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Next Meeting
 Thursday, September 15, 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

I know that everyone that made it to the August meeting both enjoyed and learned from **Harold Hall's** presentation. **Harold** is a true pro at refinishing, repairing and restoring furniture. Thanks **Harold** for a great program.

As you may know, I was born and raised on Mobile Bay and still have family and property in that part of the world. My family was spared damage from Katrina but I feel a special bond with those less fortunate. My grandparents lost their home during Camille due to the storm surge and they had no flood insurance. The Red Cross and local churches assisted them with a place to live so they could get back on their feet. I mention this to say that I have first hand experience with the importance of giving after such a devastating hurricane as Katrina. The Guild Board has designated the proceeds of our September "Comfort Bucket" to be donated to the Red Cross for disaster relief along with supplementary funds from our treasury. So, come to the meeting and bring a check or a handful of cash to share with the victims of hurricane Katrina.

You will read more about a sharpening demo we will have going on at our September meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also, bring your dull chisels to be sharpened on a Tormek for a nominal fee. (Sharpening proceeds benefit the Guild.)

Officer elections are coming up in November. **Buzz Kelly** and **Buddy Finch** are serving as our nominating committee this year. Let them know if you are interested in serving. Once again, please take the time to read the ALL the articles in this newsletter and I look forward to seeing you on the 15th. Do good work.

Paul

September '05 Meeting Program

As most of you know, **Kerry McCalla** was to be our speaker in August and **Harold Hall** was scheduled to be our speaker in September. Due to Kerry's wife's surgery, **Harold** was asked to step-in for Kerry at the August meeting. (I talked to Kerry's wife, Lynn, yesterday and she is recovering well.) I am very grateful to **Harold** for presenting his program on restoration earlier than planned. He did a great job. I sincerely "Thank Him".

With Lynn recovering, Kerry will be our speaker at the September 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.

Bill Shivers

Pre-Meeting presentation on how to sharpen your tools.

We will have several demonstrators and methods. You can even get some of your own tools sharpened. (See article page 2)

We Dare to Dream of Building

Last month we talked about "Building Enthusiasm" as we dared to dream of a building of our own. Since that time, the Board has appointed a committee to take a long hard look at the possibility. Do we dare to dream? Would it be possible for our little Guild to do what Greenville, SC guild has done? **Mike Key, Walter Barnett, Charlie Ard, Dan Browning, Glen Phillips, Paul Mancill, and Bill Shivers** dared to dream and to begin to investigate the possibilities. Below is their very first committee report:

Since the Guild was founded in 1983 we have met in four different locations. Each of those locations had advantages and disadvantages but none have provided all of the attributes that we desire.

Having our own facility can provide those needed features for the future of the Guild and for its growth. With our current arrangements we lack flexibility of schedule and the ability to have demonstrations at our meetings where sawdust could be made. We also lack a shop for holding classes and seminars and a shop for members to make their own projects.

The Greenville Guild has storage space such that they purchase quality material at quantity prices and make them available to their membership. We have no space for that. One of the focuses of that guild has been to have tools in their shop that most of us would not have in their home shops. Both of these we would like for our Guild.

Our "Friday PM Group" has a place to meet only due to the generosity of Woodcraft. Our own shop will provide a permanent place for them to meet and work. There are other pros and cons having our own facility will bring. Your support and involvement is necessary if this drive is to be successful and for our guild to grow and your needs to be met.

The Facility

Three approaches are being considered. One is to find an existing building, which is suitable, and buy it. The second is to find a building that is suitable that could be leased at a very favorable rate. The third, and the preferred solution, is to build a facility to our specifications. Hopefully, each member will consider these approaches and make a board member aware of opportunities, either in land or existing buildings. The focus of this plan is on a facility we build rather than leasing or buying. In either of those cases the plan will be dependent on the property and will be addressed at that time.

Implementation Plan

We do not have many examples to model our program after. The most significant information we have is the experience of the Greenville, South Carolina guild. We will depend heavily on our own resources and experiences and we will need to be prepared to make changes as the need occurs.

The Building

For planning purposes, a conceptual building has been

developed and a layout will be available at the September meeting. The proposed layout allows flexibility for future needs -- the building can be expanded on either end without major issues -- the mechanical room is close to the equipment room providing shorter dust collection and electrical runs. By adding to that end of the building the Storage Area can be enlarged as needed and the Equipment Room can expand into the space now dedicated to storage -- the meeting area could be enlarged with an addition to that end of the building. Sharing space for Project Assembly and the Meeting Area makes sense. This sharing of space keeps the total size to less than 10,000 ft.

Location

The location of the facility is very important. While the location should be central to the majority our members and potential members' homes; our membership lives in all parts of central Alabama. Accessibility -- particularly as it pertains to rush hour traffic is important. The cost of land or an existing building and its development is obviously very important, as are safety and security. These and other factors will need to be evaluated. In addition to the above, other issues that will affect costs include zoning, local building codes and their impact on building costs.

