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President's Message

Here it is September of 2002. Suddenly summer is gone and our Annual Show (see the article on page 2) and Toys Program are upon us. It is also time to consider who will lead us in 2003 (see page 3).

All year your board members and I have pondered how to best serve and inspire our members. Our goal has always been to further the art and craft of wood working.

We have had a wide variety of programs designed to appeal to a broad range of members. You have been offered opportunities to participate in several community events, had several classes available to you, been invited to visit the shops of fellow members and asked to participate in other organization events. Our library has been updated and cataloged for ease of use.

At this month's meeting you will get an opportunity to witness a new product demonstration compliments of the makers of TiteBond Glues. They have a new product (HiPurFormer) that we will be taking a look at. This is a new

hot melt product and we will all get a chance to learn about it together.

A few years ago we were wowed by the fish carvings of Denis Hermecz. This month he is back with new stuff to share with us (see below).

We got a great letter from an old friend, **Pete Jensen**, telling us how much the Guild inspired him. We are sharing Pete's letter in our Spotlight Feature (see page 3).

As the year 2002 heads toward the home stretch, you should consider what you are seeking by your association with the Guild and make suggestions to the officers and board of how we can best meet your needs.

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting. Don't forget your Show and Tell articles and plan to visit the shop of Paul Mancill directly after the meeting.

See you there!

Saturday,

September 21, 2002

- ? *Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM*
- ? *Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM*
- ? *Program*
- ? *Shop Visit*
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Cabinet Maker and Wood Artist, Denis Hermecz

Denis Hermecz, a professional woodworker, cabinet maker and artist from Silverhill, AL will be our presenter at the September meeting. As part of his presentation, Denis will present slides of his recent work.

Denis often incorporates carving

in his unique designs. Silverhill, for those who may not know, is in LA (lower Alabama) so Denis is coming a good long way to do our program.

I promise that this program will be entertaining. Let's all plan to attend!

August Meeting

During the business meeting, the following was discussed: **Jack Tyler** and **Bob Browning** discussed a design for the 12' by 12' by 2' platform for the Children's Hospital Christmas tree display (size change since last meeting). **Fred Baker** and **Buzz Kelly** continued to sell toy wheels that the Guild purchased at a great price. (Wheels will be available again at the September meeting.) **Bill Shivers** noted the donation of a new book on hand planes for the Guild library by **Frank Jones**.

We will have a shop visit with **Paul Mancill** in September. Our Christmas party will be December 12th. Door prizes are being collected. A new date and place for our Annual Show will be arranged after the cancellation of The Woodworking Show. We will announce a slate of officers for 2003 at the October meeting.

Frank Jones donated a mallet and some extra wood that was auctioned at the August meeting netting \$61 for the treasury. **Herb Sleman** has some old growth heart pine boards he is wanting to sell.

Show and Tell items were: **Eddie Burton's** curio cabinet of pine with mortise and tenant joinery and glass shelves (hardest part was finding the hardware); **Mel Brown's** poplar hall table (by the way Mel is looking for a variable speed wood lathe); and **Harold Phillips' turned bowl** (made us guess what kind of wood...turned out to be Chinese chestnut).

Then we were treated to the art and humor of John David Foote and son, William. Carving as he talked, John David told us that the only power tool he uses is a band saw. He told us that his "bag of beans" is being a traditional craftsman. His style is artistic interpretation. He carves mostly birds out of basswood or sugar pine. None of his birds have eyes. He also shared a work in progress, a pair of very realistic looking cowboy boots.

John David Foote, a true folk artist, told us that one of the most difficult and important skills to learn is tool sharpening. Like all true woodworkers, John David believes that it is not what we produce, but "the process is what is most enjoyable."



Annual Show

With the cancellation of The Woodworking Show at the Civic Center, we have rescheduled our annual show to be at the Hoover Library. **Show dates are November 17th through November 24th.**

Set up will be Sunday, November 17th from 2PM until 6PM. Take down will be Sunday, November 24th from 2PM until 6PM

The entries will be judged Monday, November 18th.

We are reserving a meeting room for Monday, November 18th, and plan a reception for that evening. Tentatively the reception is scheduled for 4PM - 6:30PM.

Several events are already scheduled at the library that week for the theatre and meeting rooms which will add to the exposure for our show. However, it will also require that we have someone on the scene during those hours, both to take care of the items displayed and to answer any questions that anyone may have about the Guild or the work displayed.

Check your calendars. We will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting to prepare a schedule as early as possible.

