



FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Gentlemen,

If you attended our spring show at Sloss Furnace I don't have to tell you what a tremendous success it was. If you were unable to attend, you really missed an enjoyable experience. We had about 70 people turn out for the Friday night festivities. There was plenty of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

We really appreciate the jobs that Richard Gilbert and Tom Godfryd did in arranging the show and its associated events. Thanks to Kerry McCalla and his Barber Shop Quartet (The Red Mountain Magic) and my group (The Cahaba Brass) for an evening of unusual and great entertainment.

One thing for certain is we got a lot of public exposure Saturday. Thousands of people came through the Sloss gates to view our exhibits. Some of the fellows sold their pieces and others took orders for additional work. Channel 13 sent out a camera crew and interviewed us. I haven't seen it on TV yet but I keep hoping to. We also signed up 3 new members at the show and had several people take membership application forms.

Congratulations goes out to the winners. I know each winner was excited and proud. I think we were all amazed at the talent and quality of craftsmanship that we have in the Guild. It is kind of funny that some of you who were not going to enter at first ended up taking home some ribbons. It just goes to show you that you should not be ashamed or concerned about the quality of your work.

Plans have already been set in motion to make arrangements for next year's show. We are giving you a year's notice so there's no excuses; instead of 25 entrants we want to see 125.

Our next scheduled show will be our Christmas show. We want each member to build and enter a toy. After the show all the toys will be donated to "Toys For Tots." Get out your plans and get to whittling.

Again thanks to each of you who made the show a great success; Richard Gilbert, Larry Aaron, Tom Godfryd and their committee members. Also, thanks to our esteemed judges for an outstanding job. Thanks especially to each of you that entered and participated in

the show. I know each of you came away with a good feeling and a little more enthusiasm because you became involved. See you in May.

Spruce McRee

HAZARD PAY. . .

This tip is reprinted from the newsletter of the Western Ohio Woodworking Club. This comes at an appropriate time due to the recent wood shop fire in Fairfield, Alabama.

Insurance records show many shop fires (commercial and private) are attributed to dust build-up on the top of exposed fluorescent light fixtures and ballast covers. This dust traps heat by the lamp ballast, building temperatures to the flash point of this fine wood dust. This housekeeping job could save your house. A word to the wise.

Pete Branson

Thanks Pete, for your timely tip.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, 1983. We will meet again at the shop of David Traylor and Richard Gilbert in Fairfield.

Our speakers this month are James Ross and David Traylor. James will demonstrate how he made the sliding dovetail joints on his prize winning table. David will demonstrate the use of the Sears and the Leigh dovetail jigs. David also won a ribbon at the show.

Don't miss this meeting.

Directions to the meeting:

Take I-59 South to the Parkway Exit in Fairfield. Make a left at the bottom of the ramp. At second traffic light bear right (not a hard right) onto Gary Ave. The cabinet shop is at 4606 Gary Ave. There's no sign on the shop yet but it's across the street from AmSouth and next door to the Big Saver.

The Board and Officers will meet at 6:15 sharp.

WOODBUTCHER OF THE MONTH

This month we had a chat with our 2nd Vice President, David Traylor. Dave was born in Montgomery and his folks moved up to the Magic City where he graduated from Berry High School in '76.

Through a friend of his family, Dave went to work in a cabinet shop that was owned by a man 80 years old. Now keep in mind that at this point he had not had any shop courses. Can you imagine what his friend had to put up with? Dave, this is a sander, this is a lathe, etc.

Well as we all know, Dave was an excellent student, because he now has his own business, KING TRAYLOR CABINET CO., and for those who attended the April meeting, were able to see his facilities and work first hand. Of course he has Richard to keep tabs on him too, which helps.

Dave specializes in reproducing furniture, and prefers working in the Queen Anne and Shaker styles.

His first solo project was a dressing table for his Mother, and the project he is currently most proud of is a hi-boy he made for his sister.

Next month Dave is taking a stroll down the aisle with a delightful lady named Bonny, and they will be living in Mountain Brook.

Dave feels our Guild has progressed quite well for only being around a little over a year and is putting in a great deal of effort to have it continue to grow with the quality caliber of folks like we already have.

All of us are proud to be associated with you Dave and hope you simply "keep-on-keepin-on."

