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Saturday,

August 17, 2002

- Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM
- Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM
- Program
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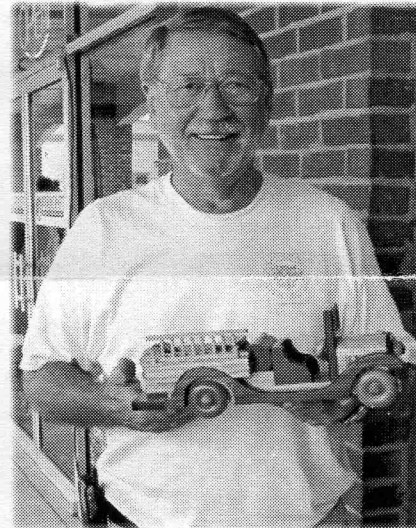
President's Message

Sitting on a stool in my shop the other day thinking (some say that's dangerous, thinking that is), I realized I have been a member of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild for thirteen years. Time really does fly when you're having fun!

I have truly had fun and enjoyed those years in the Guild. It has been an outstanding learning experience and I have met and developed lasting friendships with a great group of folks. I was not a woodworker when I joined the Guild but, thanks to folks like **Fred Baker** and **David Trayler** teaching various classes, I gained a lot of understanding of styles and techniques of woodworking. With the outstanding class instruction and the Guild programs, I became fairly comfortable in my shop. I say all this because I'm proud of the Guild and glad I have had the opportunity to be a member of such a great organization.

I would like to hear your thoughts about the Guild and/or some of your experiences while a member. I would like to print these thoughts (or suggestions)

in our newsletter. You can email me at DANDEB84@EARTHLINK.NET, mail me a note or simply call me. We would not print your name if you prefer. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



Next Meeting August 17th

Our program for August will be presented by woodcarver, John David Foote of Pell City. A member of Southern Traditional Artists and Alabama Designer Craftsmen, John David was recently chosen to craft an ornament for the national Christmas tree.

For us, he will go through the process of creating a shore bird. He

will take us through all the steps from a blank to a finished bird.

Come join us on August 17th and don't forget your Show and Tell items. Remember we continue to award a quarterly prize for one lucky entry.

If you missed the deal on the wooden toy wheels last month, there will be more at this month's meeting.

July Guild Meeting

In July we had visitors, new members, and more Show and Tell items than you would believe.

Rocky (Richard) Rawlins told us about a supply of oak and poplar. **Bill Shivers** brought wood for toys from Glen Phillips of Dixie Pacific in Gadsden. Glen's company has a kid's Christmas event that **Bill** is checking out.

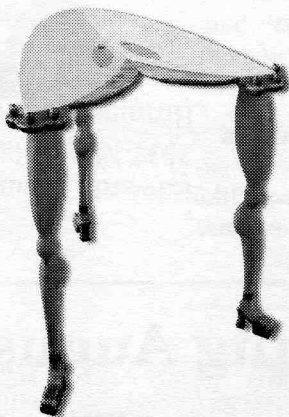
Jackie Tyler, with Sherry Scarborough of Children's Hospital, talked about our building a platform for the main lobby Christmas tree.

Fred Baker and **Buzz Kelly** sold wooden wheels the Guild purchased at a great price and sold to us right at cost. (There were some left that will be on sale at the August meeting.)

John Powell was our 2nd quarter Show and Tell award winner of a \$25 gift certificate.

Show and Tell for July included: **Marty Cogen's** first box; **Dan Browning**, more boxes; **Dale Lewis**, original pieces including "Eliptickle.com" (below) and "My Heart Goes Where the Wild Goose Goes"; **Frank Jones**, two of his signature ball and claw feet, a cane, and a wooden spoon; **Harold Phillips**, business card holders; **George Schoppert**, toys; **Jim Anchors**, a box out of gold frame scraps; **James Parham**, a model boat; **Mel Brown**, table saw fence, box for his van and grandkids from Colorado. Normally grandkids don't count as Show and Tell but Jennifer and Ben Keenan brought a number of toys they had made during their visit for Children's Hospital. Jim Bert from WAWA brought a mousetrap box. **Paul Mancill's** photo entry of his new twin grandsons was disallowed. Congratulations Paul!

Paul Mancill and **Dan Browning** presented "Finishing the Project" and eventually got **Larry Young** to show us how to spray lacquer.



