

# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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## NEXT MEETING -----

(7:00 P.M.)

The next meeting of the Guild will not be held at Pelham High School!! Our Thursday, April 14th meeting will be held at Acton Moulding and Millwork in Helena, Alabama (see map in this newsletter). Ronnie Acton will lead us on a tour through his plant discussing various equipment, its uses and safety. We will also discuss different types of wood, their properties, characteristics and best uses.

Ronnie is in the process of preparing a description of materials and services which he will provide to Guild members in good standing.

This meeting promises to be most interesting and instructive. Make plans to attend!!

## OUR OFFICERS -----

At our second meeting, temporary officers were elected. These officers and their phone numbers are as follows:

President	Spruce McRee	663-9453
Vice President	Ed Snow	663-4363
Secretary	Mike Henderson	988-0108
Treasurer	Billy Lee	663-7045

## COMING EVENTS -----

At the last meeting we discussed plans for a show featuring the work of Guild members. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to see each other's work and share much valuable information on techniques. The date for the show has tentatively been set for mid-July. Suggestions or questions should be directed to members of the show committee. See additional details in future newsletters.

## AT OUR LAST MEETING -----

Thursday, March 10, 1983 marked our first meeting at Pelham High School, and judging from the turnout, interest in the Guild has spread rapidly. Although attendance was the highest yet, interest in the Guild continues to grow. An indication of the degree of interest in the Guild was evident in a letter to the Guild from UAB Special Studies. Temporary President Spruce McRee read the letter which requested that one or more members consider teaching a woodworking class at UAB. Interested members should contact Spruce McRee.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT -----

Gentlemen,

Your response to the idea of a woodworking guild is totally unbelievable. It has been a full time job just answering inquiries and sending information to those who are interested.

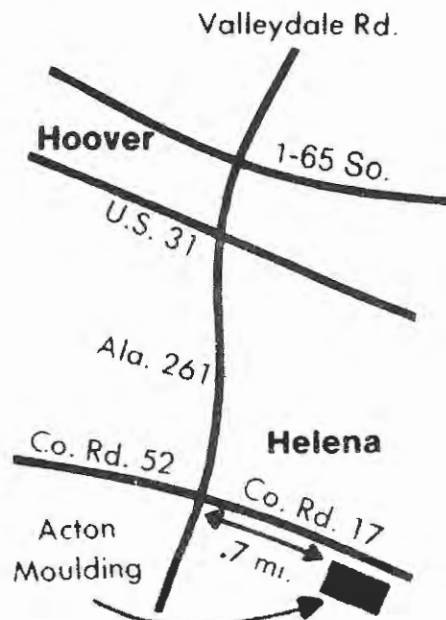
We are on the brink of something fantastic. The fellowship, idea sharing, and learning experience should really be great for all of us. If we all pull together and get involved we will all benefit greatly, not only as better and more skilled woodworkers, but as better human beings. I hope each and every member will take an active part so as to make our guild something to be really proud of. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know.

I hope we all will put a lot of thought and effort into our first show (scheduled for July). It should prove to be a tremendous learning experience for each of us, as well as, a good opportunity to show others what the fine art of woodworking is all about. Remember, this will be a public display and we plan to have a lot of good publicity so take the extra steps to make something you can be really proud of. We also plan to have some really nice prizes to award. We want everyone to participate, even you beginners and those with limited equipment. If you need help let some of us know and we'll be glad to help.

Until April, make a lot of sawdust, have a lot of fun, but above all put safety first.

Spruce McRee

## MAP TO ACTON MOULDING



**AT OUR LAST MEETING -----**  
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Dr. Bob Gunter of the Pelham Industrial Arts Department announced that the high school shop would be open for members to use one or two Saturdays per month. Suggestions and questions regarding shop hours should be directed to Dr. Gunter or a member of the shop committee.

A motion was passed establishing a \$10.00 per calendar quarter shop fee for those members who wish to use the shop. The fee will be used for purchase of supplies and equipment and maintenance.

An excellent and informative program was provided by David Traylor, a professional furniture maker. David discussed various aspects of shop equipment and techniques, stressing safety in the use of each.

After David's program, we adjourned to the shop for a demonstration of a Hegner scroll saw provided by John Word of Birmingham Saw Works. There was also opportunity for members to get hands-on experience with this quality piece of machinery.

After discussion of various plans for the shop and much good fellowship, the meeting was adjourned.

**WANT ADS -----**

Future issues of the newsletter will contain ads for members who wish to sell or purchase equipment and supplies. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this column should contact a member of the newsletter committee or send a copy of the ad to the P.O. Box of the Guild describing the item.

