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Next Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2005

Pre-Meeting presentation
begins at 5:30 PM
Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Toy Wheels available for sale at the
meeting

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President's Message

We certainly have some talent in this organization and last month's program was proof enough of that! **Dwight Hostetter** is a consummate craftsman when it comes to his fabulous Nantucket Baskets. Thanks **Dwight** for a great program.

I would like to take a minute to say goodbye to one of our members who has been in the Guild almost since its beginning. **Roy Bates** and his wife, Beryl, have moved to North Carolina to be close to one of their sons. **Roy** has been a Guild member since the mid 80's and always participated in classes and many Guild activities - **Roy** will be missed!

Please keep in mind that we are looking for patrons that will support us financially. In return, they will be able to advertise in our newsletter for a year. (see the Guild Patrons page 5) Additionally, we are looking into giving them a plaque as a token of our appreciation. If you know of someone who might be interested, just give me the contact information and I will be glad to send them a letter and a form.

Please take the time to read the ALL the articles in this newsletter and then don't miss the next meeting. It will be a very interesting program by a premier collector of antique hand tools who will be bringing his collection down from Nashville

See you then. Do good work.

Paul

August '05 Meeting Program

Mr. Kerry McCalla will be our speaker at the August meeting.

Kerry is a former member of our guild. Several years ago work took Kerry to Tennessee but he has remained our friend and from time to time he has returned to present programs and to visit. He is considered as one of the top authorities and collector of antique tools in the nation.

His presentation will be an update on his latest finds and he will show some of his collection. It is also planned that he will demonstrate one of his finest planes at the pre-meeting program

Kerry is an excellent speaker and woodworker and I promise you it is a treat to see his collection and hear his presentation.



Pre-Meeting presentation by **Charlie Ard**.

Charlie will use one of his current projects in progress to demonstrate very practical uses for hand planes. (See page 2)

August Pre-Meeting Program

Our inaugural pre-meeting program was a success! Thanks to the efforts of **Fred Baker** and all those who participated, the program was everything we had hoped it would be. With all the interaction I'm sure many people know more about the hand scraper than before.

In keeping with our plan to focus on the basics, our next pre-meeting program will be lead by **Charlie Ard**. He will demonstrate how to tune, sharpen and use the hand plane. As an added attraction, Kerry McCalla, who will also present our regular program, will join in and demonstrate, and may let you use one of his very special English made planes.

If you wish, bring your own planes and get advice from the experts!!

The program will start about 5:30 and end at 6:15, just prior to the regular meeting at 6:30. It will take place in our regular meeting room.

Many Thanks to Harold Hall

Only about sixteen people actually signed in at **Harold Hall's** shop visit but there seemed to be more there. Thank you **Harold** for opening up your shop for us to snoop around. What a terrific place you have!

Shop Visit Saturday, August 20th At the Home of Bill and Kathy Shivers

525 Cherokee Road, Cropwell, AL

Bill Shivers has invited us all out to see his shop starting at around 9AM until noon. Each and every shop visit is a unique opportunity to see how others arrange and use their shop space. This one is no exception. It will be well worth your effort.

Directions to the Shivers's Home

Coming by US Hwy 280—take US 280 to Harpersville.

At the **intersection of US 280 and US 231** (there's a light) take **a left on US 231**.

Take US 231 through Vincent and on towards Pell City for about 12 miles.

About **½ mile past mile marker 212** turn **right onto Rabbit Branch Rd**. (Richey's Grocery will be on your right and Fat Man's Bar-B-Q will be across US 231 from the store.)

Follow the **double yellow lines (Rabbit Branch Rd) for 2.9 miles to the top of the last hill and turn **left onto Cherokee Rd**.

When the paved part of Cherokee Road ends **continue down the gravel road, bear right** at the fork and **follow the gravel road to our front door**. We are the gray house with the red front door.

Coming by I-20—take I-20 east towards Atlanta.

Take **Exit 158** (Pell City/Ashville). Turn **right** when you exit on to **US 231 South**.

Take US 231 through Pell City (about 8 miles) until about **½ mile past milemarker 213**.

Turn **left onto Rabbit Branch Rd**. Now, follow the directions above to our home **.

If you have any trouble, call 525-4601 and we'll come and get you!!



Touching the Work Of a Legend

Kenton Hall, who taught a seminar for the Guild in June, had the opportunity to work as an apprentice to the legendary Tage Frid. One of the perks of attending the seminar was that Kenton brought along a chair made by Frid's own hands.

Pictured at the left, **Mike Key** examines the chair made by Tage Frid while setting on one built by Kenton Hall.

GREETINGS FROM THE TOY CHAIRMAN

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR JOB,
OR WILL I BE LEFT TO SOB.

I PROMISED A BIG AMOUNT
KNOWING ON YOU I COULD COUNT.

TIME IS RUNNING SHORT.
THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT.

BUT I KNOW ON CHALLENGE YOU
THRIVE

SO I HAVE NO DOUBT 3000 FOR 2005!

BUILDING ENTHUSIASM

Last meeting **Bill Shivers** teased us by relating the success and growth the Greenville, S.C. woodworkers have had since acquiring their own shop. Coincidentally at the same time **Bill** was developing this information, Jerry Osmondson attended the July Board of Directors meeting to open discussion on the possibility of a facility to be the home for both the Alabama Woodworkers Guild and the Alabama Woodturners Association.

