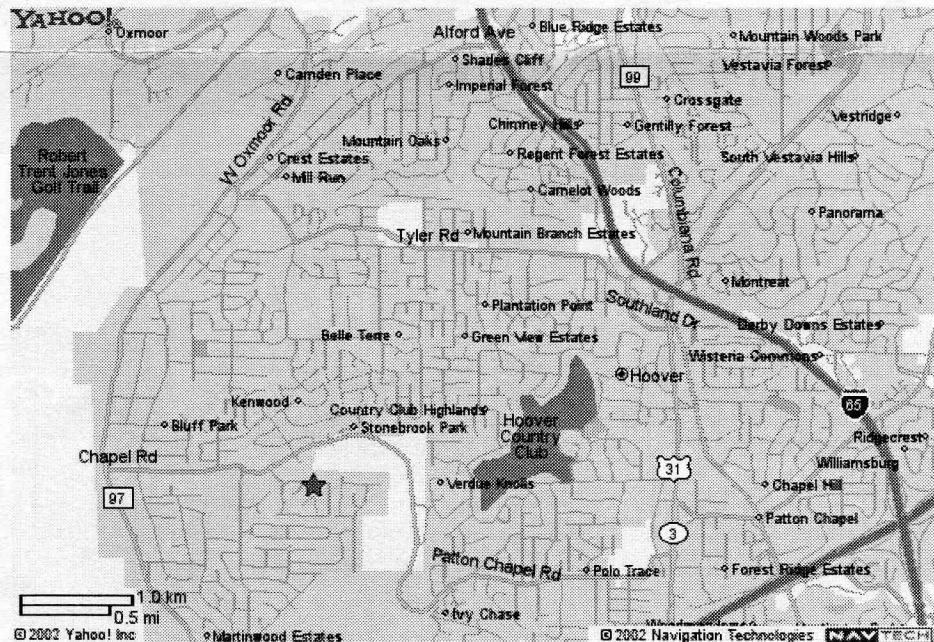
Some of us sure got better deals due to the lack of competition. If you weren't there you missed a good one. If you were, good for you!

## Shop Visit with Bill Thomas June 15th

From Hwy 31 in Hoover, going south towards I459, turn right on Patton Chapel Road in front of Crest Cadillac.

Stay on Patton chapel Road about 2 miles. You will come to a 4 way stop. Take the first left after the stop into the entrance to Carisbrooke.

Enter Carisbrooke and go to the first stop sign, turn left. **Bill's** address is 3855 Carisbrooke Drive. The shop is in the rear under the house.



## 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**.

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## Spotlight Member Ken Gray

**Ken** joined the Guild in November 2001 after meeting some of the members at The Woodworking Show. A mechanic of 32 yrs, Ken says he "was elated to find such nice and supportive members who answer any questions without making you seem dumb for asking."

After his children were grown, **Ken** had found himself single with a house that he took a keen interest in remodeling. According to **Ken**, "this interest turned into an obsession and I blindly worked on projects with what little skills I had. I read most of the magazines and wish for all the

best tools but settle for what I can afford. My most pleasing accomplishment is the wall cabinet I built for my new wife. It's probably rough to most of the club members' standards, but it was just what we needed. I have a series of projects in my mind."

**Ken** enjoys the workshop visits as a great way to see what you can fit into a small space like he has. He would like to join in some of the classes that teach basic woodworking sometime later when time allows.

"I still amazed at the vast projects that some members have completed and hope to learn from their techniques."

## Ball and Claw Carving Classes



The **Frank Jones** ball and claw carving classes are almost over. The last scheduled class will be held June 22nd.

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

## Mike Key's Shop Visit

There was pretty good attendance at **Mike Key's** shop visit. Several wives even came along. It was good to see **Elsie Baker**, in particular, out and about for the day.

**Mike's** home is tucked away in a secluded wooded area with plenty of parking. In his shop we admired **Mike's** home engineered duct work for his dust collection system, the huge stack of parquet flooring he is still working on, a giant section of redwood that he had prominently displayed, Mike's own work bench (like the ones he and **Fred Baker** have been teaching the rest of us to make over the years) and much more. Someone noted that it looked like **Mike** had two of every tool.

Remember those flag cases that **Jim Anchors** has been telling us about? Well there were copies of the plans available for interested parties. And **Jim Anchors** was also present to recruit volunteers.

On our way out we had to stop to admire **Mike's** handiwork obvious all around the outside of the house. What a pleasant day! Thanks again **Mike** for sharing with us!

## Welcome New Member

**Brian Stauss** of Indian Springs

## Annual Guild Show

## Just Around the Corner

Four months remain before the annual Alabama Woodworkers' Guild juried show. Have you started your project yet?

Don't let the time get away! There is still plenty of time to make something. There are categories for all kinds of projects and all skill levels.

**Walter Barnett** is our show chairman. Show that you appreciate his hard work and dedication. Make something for the show.

## Calling all Toy Makers

There are toys to be made! Have you got ideas to share? Tell **Jackie Tyler**, our toy chairman. Some folks just need a few ideas about what kinds of toys to make.

Annually the Guild gives toys and wood projects to the Children's Hospital and other worthy charities. These objects are given as gifts or used in therapy sessions. The children love the playing with and painting the toys.

Building these projects gives us a sense of satisfaction while allowing us to hone our woodworking skills on small scale projects.



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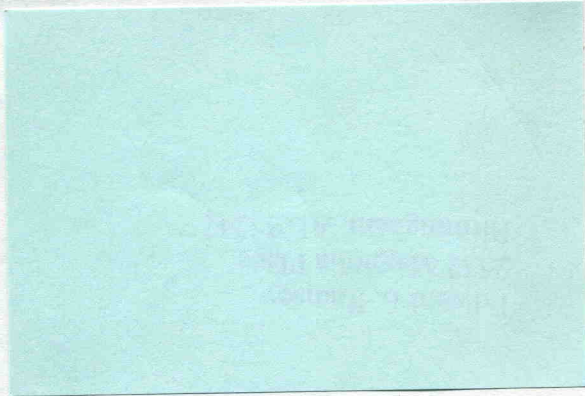
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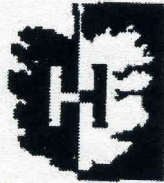
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