Library Notes

The use of our library has increased significantly. Two members took advantage of our resource two months ago. At our last meeting more than 10% of the attendees checked out material; many others browsed.

One section of our library is being overlooked... the periodicals... and it is easy to find what you want if you do your homework first. We have a wonderful collection of periodicals that includes Fine Woodworking, Wood, American Woodworker and others... more than 300 volumes. We also have 82 issues of Woodworkers Journal. A complete listing is available on the guild's website and at the library.

The primary use of these volumes is to research a particular technique, project, review, or author. The articles are timeless and make for great reading anytime.

It is easy to find a particular topic in these magazines. The following magazines have a website with an index. To access the index on the Internet go to:

www.finewoodworking.com

- Scroll down ... on the right side of the screen see "About the Magazine".

- Click on "Magazine index"

www.woodmagazine.com

- On left side of screen click on "Wood Magazine".

- Scroll down and click on "Wood Magazine Index" in the center of the screen.

- Search either by keyword or by category.

www.americanwoodworker.com

- Scroll down and carefully look at the bottom - center of the screen

- See "5 year Article Index" ... Click on it and follow directions

These indices have the various issues and page numbers of the subject you are searching for. Compare this list to the list of volumes in the library and you will be able to go directly to that article when you are at the next meeting.

If you do not have access to the Internet, give **Bill Shivers** a call at 205-525-4601 and he will look up the subject for you.

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.

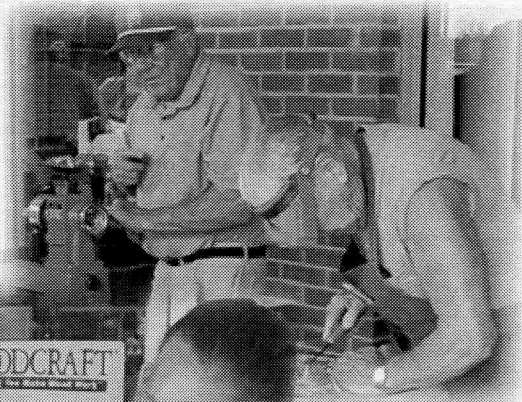
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See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

Contact our **Guild News Editor, Nelda Kelly** at nelbuz@msn.com.

Woodcraft Demo

Words regarding the event could never be as eloquent as these pictures taken by Jim Lee. Woodcraft awarded three prizes for people's choice awards. Dan Browning took first at \$200 for his jewelry box. Jim Lee came in second with his scrap made router table and took home \$100. Cliff Daniels won the \$50 third prize.



Welcome New Members

Monta King, Alabaster
Mike Briscoe, Gardendale

Toy Tip

A piece of plastic about the size of a business card with a slot cut in it is a perfect spacer for toy wheels.

Slide the spacer between the vehicle and wheel for perfect amount of wheel clearance every time. This will also keep wheels from getting stuck to the vehicle body by mistake

Thanks to Walter Barnett

Walter Barnett was our host for a July shop visit. **Walter** tells us that this summer he has spent more time mowing grass than wood-working. Looking around at his beautiful property, one could certainly imagine that mowing the grass could be pretty time consuming.

Walter hosted a shop visit several years ago when his shop was still brand new. This time there was a little more sawdust but everything was still neat and tidy. His shop is a pretty good sized area detached from his main house. Sitting back in the field with wonderful views and plenty of light, it is truly a dream shop. Looking around I couldn't think of a single tool that was missing. There are lots of good layout ideas for those planning or rearranging their own shops.

Thanks again **Walter** for playing host to us. It is always a pleasure to visit your shop.



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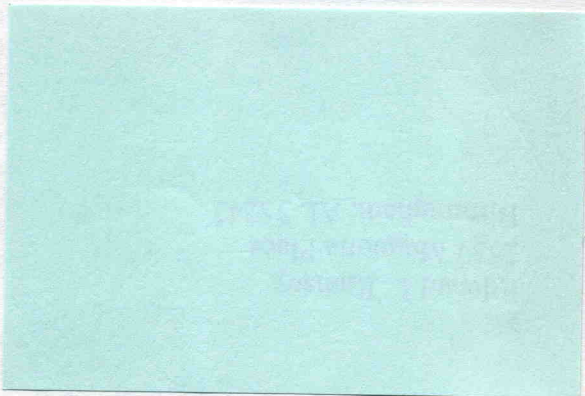
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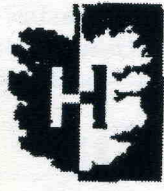


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