All of this rekindles discussions that have taken place from time to time (at least as far back as our move from Ac-ton's Molding). There is no question that there are numerous benefits from having a dedicated facility, such as an equipped shop available for members who might have limited space or equipment, a facility for programs where sawdust can be generated without objection, a facility where classes can be taught on a regular basis and for special seminars where actual hands on work can be done and more. *There is also no question that it will require assistance and support from all members, but it does not have to be done by members only.* Our status as a charitable organization gives a tax deduction to those who are in a position to share their generosity with the Guild. The Greenville, S. C. group was able to obtain a \$1.00 per year lease from such a person or company. There are many individuals, companies, and organizations that are willing to support efforts such as ours. The challenge is determining who they are and how we make contact with them. That is where the combined resources of all members are needed. Who do you know who can personally, or through their business, assist in this project?

Another area of needed support, and possibly the most important at this point in the process, is feedback from members. What is your position on the pursuit of a facility with a dedicated shop and space for Guild activities? If you are in favor, what can you do to assist and support? If you are opposed and the majority are in favor, will you continue to participate and support the Guild? This is where enthusiasm comes into the process. This objective can become a reality if we build enough enthusiasm, but only with enthusiastic support from all members. Feedback, comments, suggestions and assistance can be directed to **Dan Browning** as Chairman of the Building Committee, **Paul Mancill**, Guild President, or any Board Member.

We need to build enthusiasm. If we build enough enthusiasm, enthusiasm will build us a facility.



For those of you that think scrolling is for sissies, we challenge you to try 3 dimensional patterns, inlays, and incise carving with a scroll saw.

Thank you Cliff we will always be grateful that you shared your knowledge with us!



Cliff Daniels' Scroll Saw Class Says "Thanks"

From simple cutouts to incise carving, he led us step by step and explained as many times as it took. We cut and cut and cut some more. We broke his drill bits, we talked in class, and passed around magazines but he was never short tempered. Cliff came to class with a notebook filled with careful notes.

When we were found to be inadequate glue sprayers, he did all the gluing himself the next week to help the class move along. We spent four short mornings learning from the master but we are sure he spent many hours in preparation.



Scroll saw class :Front left to right: **Cliff Daniels** (instructor), **James Armstrong**, **Jim Lee**, **Marty Cogen**, **Nelda Kelly**. 2nd row **Robert McClure**, **Troy Stroud**, **Angela Spanos**, **Ron Powell**, **Buzz Kelly**. 3rd row **Arlyn Larson** and **Lionel Lawson**.

MARC ADAMS

FURNITURE MAKING TECHNIQUES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005
8:30am to 4:30pm



FURNITURE MAKING TECHNIQUES takes you through different ways of making furniture, start to finish. Marc discusses simple ways to design furniture and explores form, function, ornamentation, and the process of woodworking.



Other topics that Marc covers are understanding how wood works, the difference between air dried and kiln dried wood, preparing stock, joinery, sharpening scrapers and chisels, making cabriole legs, sculpting wood, and adhesives.

Where: **WOODWORKS**
614 24th Street South

Cost: \$60 member;
\$95 non member
(Includes One year Membership)

(Lunch is Included With Cost)



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FURNITURE MAKING

Guild Patrons

We are fortunate to have the following patrons who provide support to the Guild. They are excellent suppliers of products or services in the local area that provide monetary support or allow us to use their various facilities for Guild functions:

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Paul Mancill, Realtor After retirement from Bell-South Human Resources, I have begun a career in real estate. It really has been an easy transition for me since I enjoy working with and helping people. I am now a full time agent and a multi-million dollar producer. My approach to real estate is very much like my approach to life: I strive to work hard for my clients, treat everyone with respect and keep a sense of humor. If you or someone you know is looking for a Realtor to either list a property or represent a buyer please let me know and with every sale I will make an additional donation to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. I can be reached at 205 706 6252

Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Items for Sale

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| Delta 10" tablesaw | \$1,200 |
| Powermatic 15' planer | 1,000 |
| Delta 8" Jointer | 800 |
| Jet mini-lathe | 150 |
| RBI Scrollsaw | 700 |
| Delta floor model drill press | 300 |
| Table model drill press | 100 |
| Dust collector | 150 |
| Grizzley spindle sander | 500 |
| Porter Cable Half-blind dovetail jig | 200 |
| Keller thru dovetail jig | 100 |
| Tool grinder | 50 |
| Foredom tool | 150 |
| Powermatic 6" belt sander with 10" disc | 600 |
| Miscellaneous small tools | bargains |
| Contact Bill Bailey 205 681-9380 | |

Delta Router/Shaper (\$125), Grizzley Jointer 6" (\$300), Makita 12" Planer (\$100)
Charles Williams 205-616-3600

Delta Contractors Saw, 50" Vega Fence—\$ 350
Call **Shane Carter** 205-563-2588

STILL TO COME.....

HAORLD HALL, ONE OF THE BEST ANTIQUE REPAIRMEN AND RESTORERS IN THIS AREA WILL SHOW US SOME OF HIS SECRETS AT OUR **SEPTEMBER MEETING**. COLLECT ALL OF YOUR "HOW TO" QUESTIONS FOR **HAROLD**.

TOY WORKSHOP/SHOP VISIT AT DAN BROWNING'S SHOP SEPT 17TH.

AT THIS TIME THE OCTOBER MEETING IS OPEN. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

TOY WORKSHOP/SHOP VISIT BUZZ AND NELDA KELLY'S OCT 22ND.

OUR ANNUAL SHOW IS OCTOBER 15TH THROUGH THE 23RD.

ARE YOU BUSY MAKING TOYS FOR OUR **NOVEMBER MEETING?** TIME WILL SLIP AWAY BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! WITH OUR GOAL OF 3000 TOYS, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

MARC ADAMS IS COMING IN NOVEMBER. HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SPOT??

KELLY MAHLER WILL BE HERE IN THE SPRING OF 2006

Meeting Directions:

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

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand 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

From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights). When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand 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



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