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Saturday,

May 17, 2003

- **Special Meeting Time**
10:00 AM
- **Special Meeting Place**
Homewood Senior Center
816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood
- **Program by Anne Forschler,**
Ph.D., Curator of Decorative Arts at
the Birmingham Museum of Art

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President's Message

With one third of the year behind us, there is and has been a lot going on in the Guild. **Paul Mancill** certainly deserves a big thank you for the outstanding programs he has planned for us. I'm really looking forward to a great program this month. (see below) I hope you bring your spouse and a friend. This will be a good program in a great facility (Homewood Senior Citizen Center).

The 20th anniversary celebration is well under way — **Walter Barnett** has done a great job coordinating the design and sales of our anniversary shirts. These are real nice shirts and the logo is quite attractive.

A big thank you to **Larry Taylor** for volunteering to coordinate our efforts to assist building a playground in down town Birmingham. His team did a great job in their efforts. (see page 3)

Our next meeting at Bo's will be a little brighter, cleaner, and louder! **Charlie Ard** added a couple of lights so we can get a good look at each other...**Marty Cogen, Bob Free, Paul Mancill,** and Alec (Marty's energetic son) spent a considerable amount of time washing our chairs...boy, were they dirty! We're scheduled to have speakers installed by our next meeting. This is really needed as our attendance increases.

As mentioned above we have a lot going on and a lot of people involved. This is what keeps our organization strong and healthy. Thanks for your help and participation.

Special Program, Take Note

Our May program will be held at the Homewood Senior Citizen Center (directions page 3) **and will begin at 10 AM.** This program will feature Anne Forschler, Ph.D. who will discuss design aspects of English and French furniture using a slide presentation.

Anne received her bachelor's degree in Anthropology and her Masters in History/Art History from the University of California. Between completing her bachelors and starting her masters she lived in Berlin, Germany and also spent a year at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum for Design in New York. After completing her Masters, she returned to Berlin where she worked as an intern at the Decorative Arts Museum (Kunstgewerbemuseum) and began work

on her Ph.D. at the Technical University Berlin. (Her dissertation was published in Berlin last year.) During her years in Germany she worked at the decorative arts museum in Berlin on various projects and aspects of the collection. In 1999 she was offered and accepted the position Curator of Decorative Arts at the Birmingham Museum of Art. Anne is married and has two daughters.

Just offhand I would say that the Birmingham museum, not to mention the AWG, is very fortunate to have someone with Anne's experience and education. This will be a fascinating presentation and one not to be missed! Come and bring a friend.

Paul Mancill

April Meeting

President, **Dan Browning**, reminded us of the upcoming demonstration at Woodcraft on May 31st and Marc Adams' cabinet making seminar at the Shades Crest Baptist Church in November.

Walter Barnett had 20th anniversary shirts for those that had ordered last meeting and took more orders at this meeting. Thanks to **Bob Browning** and **Shane Carter** for the logo design (see design on front page). Everyone should wear their shirts at Woodcraft demo day.

Larry Taylor was taking names of volunteers for the YMCA playground project (see page 3 for results of project). The blanket chest class presented a gift certificate from Thuston's to **Paul Mancill** in appreciation for his selfless efforts in teaching their class. 2003 Membership Directories were available at the meeting. Thanks to **Bob Browning** for his work on the directory.

Paul Mancill announced that the May meeting will be a special presentation so pay special attention to the Guild News for arrangements. The June meeting will be a special 20th Anniversary Celebration with a visit to Children's Hospital to follow (more next issue).

The Guild has purchased more toy wheels and **Fred Baker** had them for sale at the May meeting. We will continue to have wheels available throughout the year.

Fred Hogg's name was drawn for the Show and Tell prize for the first quarter. Show and Tell items for May were **Marty Cogen's** blanket chest and **Mel Brown's** clock (modified from its original design from the Annual Show to incorporate design changes suggested by the show judge).

Dale Lewis gave us a slide presentation featuring his original designs and discussed the use of dyes in their production. Then **Dale** brought out many bottles and jars of dyes and, looking a bit like a mad scientist, showed us how he achieved the results. **Dale** dilutes dyes more and more for lighter color instead of adding another color.