The library hours are:

Monday through Thursday	9AM-9PM
Friday	9AM-6PM
Saturday	10AM-6PM
Sunday	2PM-6PM

Walter Barnett is our show chairman. If you are going to miss our next meeting and want to volunteer some time, you can contact **Walter** at (205) 426-9083.

Japanese Haiku (ancient poetic form of strict 5-7-5 syllables) probably says it best:

If one does not check
alignment before glue dries,
design must be changed.

Marty Cogen

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

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Spotlight on Pete Jensen

*If you have joined the Guild in the past several years, you might not know **Pete Jensen**. He hasn't been at a meeting in a long time. He lives in Texas now. That doesn't keep him from keeping in touch nor from participating in the Toys Program. Below is a letter that he recently sent to the Guild. We thought you might enjoy hearing what Pete had to say.*

When one of my daughters went to college, I made my first attempt at building furniture. I made some pine furniture (cargo style). When I moved to Helena, Alabama (1987) I found out about the Alabama Woodworkers Guild through Actons.

After I joined, **David Trayler** spoke at a meeting about the classes he was conducting. It was there that I learned from David and other Guild members the rudiments of furniture making. The Guild meetings were always informative and the members very helpful solving any problem that might arise in the shop. It was great being associated with woodworkers of all skill levels, although sometimes after seeing the work of **Dale Lewis**, **Fred Baker**, and **Frank Jones**, I wanted to go home and burn my efforts.

I was especially proud of the year I helped with the toy program. It was very rewarding, and in fact I still send 3 to 4 boxes of wood items each year to Children's Hospital.

We are really happy here in Fredericksburg, Texas but I have not found another group like the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

Tell everyone hi.

Pete Jensen

Nominating Committee

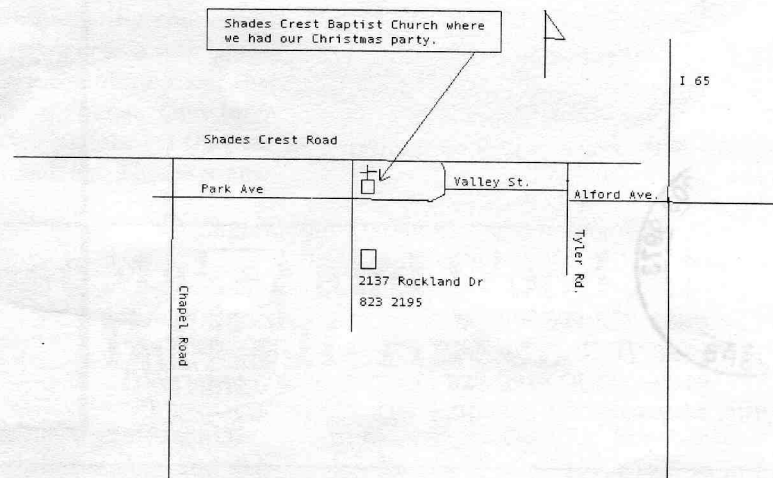
We will elect new officers at the November meeting. **Fred Baker**, chairman of the nominating committee, will be making a list and presenting a proposed slate of officers at the October meeting. Say "yes" when he calls.

Flag Cases

Jim Anchors has just gotten the names of ten families to be honored with a memorial flag case in memory of a loved one lost on September 11, 2001. He needs our assistance in making the cases now that he has the list.

Jim will be asking for volunteers at our September meeting.

Shop Tour September 21st - Paul Mancill's Shop



Paul Mancill will be hosting our September shop visit. Paul has a nice detached shop behind his house and a kiln for drying wood. Our guest speaker, Denis Hermecz, will also be there if you have more questions or want to hear more. **Paul's** telephone number is 823-2195.



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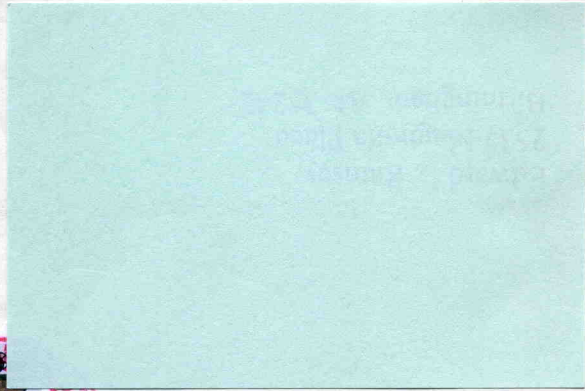
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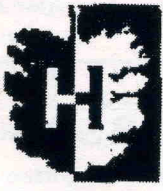
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