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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, he did it again! Dovetail Baker showed us another way to make that most durable of joints. Says he's going to take all his scraps and make new boards by joining them with end-to-end dovetails. Seriously, that tool he was demonstrating is certainly a fine approach to precision joinery. Thanks a heap, Fred, for the interesting program.

The Annual Show is this month and there were some wrong dates in last month's newsletter. So here is the entire guaranteed schedule:

Deadline for Entries	Thursday, August 11
Delivery of Entries	Monday, August 15 Noon til 7:00 PM
Judging	Tuesday, August 16
Opening Reception	Tuesday, August 16 5:30 til 7:00 PM
Demo Tool Delivery	Friday, August 26 1:00 til 4:00 PM
Demonstrations	Saturday, August 27 9:00 AM til 3:00 PM
Take-Down	Sunday, August 28 Noon til 4:00 PM

I hope your project for the show is finished or coming along nicely. As we have reported previously, Craig Nutt is going to be the judge and I hope he will be able to stay for the opening. It's really a privilege for us to have a judge of his stature. The demonstrations are on the day of the Kudzu Festival and they will be in a tent. There will also be a kudzu basket weaver in the tent with us. And the cariocas are not scheduled

until our demos are finished. Look for an article in the News about Dale Lewis and the Guild prior to the opening. And incidentally, Ronnie Acton is going to be in the News also as a participant in the Kudzu Festival Antique Car Show.

Please don't forget to send your suggestions in to Ben Neighbors about improving the response to the Toys-for-Tots program. That is the most worthwhile program that the guild conducts every year so we should endeavor to make it the best yet every year. Folmar's are going to give us a pick-up load of good hardwoods for toys that will be available at the September meeting when we kick off the program. So you will have some free wood to work on and three months to do it.

For those who reserved a seat on the bus to Atlanta for the Woodworking Show on Thursday, August 25, don't forget to set your alarm really early so you will be in front of Ruby Tuesdays before 6:00 AM when the bus departs. We will probably leave Atlanta at 5:00 to 5:30 PM their time, so we should be back at the Colonnade by about 7:00 PM Central time. The Colonnade is the shopping center at the intersection of Route 280 and I-459.

There was a very good response from those interested in a trip up to Powermatic in October, so we are putting that in the schedule also. More in the September newsletter.

For those of you who didn't attend the July meeting, we have a nominating committee for next year's officers and two directors ably represented in Nelson Brooks, Chairman, Dan Browning and Leonard

Sanders. Any of you who are interested in the politics of those positions should register with them—but be sure you tell them which political party you belong to, that is, the Hardwoods or the Softwoods. That's very important since it's necessary for the membership to know whether the candidate is conservative or liberal.

Keep those show-and-tells acoming.

Ed Sheriff

## NEXT PROGRAM AUGUST 11, 1994 • 7:00 PM

We expect our next program to be quite different and informative. Greg Smith is an archer. He got started making his own bows and developed his skills into an hobby which turned into a profession. He makes custom bows and, as you might expect, this requires exacting specifications and the use of exacting jigs. Laminating strips of wood (we don't know what kinds of wood at this writing) to become strong enough not to split or separate has to be an exacting science. We may learn something more about bending from this program.

## LAST PROGRAM • JULY, 1994

As billed and forecast our master craftsman, Fred Baker, did a superb job with a difficult, at best, topic, the demonstration of the JOINTECH MACHINE. It is difficult enough to do it in one's shop, but to try and explain the intricacies of that machine in a foreign environment took fine planning.

This machine is known as an Incremental Positioning Machine, a high sounding title we admit, but when it is examined further it means the positioning of the fence is done incrementally so as to have absolutely accurate cuts with the router. Most of us were a little bewildered at the whole thing until Fred began to produce a product that could be usefully applied to drawers or corners of carcasses or cabinets. To make a dovetail, then make a lining of a different color wood that exactly fits into the dovetail, then make the matching dovetail to complete the three layer sandwich is strictly amazing and proves that the advertising pictures in our woodworking magazines can be believed. We surely appreciate the effort Fred had to make to plan and prepare for the demonstration.

### DOOR PRIZE

We know the summer doldrums are upon us but don't fail to spread the word about our Guild and the really fine programs we have for interested woodworkers. To encourage attendance of our members and the visits of friends and prospects we require that all register their attendance, the purpose of which is to know which of our members are attending and to let Acton's know we appreciate their letting us meet in their fine facility. A drawing is held each month to award attendance by presenting an Acton's gift certificate to the drawee. Now you know the reasons, now you know it is fun. For the month of July the lucky winner was Don Blackburn. In conjunction with our meeting at Acton's, Ronnie and Sue calculate the profit made on sales to Guild members each month and present the Guild a check for that amount. For the month of June the check amounted to \$39.30. Y'all keep buying that stuff.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The essential statistics of John Parker's report were that we have 159 members in good standing and our bank balance is \$3,233.

### BY-LAWS ADOPTION

After several months' work on revising our outdated by-laws and after a reading of the changes at the June and July meetings, when put to a vote of the membership, a quorum being in attendance, it was unanimously passed. We now have a viable and workable set of by-laws and this document should serve us well indefinitely.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

One can tell the year 1994 is moving right along because there has been appointed a nominating committee to bring a slate of officers and directors to the membership to serve the year 1995. Can you imagine that—1995? Appointed were: NELSON BROOKS, Chairman; Dan Browning, member, and Leonard Sanders, member. The committee is charged with reporting their deliberations to the October 1994 meeting, and the election will be held at the November meeting. The Christmas party we have as our December meeting doesn't seem like the proper place to hold an election, thus the election in November.

