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*Next Meeting
January 18th
Pre-meeting Demo
5:30 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

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President's Message

First, let me say how appreciative I am to have been asked by the nominating committee to serve as your president and to receive your vote for a second time. Again, I will do my very best to meet your expectations.

Our Christmas Party may have had the largest turn-out ever and it was fun!! **Dwight and Debbie Hostetter** hosted the event and were assisted by a bunch of always willing volunteers. Thanks to each of you. The decorations were pretty and the food you brought was delicious. **Cliff Daniels** accumulated quite a nice collection of door prizes and there was fun for all. **Carolyn Key** with her musical talents and **Leonard Sanders** with his song and wit were delightful – Thank you both!

For a second year in a row the toys program this year broke all records!! The final count – 4139 toys!!! **Buddy Finch** you are too good. Congratulations and thanks to you and all of the members who made that possible! Your efforts create a good image for our Guild and we can only guess how many toys you will make next year.

After our recent and very successful show, **Walter Barnett** tells me that he wishes to step aside as Show Chairman, something he has done as long as I can remember. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his leadership. Under **Walter's** guidance the show has experienced significant growth in both size and quality. We thank you so much for your contribution to the Guild and giving us a truly 1st class show. **Paul Mancill** has agreed to be the show chairman in 2007. He will be assisted by **Dwight Hostetter**, I know our show is in good hands!!

Our education program in 2006 went very well – you could see the impact in

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Top Notch Program for January

Long time member and past president, **Jim Caldwell**, will present a program on how he makes his colorful and unique “tops”. **Jim** turns these on the lathe and uses a “Chatter” tool to create a unique effect. Once the tops are turned, **Jim**, adds coloring. The result is a beautiful top.

Some of you may be interested in learning this technique and making some tops for the Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program. It's not too early to get started on our 2007 toys.

Pre-Meeting Demo—The multi-talented **Charlie Ard** will demonstrate the tuning, sharpening and proper use of the hand plane. Remember this demo starts at 5:30. Don't miss it!

the show entries. In 2007 we have more new plans - for example, 15 of our members have signed up to attend a seminar by Mr. Sam Maloof in March in Greenville SC. Kelly Mehler will be back in November.

Our in-house courses are tailored to the survey you completed last October. We will offer courses on Saturday mornings as in the past but we will also offer classes on Thursday evenings. We plan to have a course for advanced woodworkers – the project is yet to be determined. We also plan to offer courses in basic woodworking, turning, building something (boxes or a basic table), finishing, machinery safety, maintenance and operation and, of course, we will offer the wonderful classes **Frank Jones** teaches.

Last year we planned to expand our community service efforts – was that ever successful!!! It appeared we achieved close to our potential last year with over 4100 toys, the tables and beds for the Boys Ranch and the cabinets for Habitat. It is our plan to maintain our current level of activity in 2007.

Our Friday PM program continues to be a success and is growing. This is a major part of all three of the Guild's missions – education, community service and fellowship. **Buddy Finch**, we thank you for making this work!!

Plans for having our own facility are moving forward very, very well. Contributions and pledges are coming in. A heating and air condition system has been donated. We have bought four major machines with a grant. Much needed chairs were donated. So, the search is underway for land or a building. With your help, we will be there soon!!!!

**Happy New Year,
Bill**

Items for Sale

Jet 15" Planer, Jet 10" contractors table saw, In-cra fence, Router Table with In-cra attachment, In-cra Dove Tail attachment, big Porter Cable Router for table, DeWalt Plunge Router, Lesson 12 inch drum sander with variable feed table.

Contact Terry Truett (205) 664-2550 or xpressions1@bellsouth.net for prices. Looking for reasonable offer somewhere around 50% of value. All tools are around 4 years old and have seen minimal use.

More Training Opportunities

The Woodturners organization has invited us to participate in their training programs (and them in ours) this year. The following is their schedule for the first 3 months of 2007. If you have an interest in any of these classes, Will Pate (205) 907-0638 can provide more information and sign you up.

Saturday, January 13 1—4 PM

How to sharpen your tools and use them properly

Saturday, February 10 1 to 4 PM

Basic Woodturning

Saturday, March 10 1 to 4 PM

Finials & Spindles

Monthly Programs

I would like very much to have programs in 2007 that the membership would like to see. So, in the January meeting I will be circulating a form and asking each of you to list those programs for which you would have an interest. Be thinking about this and be prepared to give me some good ideas.