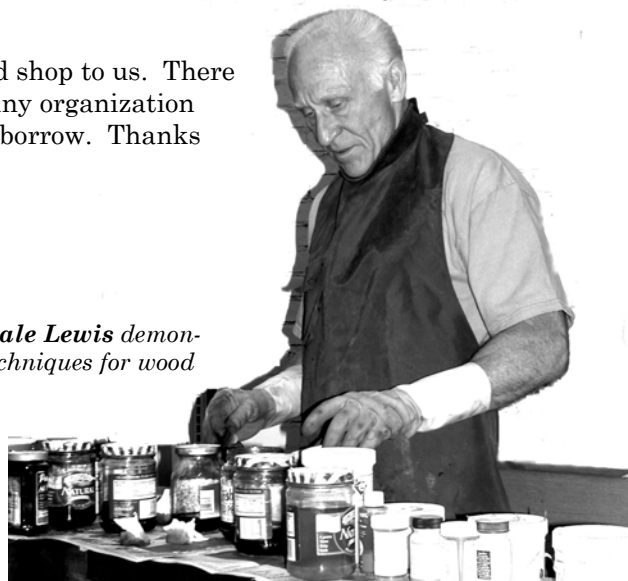
Above: teacher, **Paul Mancill**, helps student, **Marty Cogen**, carry **Marty's** blanket chest for Show and Tell

Bill Shivers thanked **Hal McCormick** for his contribution of a collection of Fine Woodworking and **Frank Jones** for making a new bookcase for the library.

After the meeting, Bo fed us hot dogs yet again (good dogs Bo!) and then **Dan Browning** opened his neat well

equipped shop to us. There were many organization ideas to borrow. Thanks **Dan!**

Right: **Dale Lewis** demonstrates techniques for wood dyes.



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, 3021 4th Avenue South.

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Playground Project



Our thanks to the following volunteers who worked from 1 to 4 days during the building of the YMCA playground pavilion as representatives of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild: **Jim McKittrick, Bob Moore, Larry Taylor, John Powell** (who pre-cut the entire tressel pictured).

The ribbon cutting event occurred on April 27, 2003.

Good work guys!!



Anniversary Shirts

Shirts ordered at the April meeting will be delivered at the May meeting. We will continue to take orders for shirts. **Walter Barnett** will be taking the orders. You can contact him at (205) 426-9083.

May Meeting Directions

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road **Homewood, AL**

To Homewood Senior Center:
From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit and merge in center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt merge left. At 2nd light (Florida Grill on right and Weynad Surveyors on left) turn left on Oak Grove Road. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights). When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygad Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

Items for Sale

10" Craftsman radial arm saw

12" metal cutting band saw.

Charlie Ard has the above items for sale. He will take the best offer. You can reach Charlie at (205) 266-3686

Correction to April Guild News

In the April Guild News we talked about the cat casket built by **Richard Brown** but neglected to include **Richard's** name in the article. Sorry about that **Richard!**

editor

Don't forget the Woodcraft Demo May 31st

You need to take your pieces for display on over to Woodcraft if you want a chance at the prize money. Come on out and have lunch with us even if you aren't taking part in the demo.



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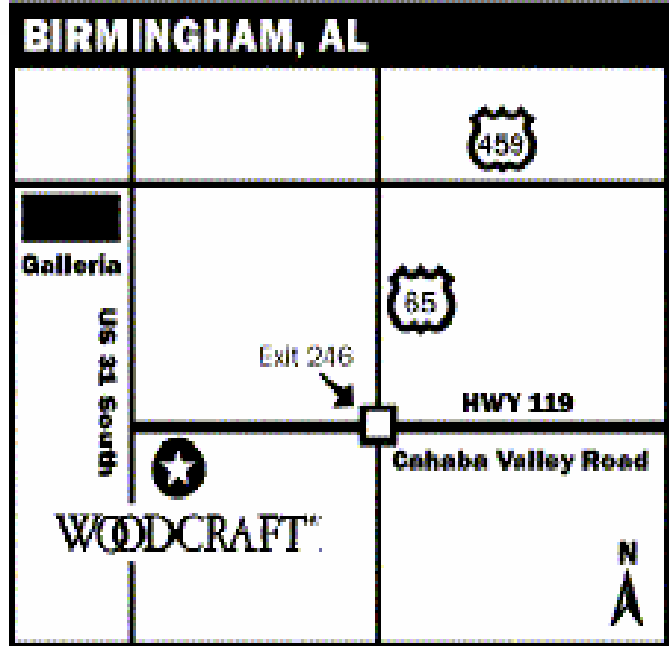
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