

Guild News

NOTE SPECIAL MEETING PLACE FOR APRIL MEETING!!!!

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*Next Meeting
April 19th
Dinner at
5:30 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM
Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

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President's Message

Thanks to **Frank Jones** for the pre-meeting program. **Frank** is a master at so many things – chip carving is just one of them. Thank you **Frank!** Dr. Trescott of AIDB in Talladega presented our February program. The response at the end of the program confirms what several members told me – “that was one of our best ever programs”. The interest stirred by Dr. Trescott and her associate, Joan, was huge. Did you see the line to thank her at the end? The Friday PM group is leading the effort to respond to her request – see **Buddy Finch** if you wish to help.

Several of our members have done their safety certification and have used our machines at **Jim Lee** and **John Lawson's** shop. If you have not been, go and get checked out and enjoy these fine tools.

Have you seen the article in Woodcraft Magazine that featured your Guild? Two full pages!! Please take a moment and think about the significance of having two pages in a national publication. You should be proud of your Guild and what it does! Ms. Hambrick did an outstanding job of writing it. For those of you who took the time to respond to her e-mail request for what the Guild means to you, I have your personal copy that she sent you.



Cliff Daniels gets Sam Maloof's autograph

I'm sorry for those who were unable to make the trip to Greenville and attend the Sam Maloof seminar. What an inspiration, 91 years young – to watch him work opens a whole new set of doors about how to do things. He says he “is self-taught and did not know how to properly do things”. Fifteen of us went and several said it was the best woodworking seminar they ever attended. The Greenville Guild made us

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Special Meeting at Hardwoods

The April meeting will be held at “Hardwoods of Alabama”. They plan to feed us hotdogs and hamburgers and will start serving about 5:30. They will also have some specials on lumber just for us. Hardwoods of Alabama has a very nice new building and is now much closer to us. For directions to their building see page 2.

Our April Program “Hand Rubbed Finishes”

In January we asked for input on program topics and the number one topic requested was finishing. So, this month's program will be the first of probably two programs on finishing. This month **Paul Mancill** and **Buzz Kelly** will demonstrate hand rubbed finishing techniques. If you were there at the February meeting and saw and felt the walnut bench Paul brought or saw Buzz's bookcase at our annual show, then you know their finishes are fantastic. They will show us how they do it!

very welcome. Many thanks to them for inviting us!

So far the response to our in-house classes has been less than expected (see list on page 3). The schedule was presented late but it was tailored to match your responses to a survey. It would be helpful if we knew why more of you are not taking the classes being offered. Remember, most of the classes are stand-alone sessions. Sign up by calling or seeing **Mike Key** (mkey@certex.com H (205)663-9036 W (205)425-1614).

Thanks to **Charlie Ard** and those who worked on the beds for the Sheriff's Boys Ranch. **Charlie** finished that work and delivered the beds last week. Additionally, he has drawn plans for the desks we were requested to make and we need volunteers to work on them. The design is great – a very basic table with tapered legs and a drawer. This will be good practice for all of us. **Charlie** has done an outstanding job as our Community Service Chairman – thank him for all he does when you see him!

Don't forget, our upcoming meeting will be at Hardwoods of Alabama!! (See directions below) Hardwoods will be grilling for us. The food will be ready about 5:30. Come in time to shop!! **Paul Mancill** and **Buzz Kelly** will deliver the program on finishing. Both of them do great work.

Plans are underway for our May 17th, meeting. This is our annual "Family Night" which includes our auction and cookout. I want to emphasize FAMILY NIGHT. In the past we brought our spouse, significant other and children – we want to continue to do that. Bring them and bring something for the auction – tools, wood, supplies, a project you made or whatever.

If you have a friend who is interested in wood-working bring him/her to our meetings and get him/her to join the Guild. As an introduction for/to new members, we are planning to offer a free one day class to them.

Take time to work safe.

Bill

For Sale

5 Red Cedar Logs 8 ft long \$10 each, diameters range from 5" to 10". Cut 5 years ago and stowed under cover on bricks. **George Dorer (205)980-9338 or cell (205) 541-5820** located in Altadena Woods ,moving must move logs within 30 days.