Cliff

Dues are Due

Our annual dues (still a terrific deal at only \$35 a year!) become due in January. **Walter Barnett** will be taking money at the January meeting or you can mail a check to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, P.O. Box 36665, Birmingham, AL 35260.

Directory Updates Needed

At the January meeting when you are checking in, paying dues and signing in for the door prize, take time to also review your directory information.

We will be publishing new directories very shortly and need to get your information updated if you have had a change. Pay particular attention to your email address. Sometimes we send out emails on items for sale or special events that we don't have enough lead time on for the Guild News. Don't get left out of the loop!

Shop Visits Being Planned

Buzz Kelly is beginning to put together the shop visit schedule for 2007. Would you like to invite the Guild to visit your shop? Do you know of a particular shop you would like to see? Contact **Buzz** (205-733-1258) and let him know. Visits are due to begin in March.



Habitat December House

Guild members buildt and installed a fine set of cabinets in the Habitat for Humanity December House project. Here are some pictures of the group at work. Our contributors of materials were Mrs. John V. Self (solid oak), Magic City Plywood (plywood), HGH Hardware (stain, lacquer, hardware) and **Jim Lee** (shop, tools, supplies and leadership).

The folks that invested time and effort to make the project a success were **Jim Anchors, Charlie Ard, Walter Barnett, Dan Browning, A. R. Bray, Jim Caldwell, Cliff Daniels, Harold Hall, Monta King, W. F. Lane, Jim Lee, John Lawson, Glen Phillips, Harold Phillips, Bill Shivers and Troy Stroud.**

Doesn't it make you proud to be associated with such a fine group! If you didn't get a chance to participate this year, make sure you aren't left out in 2007! We're giving back to the community and happy to be able to do so.



Concerning Our New Equipment

For the benefit of those who have not heard, thanks to **Dale Lewis**, we received an unexpected grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts in early December. There were conditions attached to the grant; the money was to be spent in 2006 and whatever purchased was to be put in service. To purchase equipment was our only reasonable choice and we needed to put it in service where we conduct classes, seminars and make community service projects. I negotiated an agreement with **Jim Lee** and **John Lawson** for installing the equipment in their shop. The details are below.

The Guild supplemented the grant with \$660 and, together, we were able to purchase a Bridge-wood 12" jointer, a 12" Bosch sliding compound miter saw, a 10" Sawstop table saw and a 20" Grizzly planer. The equipment has been received and is in place in **Jim's** and **John's** shop.

Expecting not to have equipment for sometime in the future, we have no procedures in place concerning members using this equipment. **Cliff Daniels** and **John Lawson** have been given the responsibility to develop operating and safety certification procedures. **Walter Barnett** is investigating liability insurance issues. This process will take some time, so please be patient.

What we do know at this time is that

***NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED
TO USE THE EQUIPMENT
UNTIL TRAINED AND SAFETY
CERTIFIED FOR EACH PIECE
OF EQUIPMENT***

Please cooperate with us on this issue!

Our agreement with **Jim** and **John** is the equipment will be available for classes, seminars, community service projects and for our members personal use **AFTER PARTICIPATING MEMBERS ARE SAFETY CERTIFIED**.

Until we have our own building, for personal equipment use, **MEMBERS MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH JIM** for a time that does not interfere with the commercial operation of his shop.

Bill Shivers

More Good News!

In addition to the equipment obtained through the grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Norrell Heating and Cooling and Lenox Corporation have donated a 5-ton heat pump with an electric furnace for our proposed new building.

Also, **Harold Hall's** grandson has donated eighty-five very nice folding chairs to be used when we get into the new building.

Our goal is in sight – four members have brought forth additional opportunities for our building which are currently being investigated.

You, too, can help. How you ask? First think about who or what companies you may know that make charitable gifts. Either make them aware of the Guild and its project or let **Dan Browning** or **Bill Shivers** know who to contact. You could also identify land or building opportunities of which you are aware.

If you have not made your pledge, consider doing so now! Remember that even a small pledge shows that you support our project. Organizations awarding grants want to know the percentage participation within an organization. We would love to tell them that ours is at 100%.

And finally, talk to **everyone** about the Guild and what a good organization it is. Tell them that we have an outstanding group who support the art and craft of woodworking. Let them know that we are active in the community and that we are making a contribution. Tell them about our building project. You never know when your positive comments might get repeated to someone who either wants to get more involved in woodworking, can help us reach our goals, or needs our help.

John Lawson, who taught two terrific classes this past year has agreed to chair our education committee for 2007.



Wait 'til you see what he has in store this year!

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