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*Next Meeting*  
**Thursday, August 17th,**  
**2006**

*Don't forget*  
**your Show & Tell**

**Welcome New Members**

**Bob Minor**  
**David Patterson**

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## President's Message

I want to thank **Walter Barnett** for his presentation on sharpening and using the cabinet scraper at our July pre-meeting program. I really hope that someday I, too, will be successful at sharpening the scraper!

What a jewel we have in **John Lawson**. His presentation on veneering was tops – **John's** teaching style is very good and he has had extensive formal training in woodworking. We are fortunate that **John** is so willing to share his knowledge. Thanks to both **John** and **Walter** for their presentations.

The demo at Woodcraft was fun!!! Thanks to **Fred Baker, Frank Jones, Charlie Ard, Walter Barnett, Harold Phillips, Dan Browning, Cliff Daniels, Mike Key, Dwight Hostetter, Harold Hall, Paul LeSueur, Robert McClure, Jack Grove, Bill Snipes, Troy Stroud** and all the other members of the Friday PM group for showing their skills. Tom and all the staff at Woodcraft were great hosts, the hot dogs were super and the generous gift certificates were much appreciated. Tom's demo of the Stop Saw (picture on page 4) was impressive – did not even break the skin on the wiener. Lot cheaper than fingers-----

**SIGN-UP FOR THE FALL CLASSES!** At 6:15 on August 17<sup>th</sup> – our next meeting – registration begins for our fall classes. The cost is \$85 and will be first come first serve for the first eight members to sign up and pay. **Mike Key** will register you. **John Lawson** will teach the principles of sharpening, the proper preparation and use of hand tools and joinery. Your new skills will be used to construct a very nice stool with hand cut dovetails and through mortise and tendons with wedges. The class will begin Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and continue into early November. It will meet in **John Lawson** and **Jim Lee's** shop on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM until noon.

**Frank Jones** will teach chip carving on September 9<sup>th</sup> and again on September 16<sup>th</sup>. In October Frank will teach spoon carving on the 7<sup>th</sup> and again on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Each

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**Pre-meeting demonstration on decorative details with Buzz and Nelda Kelly. Pre-meeting demo starts at 5:30 PM.** (see page 2)

## August Jig

Every woodworker knows the value of shop jigs. There have been entire books written solely on woodworking jigs. Several of our members will show, explain, and demonstrate some of their favorite jigs. Bring along a camera and notebook just in case you see a jig that is just what you need in your shop!

**Shop visit with Eddie Heerten on Saturday, August 19th at 11:00 AM.**  
*(for directions see page 2)*

of the classes will be limited to three students and the cost is \$10 for either of the classes. Again, see Mike to sign up.

It is less than ten weeks until the annual show. Will you have your project ready??? I got a call this week from Woodcraft Magazine wanting to get details on the show. With the fine classes we have had this year, I know this will be the best show ever. Get busy!!

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> a prototype bed was taken to the Boy's Ranch for their approval and to check for fit. All systems are go, so **Charlie Ard** will be contacting all you volunteers to go to work on the other seven beds. Additionally, Watson Computers of Pell City repaired the two computers collected for the ranch at no cost and they were delivered on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Six more computers will be available for the boys in September.

Before you know it November will be here and it will be time to deliver the toys we have made. So much work to do -----

**Bill**

### **Pre-Meeting Program**

**Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly** recently returned from a week at the Marc Adams school where they attended a Decorative Details class taught by Steve Latta. They brimmed over with excitement as they told of how much they enjoyed the class and what an excellent teacher Steve Latta turned out to be. Steve created techniques and tools for reproducing decorative details which had become a lost art.

For our August pre-meeting presentation **Buzz** and **Nelda** will bring along some of the hand tools they made in the class and share some of the techniques they learned for applying string inlays and other decorative details. Maybe your next project would benefit from a little ornamentation.

### **Keep Your Tools Sharp!**

**Fred Sandlin**, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at 663-7524 to coordinate the pick-up and delivery.