South Bend Metal lathe w/accessories. 9" swing 32" between centers. \$1500. Good shape. **Frank Jones** just needs the room **(205) 663-9057**

Guild Training Classes

*See below tentatively scheduled classes for April/May 2007 dates and instructors. See **Mike Key** to make reservations at the April meeting. Classes have limits/minimums. Drawings held for slots in overbooked classes. \$20 for each single session class. Advanced multi session class \$85. Pay when making reservation. Saturday classes are 8 until noon and Thursday classes are 6 to 9 PM.*

Saturday 4/14

Joinery, John Lawson

Chip Carving, Frank Jones

Saturday 4/21

Make a Table, Dan Browning -Hands-on class covering preparation of material for top and legs. Includes edge joining, planing, tapering legs, cutting mortise/tenon & table assembly. Materials available. Students will reimburse instructor for materials used.
Walking Stick, Frank Jones—Bring a stick of 36 inches or more/your choice of wood. Plus 3 to 6 inch piece for the handle.

Thursday 4/26

Joinery, Charlie Ard

Jointer, Mike Key (Jim and John's Shop) qualification for Guild shop equipment use.

Saturday 4/28

Hand Cut Dovetails, Frank Jones

Thursday 5/10

Bandsaw alignment and tuning for best performance, **Mike Key** (Jim and John's Shop)

Thursday 5/24

Tablesaw qualification for Guild shop equipment use, **Mike Key** (Jim and John's Shop)

Building a Spice Cabinet with John Lawson. Advanced class meeting Saturday mornings 4/28 through 6/15 in **John Lawson's** shop.

Classes are held in the shop of the instructor unless noted. Contact instructors for more information regarding classes/directions:

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Alabama Woodturners Classes

We and the Alabama Woodturners are sharing classes in 2007. See the schedule of turning classes posted at <http://alabamawoodturners.com>

or contact **Will Pate (205) 907-0638.**

Directions to Hardwoods

From I-65 South take exit 234 (Shelby Co. Airport exit), follow signs to Airport. Follow road parallel to the Airport until it dead-ends at Corporate Woods Road. Turn left on Corporate Woods Rd. and then right at first road (Airview Lane). Hardwoods is the 2nd building. The address is 180 Airview Lane. Our meeting will be in the West end of the building.

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

In our February meeting a brief presentation was given relating to the amount of participation we have from the membership in all the things we do. These statistics are included here for those that were unable to attend that meeting and a reminder to those who were.

ACTIVITY	MEMBERS ATTENDED	% PARTICIPATION
Seminars (2)	30 (Avg)	24%
Toy Workshops (2)	16 (Avg)	13%
2005 Show	37	30%
2006 Show	28	22%
2005 Toys Program	34	27%
2006 Toys Program	27	22%
Building Program	38	30%

Other activities such as, habitat cabinets, Boys ranch tables and beds and shop visits could have been included but they would show essentially the same type numbers. As you can see we get about 25% participation in almost everything we do.

These statistics are given for information only and not intended to intimidate or chastise anyone. Your membership and how you use it is your business. However two points were made.

1. If you don't participate in Guild activities you are not getting the full benefit of your Guild membership.
2. If the Guild has been able to accomplish the things we have in the last several years with participation of only 25% of our members, just think what we could accomplish if we had 50, 60, 70 or 80% participation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Class Participation To Date

John Lawson,	Sharpening	1	03/17/07	cancelled NI
	Hand Tools	1	03/31/07	cancelled NI
	Joinery	0	04/14/07	
	Spice Cabinet	3	04/28/07	
Nelda Kelly	Stringing	0	04/26/07	cancelled NI
Buzz Kelly	Finishing	4	03/31/07	3 attendees
Frank Jones	Walking Stick	1	04/21/07	
	Ball & Claw	0	03/17/07	cancelled NI
Charlie Ard	Joinery	0	04/26/07	
	Hand Tools	0	04/12/07	
	Sharpening	2	03/22/07	
Dan Browning	Box Making	0	03/17/07	cancelled NI
	Spraying	5	04/07/07	cancelled
<i>Teacher conflict for spraying class will reschedule</i>				
	Box Making	4	04/12/07	
	Table Making	1	04/21/07	
Mike Key	Router	2	04/12/07	
	Jointer	4	04/26/07	