### ATLANTA WOODWORKING (MACHINE) SHOW

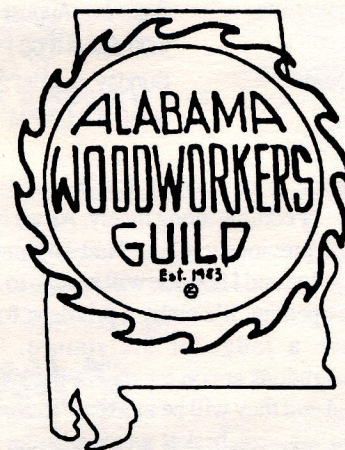
We should not forget the trip being offered to the Guild to attend this show. If you have never attended one of these shows you just don't know what you're missing. The machinery and equipment being displayed and demonstrated are outstanding. The people doing the demonstrations are experts so you can see for yourself what a machine will do. You come to believe if they can do it you can too. The atmosphere is rife with woodworking, the thing that holds our Guild together. If you haven't signed to go, you may call Pres. Ed Sheriff at 991-8233 or come to the August meeting prepared to pay the \$15 for the bus ride.

### SHOW AND TELL

After no entries in this category in June and being chastised by the President a few did show for the July meeting. These were offered:

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| Ben Angwin      | A porch swing made of oak                                                                 |
| Dale Lewis      | A bowl made of Elm Burl and named Down to Brass Tacks                                     |
| Ivan Kronberg   | One bowl made of Elm and a plate made of Maple                                            |
| Leonard Sanders | Bowl made of Butternut and a baby rattle from one piece of maple with ring turned onto it |

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## THE SHOW

There was included in the July Newsletter a form prepared for your use in reserving space in the display area at the SHOW. This is the single most important undertaking we as a GUILD involve ourselves in. It is intended to promote more and better projects by our members and as a direct result our woodworking will increase in quality proportionately. Please don't hold back and not enter the "contest". We use "contest" as a synonym for SHOW intentionally. It is a contest, yet it isn't. The contest is between you and yourself — now what does that mean. It means there seems to be a contest among our members to show fear of entering their works and it not measure up. It doesn't have to measure up! No measure is involved. We want to see

what you are making and we want the public to see what we are all about. There have been hundreds of comments to the effect we, as a GUILD, turn out fine works. Most people seeing the SHOW for the first time are visibly affected by what they see and they go around the display room exclaiming over what they are seeing. The application form is reproduced elsewhere in this Newsletter. Fill out the form and enter something you have made. You will be glad you did and, who knows, you might even win a ribbon and there are plenty of them to be awarded. Wouldn't you like to show your friends and neighbors your ribbon? What you enter doesn't have to have been made last week, it can be something you made last year. We have only one rule, don't enter something on which you have already won a ribbon. Time is running out, so get with it.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Your responses to Ben Neighbor's questionnaire in the July Newsletter have been a little slow arriving. If you have some thoughts on the program and don't want to spend 29¢ postage, pick up the telephone and call Ben at 942-4587 and give it to him personally. All he wants to know is what you think of the program, how it can be improved or if it can be improved. It is our only community project and we don't want anything to happen to it. We receive Newsletters from other GUILDS from several sections of the country. Just about all of them have a community project going and they push it hard in their GUILDS and as a result get great participation. Please don't ignore this most important program we have been engaged in almost since the GUILD was formed in 1983. Let's band together and support our TOYS FOR TOTS program and fulfill our responsibility to the community.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ENTRY BLANK

Exhibit space for your woodwork is preplanned. Therefore, the approximate dimensions in inches of each piece should be listed, as well as whether it should be exhibited on a table (pedestal), floor or wall. Because of the planning involved for accommodating each piece in a designated space in as pleasing a manner as possible, late entries cannot be accepted. It will also be helpful in planning to list the category (Contemporary Furniture, Traditional Furniture, Turnings, Carvings, Accessories, Toys and Hand-made Tools) of the piece and the level (Intermediate or Advanced) of your work. Entry blank is below:

#### ENTRY BLANK - WOODWORKERS' ANNUAL SHOW

All woodworkers entering the show should complete this form and mail it to Sterling Brewer, 1806 Thornton Place, Birmingham, AL 35226 so that it is in his hands no later than Thursday, August 11. They may also be delivered to the July or August meeting. If you are interested in selling your entries, we will put your telephone number on the identification tag that will identify your entry in the show. Additionally, you may want to display your entries at the Hoover Library following the show. Please indicate below whether you want either or both of those options.

WHAT IS IT?	DISPLAY ON TABLE, FLOOR OR WALL	DIMENSIONS (L x D x H)	CATEGORY & LEVEL
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1.

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Are you interested in selling your entries?  Yes  No If yes, what is your phone number? \_\_\_\_\_

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Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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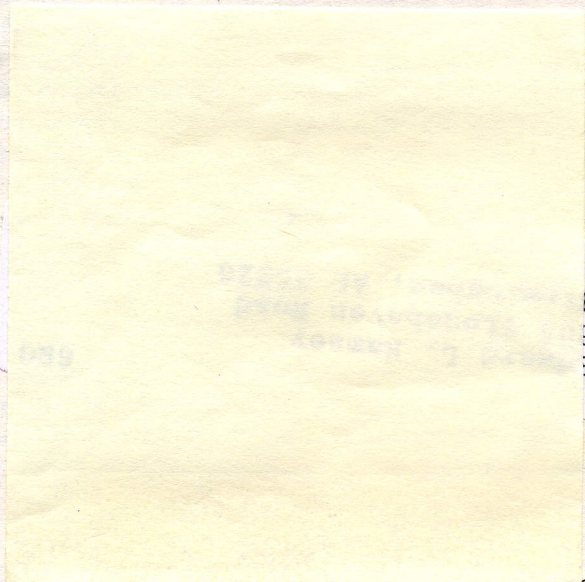
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