## **Shop Visit with Eddie Heerten**

*Our August shop visit is at the shop of Eddie Heerten, our latest Board Member. Eddie's work has improved dramatically over the last couple of years. We are hoping to pick up a few of his secrets. He is starting the visit at 11:00 AM to give us plenty of time to get there and so the class participants can come as well. Saturday, August 19th at 11:00 AM...enjoy the drive.*

### **Paved Road Directions**

Take I-59 south to exit 100 Abernant, Bucksville. Turn right on highway 216 go 3.6 miles. Turn left on Woodland Lakes Road go 1.1 miles. Turn right on Sandy Drive go .7 miles. Turn left on Jerry Drive go .2 miles. When you come to a curve to the right Jerry Drive turns into Mark Drive go .3 miles. Turn left onto Davis creek Road go .3 miles. Turn right onto Wynn Drive go .3 miles. Turn left onto Wishing Well Lane go .3 miles.

Look for green mailbox on the left. Turn down driveway on the right. 12235 Wishing Well Lane

### **Dirt Road Directions**

Take I-59 south to exit 97 Westblocton, Centerville. Turn left on highway 11 go 2.4 miles. Turn right on Woodland Lakes Road go 1.5 miles. Turn left on Rabbit Ridge Road go 1 mile. Turn right on Wishing Well Lane go .3 miles. Green mailbox on right driveway on left.

**Phone# 938-2905 cell# 482-7012**

### **Demilune Progress**

**John Lawson's** class continues in its attempt to reproduce the demilune card table by Steve Latta that graced the cover of Fine Woodworking in December of 2005. Pictured below is the work of **Mike Key** as of August 5th. Other class members are not quite to this stage yet.



## Beds for Boys Ranch

### Material List:

Headboard: Outside frames	4	3" x 42" Rails
	4	3" x 30" Stiles
Inside Frames	2	2 1/2 " x 37" Rails
	2	2 1/2 x 36" Stiles
Footboard:	4	3" x 42"
	4	3" x 22"
	2	2 1/2" x 37"
	2	2 1/2" x 28"
2 Precut Plywood Panels (side rails/cleats)		
	2	1" x 6 1/2' x 78" rails
	2	3/4" x 3/4" x 78" cleats
Glue and fasten with #6 x 1 1/8" screws every 12 to 14".		

A prototype of the eight beds the Guild is making for the Boys Ranch was made recently in **Dan Browning's** shop. **Charlie Ard** and **Harold Hall** assisted in the assembly and completion of the first of the eight beds. The following is a suggested glue up and assembly which should assist those making the remaining beds.

1. Assemble the bed on a table without glue to make sure all the parts fit.
2. Remove the top and middle frames as well as the panel from the bottom frame. Apply glue to top side of bottom frame (no glue where corners will overlap).
3. Place inside frame (2nd frame) on top of first frame and align all outside edges. Brad nail to hold while gluing next frame.
4. Lay in plywood panel.
5. Apply glue and lay on top of frame. Align outside edges and brad nail into place. Clamp until glue sets.
6. Drill 1/8" hole with 3/8" counter sink; 2 on front side and 2 on back.
7. Round all top corners of head and foot boards using the same radius as a WD40 can.
8. Sand or plane sides and tops.
9. Round all edges with a 1/4" round over bit.
10. Sand smooth with 150-220 grit paper. ENJOY

*For those of you that have volunteered to assist with the bed making, plans will be available at our August meeting.*

***Charlie Ard** will be calling those of you that have already signed up. We could use a few more volunteers.*

## TOYS PROGRAM

WE ARE ON THE DOWNHILL SLOPE  
TIME TO ROCK AND ROLL... NOT MOPE

AS OUR TOY MAKING GUN WE LOAD  
LET'S GET IN OUR OVERDRIVE MODE

WE CAN MAKE A CAR, BOX OR FRAME  
NOT TO MAKE A FEW WOULD BE A SHAME

AS YOU THRU YOUR SHOP DO SWIRL  
THINK OF THE SMILING FACE OF SOME BOY OR GIRL

I KNOW THIS MAY SOUND SAPPY  
BUT SOME KID WILL BE SO HAPPY

IF ON THAT SPECIAL DAY  
A WANTED PRESENT SHOULD COME THEIR WAY!