Listed above instructor/class/number of registrants/status on 4/5. Cancelled NI indicates class was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Turning Day at Dogwood Saturday, June 9th, 8AM—5PM

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild has been invited to **Turning Day** hosted by **THE DOGWOOD INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF FINE WOODWORKING** in Alpharetta, GA., for an opportunity to see the newly finished turning studio at the school that features 20 lathes and over 2,800 square feet of air conditioned space with 12 foot ceilings. This studio and woodworking school is located in Alpharetta on our horse farm. We have a new barn that has spacious turning facilities and the other 4,000 square foot barn is being renovated into the woodworking school. The view overlooks the pastures and is a picturesque environment in which to learn.

Turning Day at Dogwood, will feature many turners demonstrating their techniques including **Nick Cook, Don Russell, Wes Jones**, and several others who have been invited but not yet committed.

Barbeque will be the food of choice this year and served for a nominal fee. Once again, the home made ice cream will make an appearance.

The **"Tailgate Tool Swap & Sale"** will be highlighted and there will be plenty of room for the trucks to display any tools, wood or just about anything for swap or sale. We encourage more of this activity this year as we have plenty of space.

A display area will be made available for those who wish to **"show and tell"** some of their projects. Please encourage your members to bring those treasures no matter what level of expertise.

We will also have an area designated for beginners who would like to know more about wood turning and several turners available to answer questions, demonstrate and allow potential turners to try their hand on the mini-lathe. This will be a great area to display information about each of the clubs. So please bring information and brochures on your respective club or organization.

DIRECTIONS: Go on our website www.dogwoodwoodworking.com and on the sidebar "DIRECTIONS" will give the directions to our facility or use mapquest with address: 1640 Mid-Broadwell Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30004. If you do not have access to a computer. Call and we can provide a map and directions.

I look forward to seeing you at this event on June 9. Call if you have any questions. 770-751-9571 or 800-533-2440

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Another Hardwood Supplier

Jerry Ziliak, managing partner of C.A. Hardwoods located in Quitman, MS, wants you to know that this year they have begun stocking a variety of tropical hardwood lumber and burls in their Quitman, MS warehouse. Quitman is about 25 minutes due south of Meridian and approximately 20 miles across the Alabama border into Mississippi.

They have just installed a Laguna LT24x24 bandsaw and are offering project lumber and burls (whole or dimensioned). They can also cut turning squares and blocks for our members. They are offering thin lumber (straight grain and burl) for inlay and are beginning to stock long cants that they will cut into various length short sections on customer request. They are currently preparing a shipment of "short lumber" (4ft and under) as raw material for project woodworkers.

Below is a catalog link. "It is a fair representation of what we have in burl. However, we have over (300) pieces of Honduran Rosewood burl that we have yet to include in this online catalog. We invite your members to visit us anytime Mon-Fri 8:00AM – 5:00PM at 100 N. Railroad Ave. Quitman, MS 39355. Our manager is Tony Herrington and his cell is 601 410-0430. The phone number in the Quitman warehouse is 601 776-1422; fax is 601 776-1433. We will generally operate on Saturday mornings until 1:00PM; however Tony is committed to attend an all day woodturner's exposition in Hattiesburg this Saturday. The best thing to do for any of your guys driving over would be to call and make an appointment with Tony. Your guys are welcome individually or in groups. Our current burl stock in Quitman is approx. 20,000 lbs in 6-7species."

"It is our intention to provide an economically practical source of raw material for small project woodworkers and woodturner/woodcarver artisans."

<http://d.ziliak.home.insightbb.com/burls/>

Fridays at Woodcraft Group Create Project for Auction

Just in case you think those guys that meet down at Woodcraft and bring their lunch on Fridays are just sitting around eating and jawing, take a look at the table pictured below. This little beauty was put together by the group. They took cherry, donated by **Glenn Phillips** of Dixie Pacific, and built this table. But that isn't the whole story.