Funding

Funding is undoubtedly the key issue! It is anticipated that most of the needed funds will come from the membership with a smaller portion coming for outside donations and grants. It is also anticipated that it may take as long as three years to raise the funds and build the facility. A capital budget has been established as a place to keep any funds that are intended for the building program. The money will be kept in an interest bearing account until there are adequate funds to proceed to the next step of the project.

Within our organization we hope to raise funds through the Patrons Program, the Benefactor Program, pledges, equipment auctions and raffles, sweat equity of our members, a portion of our dues, and other fundraisers. It is also hoped that we will have some members who share our desire for the future of our Guild and be large contributors.

Site

As discussed above, the site should be centrally located to our membership, be accessible even during rush hour, and be in an area that safety and security is not an issue. It is desirable to locate on a paved road with adequate police and fire protection. The site needs to be of a size to accommodate as many as one hundred cars (in the future), the building and other needs. Based on what we have been able to determine, an acre or more would be best. Water and three-phase electricity will be needed. Provisions for sewage, either septic system or public sewer line, will be required. Natural gas availability would be a plus.

Do you share our dream? Please feel free to discuss your thoughts with the committee members or any of the board members. We value your opinion.

An Invitation!!

For the last nine years The Pell City Library Guild has held a book fair in early December. This year they have decided to expand the fair to include some selected arts and crafts. Our Guild has been invited to participate in this year's event on December 3rd.

We are very fortunate to have been selected to participate; being there will provide opportunities for the Guild and our members in the form of providing exposure for the Guild and our members will be able to sell their handmade items.

The Guild also plans to offer toys and other items for sale to raise money for our building fund. There is a need for several of our members to demonstrate their skills such as making Christmas ornaments and other items; hand cut dovetails, router demonstrations or other skills.

Start making your plans to be there to support your Guild and to pick-up some extra cash for Christmas.

Many Thanks


Many thanks to all those folks who work so hard each month to make our meetings a success. We would particularly like to thank **Angela Spanos** and **Eddie Heerten** who assist to set up before and clean up after each meeting. All work performed by this Guild is done by volunteers (or draftees). Thanks to you all!

MARC ADAMS


FURNITURE MAKING TECHNIQUES

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

FURNITURE MAKING



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

(Lunch is Included With Cost)



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TIME IS FLYING

By the date of our next meeting we will be less than 60 days from the opening of our show. Are you ready? Are you almost ready? Are you working on a project?

I hope you can answer yes to at least one of these questions. As always, the success of the show will depend on the Guild members who participate. Past shows have been excellent and improving year by year, but participating members have been up to the challenge each year and I know this year will be no different.

Ron Peyton, President of Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking in Atlanta has agreed to take the time from his otherwise busy schedule to judge our show. A number of the Guild members have attended classes at Dogwood Institute and will have an opportunity to impress Ron with the quality of work they are now producing. It will also give the other participants the opportunity to show off their work to Ron and other visitors to the exhibition and receive the benefit of Ron's critique of their work.

Over the years our shows have been judged by a number of excellent woodworkers, with some judging more than once because of the lack of qualified people willing to undertake the task, therefore it is always exciting to find someone with Ron's ability and background to undertake the project. I hope you are looking forward to the show as much as I am.

Remember, this is the Guild's annual opportunity to show our friends and neighbors what we are about and what we can do. It is a forum to make anyone who attends aware of what the Guild is doing for our community and what they can learn by becoming a part of our organization. Be a part of the celebration, if you don't have a new piece of work to enter, dust off a piece you have had for some time and enter it for display. Entries do not have to be judged, but we need the participation of every member.

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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Items for Sale

Long time Guild member, **James Parham**, passed away unexpectedly in June. He left behind many beautiful heirlooms that his family will treasure forever. His widow, Sue, will keep the heirlooms but is selling many of his tools. Below are some of the larger Grizzly tools from his shop:

2HP Dust collector (G1028)	\$150
12' Portable Planer (G1017)	\$200
1" Belt and Disc Sander (G1013)	\$ 75
10" Table Saw (G1022)	\$400
16" Band Saw (G1073)	\$450

There is also a Router Table with Makita 3hp Router and Jointech fence system (\$350) and a Central Machinery dedicated Mortiser (\$80) as well as numerous small hand tools. Contact Sue Parham 205-836-5569

STILL TO COME.....

IN OCTOBER MR. KEN MURER OF THE AWARDS AND ENGRAVING PLACE WILL BE OUR SPEAKER. KEN WILL EXPLAIN HOW HIS LASER ENGRAVING AND OTHER TECHNIQUES CAN BE USED TO ENHANCE OUR WORK. THE AWARDS AND ENGRAVING PLACE IS LOCATED IN HOOVER COURTS. ADDITIONALLY, SUZANNE REEVES OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WILL SHARE WITH US JUST HOW IMPORTANT OUR TOYS ARE TO THEIR PROGRAMS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

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.

THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE A TIME TO PLAY AND ENJOY! IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE SOLICITING ITEMS FOR DOOR PRIZES.

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

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

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

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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