**COMMITTEES -----**

Committees have been appointed and the members and their phone numbers are as follows:

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

*Steve Forehand* 663-9691  
*Bob Hollingsworth* 988-2761  
*Spruce McRee, Sr.* 871-0237

**LOGO COMMITTEE**

*Jim Stephens* 987-0975  
*David Forehand* 991-6564  
*David Traylor* 823-3545

**SHOP COMMITTEE**

*John Word* 252-9757  
*Rick Miller* 663-4196  
*Bill Lovell* 822-6355  
*Frank Hilleke* 663-6115  
*Ron Powell* 663-0353

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

*Bob Gunter* 664-2567  
*Ken Warr* 591-7790  
*Bob Forman*  
*John Ward* 252-9757

**SHOW COMMITTEE**

*Ed Snow* 663-4363  
*Jim Stephens* 987-0975  
*Dick Clawson* 979-6929

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Al Knight* 988-3281  
*Jim Ross* 969-3925  
*F. L. Brown* 923-7073  
*David Traylor* 823-3545

**WELCOME TO PHS -----**

We Welcome the Alabama Woodworkers Guild to Pelham High School. PHS will be the home of the Guild and Dr. Bob Gunter, Chairman of the Industrial Arts Department will coordinate the Guild's activities.

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild has four objectives:

1. To be a fellowship of individuals dedicated to the expansion of knowledge of woodworking skills and techniques.

2. To bring in experts from industry and the career fields to demonstrate and teach.

3. To establish the availability of a co-op relationship with building materials and equipment companies for economical purchasing of supplies.

4. To make available members' work for display and sale.

We hope that the Guild will feel "at home" at PHS. We appreciate your willingness to work with our Industrial Arts Department and to make our program in woodworking more highly developed.

Dr. Ed Belue

**PROFILE -----**

**Temporary President Spruce McRee**

Spruce was born in Birmingham and attended Mt. Brook public schools and Samford University. Upon graduation from Samford in 1972, Spruce worked with the FBI in Washinton, D.C. In 1974, Spruce returned to Birmingham to accept a job with Liberty National, where he is now a sales manager. Spruce and his wife, Georgeann, have two sons, Patrick and Christopher.

Spruce's woodworking interest began on his 15th birthday when he received some power tools. Some of Spruce's larger woodworking projects have included enclosing a

carport for a den and adding a 16 x 24 foot workshop to his house. Of special interest to Spruce is building furniture and clocks. He has built such items as grandfather clocks, mantle clocks and wall clocks. Spruce has also built bunkbeds, drysinks, bookcases, gun cases, fernstands, chests of drawers, hutches, and a children's sized round oak table with four chairs. His latest project is a very detailed mahogany cabinet with shelves and drawers.

Spruce's woodworking equipment includes a Rockwell 10 inch table saw and shaper, a DeWalt radial arm saw, a Powermatic joiner, 14 inch bandsaw and a Craftsman drill press.

As can be seen Spruce is very active in woodworking and should provide valuable leadership to the Guild.

**ALA. WOODWORKERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT OFFER**

Birmingham Saw Works is pleased to announce a special discount to all members in good standing of the Guild. You can take advantage of this savings very easily.

1. You must show proof of membership in the Guild.
2. Purchase must be made in our store, not by phone or delivery.
3. Payment may be by cash, check, Visa, or Mastercard.
4. Discount does not apply to special sale prices or closeouts.

**Discount Schedule:**

Cabinet Supplies(glue, watco, sandpaper, dowels and buttons	10%
Saw Blades and Router Bits	5%
Adjustable wood clamps, wood-worker vises, benches	5%
Woodworking books and magazines	10%
Hand tools(Garrett Wade, Wood-line, Stanley, General)	5%
Portable Power Tools(not on special sale)	10%

The above discounts will combine with our already lowered prices to give you a substantial savings on your purchases.

**March-April Specials**

52-1/2 Record 9" x 13" Wood-working Vise: Reg. \$105.00; Special \$79.00

Makita B04510 Finish Sander: Regular \$70.00; Special \$49.00

Rockwell 34-959 8" Carbide Adjustable Dado Head: Regular \$33.00; Special \$19.95

We welcome you to please visit our showroom at 910 N. 28th Street any weekday. We have all the latest in woodworking technology on display and are pleased to give you a demonstration.

**Moulding & Wood Products**  
**STANDARD & CUSTOM**

- Custom Cabinetry
- Fireplace Mantels
- Special Wood Doors
- Picture Frame Moulding

Birch, Fir & Oak Plywood  
Surfaced Hardwood Boards

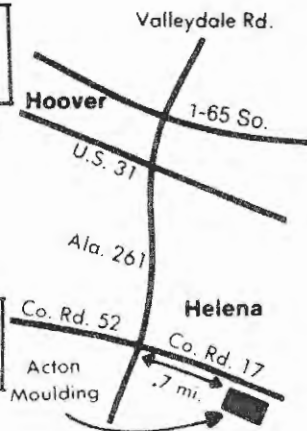
**WOODS AVAILABLE**

- Pine • Birch
- Poplar • Oak
- Walnut, etc.

ALSO RANDOM LENGTHS & WIDTHS

663-0130

**ACTON MOULDING & MILLWORK**



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