

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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FROM THE PRESIDENT—

Dear Fellow Woodworkers,

Please accept our sincere apology for not sending a newsletter or reminder for the month of June. Due to unforeseeable circumstances we were unable to get one out. We could use some more help on our newsletter committee, so if any of you would be willing to help us on the newsletter please let us know.

Don't forget July 23rd is Showtime. We need your entry forms as soon as possible so that the Show Committee can start making final preparations. Again, I encourage everyone to enter. It would be a real shame to get a lot of publicity out about the show and then only have four or five entries. Some of the entries we have so far are: knives with handmade handles, Rosewood table, trivets, bowls, shoe shine box, curio cabinet, clocks, music stand, sideboy, walnut and dogwood table, various woodturnings, etc.

I would like to thank Jerry Willis for his program on woodturning and the sharpening of hand tools. It was a well organized and very informative program. Judging from the comments of those who were there everyone learned something and had a lot of fun trying their hand at woodturning.

Our next meeting should be very informative and interesting also. The finish is usually what makes or breaks a project. This is definitely where a lot of us have a great deal of difficulty. I am especially looking forward to our next meeting.

One final item, at our July meeting we will elect permanent officers. We did not have enough in attendance at our June meeting so please make plans to attend.

See you July 14; till then have fun and be careful. Take that one extra step to practice safety.

Spruce McRee

NEXT MEETING—

The next meeting of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild will be held Thursday, July 14th at the Pelham High School Industrial Arts Department. Our starting time will be 7 p.m.

The program will be on finishing and re-finishing furniture and other products (items) made of wood. Mr. Greg Williams, a representative of the Mohawk Finishing and Re-Finishing Supply Company will be the speaker. We understand he will be very informative and instructive regarding the techniques of finishing and re-finishing. This should be another interesting meeting finding out how to best get the beautiful grains to show up in your finished item or items. Plan to be there!

This will be the last regular meeting before our first annual show!

COMING EVENTS—

The first Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at the Vestavia Civic Center between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Show will display and feature the work of Guild members. Each member is urged to begin now planning and building their items to be entered!

The categories (that have been announced in the newsletter dated May 1983) of entries are as follows: Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Professional. Judging will be on all categories except novice. A group of judges will judge on design, joinery and finish. Prizes (cash) will be awarded. The entry fee has been set at \$10.00 per person, no limit on the number of items entered. Only one prize per member will be awarded. Novice woodworkers are especially encouraged to take an active part in the show, since SAWDUST

FEVER can be very contagious.

Come to our next meeting, Thursday July 14th, submit an entry form, pay the \$10.00 entry fee, and get your skillfully built items ready for the show.

AT OUR LAST MEETING—

Our June 9, 1983 meeting, held at Pelham High School, was called to order by temporary President Spruce McRee. After opening remarks, Spruce commented on the election of permanent officers. The election was supposed to have been held at the June 9th meeting, but since the turnout was not as large as expected, the election was postponed until the next meeting. Discussion was also held on the newsletter. Some of the problems encountered in publishing the newsletter were discussed and general comments from the members were made. The consensus seemed to be that the members would like some sort of monthly publication.

Spruce then introduced our speaker, Jerry Willis of Wilsonville, Alabama. Jerry presented an outstanding program on sharpening various tools, particularly lathe chisels. All those present should certainly benefit from Jerry's program.

After the sharpening program, Jerry proceeded to demonstrate some lathe techniques. Several lathes were on hand in the shop and most of us got a chance to try some of the techniques Jerry demonstrated.

Those members that were not present missed a most interesting and informative program!!

PROFILE —

Temporary Secretary Mike Henderson. Mike Henderson was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Christian Brothers College in Memphis with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Mike presently works for South Central Bell in the Information Systems Minicomputer Support Group. Mike and his wife, Elaine, have a 14 year old son, Kevin, and a four year old daughter, Lisa. They are all members of Valleydale Baptist Church.

Mike's interest in woodworking began around four years ago when his wife decided they needed additional cabinet space in their kitchen. Mike built an L-shaped base unit using only hand tools. Subsequently he purchased a Shopsmith, and has since added a jointer, belt sander, bandsaw and a Woodmaster planer. His projects include small display cabinets, folding TVTrays and a bathroom vanity. He has started working on a cherry drop-leaf occasional table before being interrupted by summer. Other hobbies include softball, tennis and Atari personal computer.

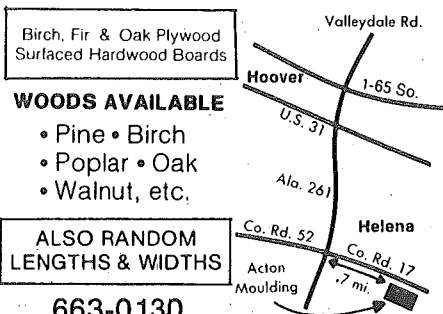
NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION —

As you may have noticed, we have had some difficulty in publishing the newsletter in a timely manner. While the delays can be attributed to a number of problems, we are attempting to work them out as well as we can. The Newsletter Committee had hoped to expand the newsletter to include plans and drawings, as well as the regular articles. This would, however, necessitate more production time, thereby delaying printing. Since the consensus of the members at the last meeting was that a monthly newsletter was desired, we will attempt to publish monthly. However, our plans for expanding the coverage of the newsletter will have to be curtailed to meet our deadline. Therefore, future issues will include the basic articles which have appeared in the first two newsletters, with periodic supplements planned for special articles. We hope everyone will be satisfied with this arrangement.

The Newsletter Committee

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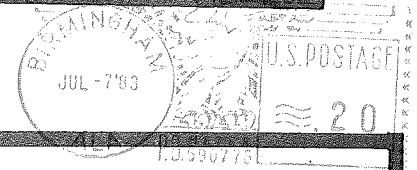


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