*Seriously now guys and girls, we have a lot of folks counting on us to deliver a big batch of hand made wooden toys in November. Last year we made over 4,000 but at latest count this year we are only up to about 500. Our two biggest producers last year are unable to help this year. How about it, can you help us out and make a few more toys between now and November? What can we do to assist and encourage you?*

*The Over the Hill Gang are making toys at Woodcraft on Friday afternoons. Why not join us? Can't do Fridays? Would a Saturday session help? Let **Buddy Finch** know. **Buddy** is planning some weekend work days.*

## Items for Sale

**Shop Smith Accessories.** Planer, Lathe duplicator, etc.

### Craftsman 6" planer

All new—40% off 1999 Catalog Prices. 20% to hold.

**Bob Minor** (205) 835-9499

## RASPS

We still have a few Nicholson #49 rasps left. The cost is \$26.00 (compared to \$35.00 or more in discounted catalogs) and they will be available at the next meeting.

We also have some T-Shirts available for \$16.00.

## SHOW TIME APPROACHING

After the next Guild meeting there will be just over nine (9) weeks until time to set up for the 2006 AWG Annual Show. I hope that most of you are ready with your projects, although there is still time to get busy and add another item to those you have prepared already.

The show will be organized as it has been for the last several years. There will be four categories (traditional furniture, contemporary furniture, wood turnings and small objects) judged by skill levels of beginner, intermediate, advanced and masters. There will also be four categories (wood carvings, shop tools/jigs, restoration/refinishing and toys) judged as open categories. The judge will evaluate each item in each category/skill level based on design, joinery, finish and difficulty.

Items entered in the show do not have to be judged. You may enter an item in the show that has been entered in a previous show. If an item is included that was judged in a previous show, it should be entered in this show for display only.

We will start the show set up Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. The show is displayed in the Hoover Library Gallery, which is located on the lower level with the theatre. You can drive up to the entrance at that level to facilitate loading and unloading your project. The display remains in place until Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, when all items should be picked up starting at 2 PM.

We are expecting a great show this year. We had an excellent seminar in the spring and outstanding classes all during the year, which should provide us a wealth of new projects for the show. If you have not participated in the show in previous years, you are missing out on one of the highlights of the Guild. Not only does it give you an opportunity to show off your work, but also the fun and fellowship experienced as part of the week's activities is a big part of what the Guild is all about. Don't be left out, come and join in the fun.

### Photographer Needed

We need someone to take pictures at our meetings and Guild events, edit those pictures, and get them to our web master and Guild News editor. We would prefer digital photos. Do we have a photographer in our midst? Contact **Bill Shivers** to apply.

## Wood for Sale

As you may know, one of our board members, **Bill Host**, is relocating to Mobile. **Bill** has donated his supply of wood to the Guild to sell to benefit our building fund. There is about 200 board feet of Cherry (\$2 bf) and 100 board feet of beech (\$4 bf).

**Charlie Ard** has the wood at his shop and says that the beech, bought for building a work bench, is "very nice wood." **Charlie's** shop is at 3808 2nd Avenue S in Birmingham. He is usually home around 4:00 PM in the afternoon and you can call him at (205) 266-3686.

## Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to those folks who made special donations to the American Cancer Society silent auction. When I asked for some donations for the auction, the response was touching. **Dan Browning** very generously donated one of the nice boxes he had on display at Woodcraft. **Bill Shivers** jumped right in there and added a beautiful walnut pen and pencil set. (Sorry Kathy! He says he will make you a nicer set!)

**Cliff Daniels** added two gorgeous scroll saw ornaments (two of his very best). **Harold Hall** put in a turned ornament made of wood from the recently torn down Shelby County Library. **Walter Barnett** added two wonderfully crafted wine bottle stoppers. **Paul Mancill** added a turned pen out of a beautiful walnut burl. **Glen Phillips** contributed a pen turned of olive wood with a certificate of authenticity from Bethlehem.

Next I talked **Harold Phillips** out of a couple of his race cars, a top and a yoyo. **Fred Baker** added several of his dovetailed boxes. Even John Carpenter, who works at Woodcraft, added two turned pens (one of blue acrylic and the other of bloodwood and deer antler).

**Thanks to you all for your generosity!**



Tom demos the Stop Saw

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**Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard**

***Our "Over the Hill Gang" meets at noon on Fridays (11:30 for lunch) at WoodCraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham to eat lunch and do a little woodworking. Currently we are concentrating our efforts on making toys and jigs. Please bring your lunch and join us!***

### 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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