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**Saturday,
June 15, 2002**

- Coffee and donuts from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM
- Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM
- Program
- Lunch at 11:30 AM
- Shop Visit 1:00PM

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President's Message

A highlight of the May meeting was a ride in the horseless carriage brought to the meeting by **Jimmy Woods** of Tuscaloosa.

Those of you who missed the presentation by our second spotlight member, **John Powell**, missed a real treat. This is the kind of sharing the Guild is all about. It is good to get to know our members better.

Disappointment, that's the only way I can describe my feelings about the turnout for the silent auction and meeting last month. It was probably the lowest attendance at a meeting since I joined the Guild about fifteen years ago. The small number even included a few visitors from the Alabama Woodturners Association.

I would certainly welcome a telephone call from anyone who might explain what caused this. I would also welcome any suggestions to help improve interest and attendance.

Other than low attendance, the day

was quite successful. A lot of really nice items were sold (and, of course, some not so nice) as well as a great selection of hardwoods donated by Hardwoods of Alabama. A special thanks to you folks that put in a lot of time to make the auction a success.

I was unable to attend **Mike Key's** shop open house after the meeting, but I understand it was well attended and **Mike** was a great host.

It's time to start building toys for the Children's Hospital! If any of you have new ideas for these toys bring them to our next meeting and share with the entire group. Also, I hope you're planning for our annual juried show to be held in October. This is certainly a highlight of the year.

See you June 15th....and don't forget your show and tell items!

June Program

As many of you know, **Bob Browning** has done an outstanding job with the Alabama Woodworkers Guild web page. At the June meeting **Bob** will give us a demonstration and virtual tour of our web site.

This will be a good demonstration whether you use a computer or not. Our web site may very well be the best advertising that we have and this program will give you an opportunity to offer suggestions regarding our web presence.

In addition, **Mike Key** will bring

a selection of various exotic woods and will discuss some of the uses and properties of different species.

I know we will all learn something from these two presentations. Don't miss it!

After the meeting **Bill Thomas** is opening up his shop for us to visit. **Bill** is a relatively new member but a very active one. I understand that a visit to his shop is a real treat, not to be missed. I have heard that the landscaping at **Bill's** house is also worth a visit too. (see the map to **Bill's** shop on page 2)