The story begins with a series of jigs that the guys built last year led by **Barron Bartlett** and **Buzz Kelly**. They spent a fair amount of time building various and sundry woodworking jigs (several of which now are permanent donations to the shop at Woodcraft). One of those jigs was a taper jig for making tapered table legs.

Buddy Finch came up with a plan to build a small plant stand table. Now I saw that plan and I've got to tell you that this table may be the size of that plan but that's about all. The plan they started with was a very simplistic table with straight legs and plain aprons.

The guys (led by **Barron**) wanted to use their tapering jig so they decided to taper the legs. Next, they decided to use mortise and tenon joinery so that they could practice that skill.

Well, then came a little bead detail on the outside edge of the legs and at the bottom of the apron. Finally, just for good measure, **Buzz** routed the top edge of their table with a beading bit to give it a "finished" look.

Their plan was to have **Dan Browning** spray the table at his lacquer spraying class until **Dan** had to cancel the class unexpectedly. **Dan** has promised that he will spray the table anyway.

What is going to happen to the table then you ask. Well let me tell you. The guys are going to bring their little table to the May Hot Dog supper and auction where it will, hopefully, find a new home.

I have a collection of items I have purchased at the auction over the past few years from a folding table (made by **Jim Lee**) to an end table (courtesy of **John Lawson**) to a wine bottle balancing wedge (by **Bill Shivers**). **Buzz** always buys wood and tools but those hand made items are my favorite. Maybe I will bid on this one too. Can you out bid me and get a chance to take it home with you? Let's see!

Nelda



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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

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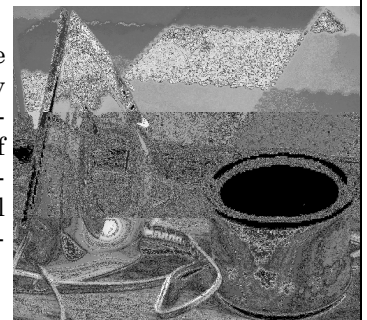
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Join the Over the Hill Gang Fridays, 11:30 at Woodcraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham. We'll eat lunch and tell some lies. Then we will make some sawdust!! It's a good time and place to get to know your fellow Guild members. Come and join in on all the fun!!!

Strange Woodworking Tools?

Do you recognize the tools below? Do you think of them as woodworking tools? These were seen on the work bench at the **Kelly** house during a recent class on hand rubbed finishes. **Bob McClure** was a little surprised to learn that he could iron out dents in his woodworking projects with a steam iron.

A small crock pot (the size normally used for serving party dips) is the perfect tool for heating up boiled linseed oil. Jeff Jewtt (renowned finishing expert) recommends heating oil prior to applying it to unfinished wood.





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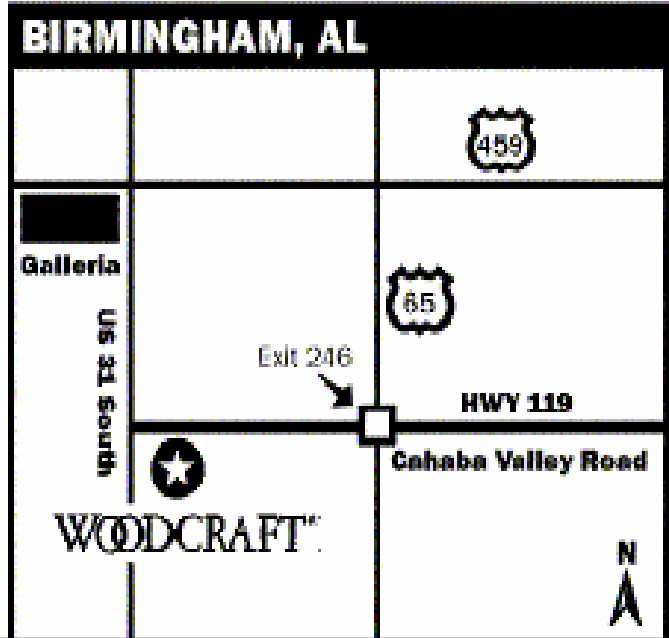
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