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Saturday,

January 18, 2003

- *Meet at Birmingham Museum of Art*
- *Meeting begins at 10:00 AM*
- *Business Meeting in Patrons' Room*
- *Tour with Dean Black to follow Business Meeting*

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President's Message

Happy New Year! Hope you folks had as good a holiday as we had in the Browning household. It was, however, a busy time and we certainly ate too much.

Last year was a banner year for the Guild. Our monthly programs were outstanding with a lot of variety (thanks to **Paul Mancill**). We had a great one day seminar (Marc Adams), maybe the best annual show ever, and a wonderful Christmas Party. In addition to these highlights we had our usual Toys Program, wood-working classes, shop visits, and toys workshop.

I am looking forward to an even greater year in 2003! Our board of directors is very active and full of ideas to make this an even greater year. This is a special anniversary year for the Guild—20 Years! We have several activities “on the drawing board” to celebrate our accomplishment. If you have any ideas or wish to help, let me or one of the board members know. (You will hear lots more about this later.)

I'm certainly looking forward to getting our year started on the right foot—I.E., our first meeting will be at the Birmingham Museum of Art. This should be a great meeting as well as a superb setting to kick off our year in grand style.



Special Meeting Time and Place Saturday, January 18, 2003

NOTE: The **January program will be held in the Patrons' Room at the Birmingham Museum of Art** at the corner of 8th Avenue North and 21st Street. It will begin at 10:00 AM (that's when the museum opens).

As most of you know, **Dean Black** has done the casework and turned columns for both the Chinese and Korean exhibits at the museum. Dean will talk to us

about these projects and then take us on a tour of his work on these exhibits. For those who have not been to the museum recently, you may want to plan a little additional time to explore after the meeting- Birmingham has a great museum.

Parking is available behind the museum and is free with validation from the guards desk at the museum.

Christmas Party

Oh what a party! A first time visitor remarked that we should publish a cook book called "From the Guild Wives" the food was so outstanding. (Some of you guys cooked too but that was the quote.) With 100 attendees, this was the largest party ever.

Long before the actual event door prizes were obtained and entertainment procured (we really enjoyed the barbershop quartet). **Bill Thomas** out did himself with the arrangements drafting **Paul and Marcia Mancill** to prepare the hams, **Charlie Yerby** to get the chicken, then **Dan Browning, Betty Thomas, and Nelda Kelly** to help him set up. **Walter Barnett** and **Buzz Kelly** sold tickets for prize drawings, **Jim Lee** took pictures, while **Harold Phillips** checked everyone in and kept the toy tally. **Debbie Browning, Betty Thomas, and Marcia Mancill** helped with clean up. **Bill** worked for months prior and then even assisted with the laundering of tablecloths afterwards. (We will buy paper tablecloths next year please be our chairman again!) Great job **Bill** and thanks to you and all your assistants!

Door prizes were contributed by Makita Service Center (Makita Router), Lowes in Trussville (router bits), Lowes at Lakeshore (orbital sander), **Mike Key** (straps and blocks), **Harold Hall** (Pen/letter opener), **Paul Mancill** (pepper grinder and glue), Brunos at Hwy 150 (fruit basket), Christopher House Antiques (wax), Dewalt Service Center (Dewalt "4 kit"), HGH (Bosche Miter Saw), Bluff Park Hardware (Stanley miter box), Bo Thuston (dovetail jig, sanding drums, belt cleaners, chisel set), and WoodCraft (\$25 gift certificate).

I didn't get all the winners' names but **Jeff Bishop** won the \$25 gift certificate, **Hal Skalka** the router, **Jim Anchors** the Bosche miter saw, **George Schoppert** the Dewalt kit, and **Jack Tyler** the gift basket.

Had he been there, we would have presented the Best of Show Ribbon to the winner. Until the official presentation, I have hidden a hint for you.

2003 Dues

It is a new year and a new budget...that time of year when our treasurer reminds us that we need to collect money for annual membership dues. Our dues are an unbelievable value at only \$25 per year. A large portion of our annual dues goes to publish the GUILD NEWS.

Please pay promptly. We have committed to publishing the membership directory earlier this year. Only paid members will be listed so make sure you are included by turning in your check.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, **Mr. Harold Phillips**, will be only too happy to accept your payment at the January meeting or you can mail him a check to:

3460 Mountainwood Drive S.E.,
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Happy New Year

Welcome New Members

Richard Brown of Hoover

Richard L. Dunn of Hoover

William Newell Sheridan of Birmingham

People in the News

Congratulations to **Mike Palmer** for the nice write up and pictures of his beautiful cabinets in the December 28 Birmingham News. **Mike** is one of our new members. Nice work **Mike**!

Also, a cabinet job build by Denis Hermecz, the fish carver from Silverhill who did our September program, is featured in the December issue of This Old House Magazine. Check it out if you can get your hands on a copy.

About Us

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (note exception for January 2003 meeting)

Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling **Harold Phillips** at 205-424-0819.

See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

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Great Show !

I hope everyone had a chance to get by Hoover Library to see the show. If you were not there for the Monday night reception, you missed a double treat. Betty Thomas, ably assisted by Bill, prepared an outstanding assortment of food and punch for the reception. I was not the only one impressed by the great job she did on very short notice, as was evident when the ballots for best of show were being tallied, she received more than one vote for her efforts. A special thanks to Marsha Mancill and Nelda Kelly for their help with the reception and registration at the show setup.

We had 42 participants enter 94 items in the show, of these 6 participants and 8 items were from West Alabama Woodworkers Association. We enjoyed the opportunity to visit with fellow woodworkers and see examples of their work. The joint show enables the membership of both organizations to share our work, exchange information and share new ideas and techniques. I think the joint events in which the two organizations have participated this year have been beneficial to both.

The excuse that has been used so many times for not entering items in the show has been debunked. Thirteen AWG members entered work for the first time and nine of these won one or more ribbons for their work. These thirteen first time participants were involved in all levels of expertise and categories. The overall level of work within the organization has improved over the years that we have been conducting the annual shows. This is not being said to discourage anyone from participating but is supported by the number of first time participants that entered the show and the quality of work they exhibited. This is further support for the argument that the show is not as much a competition among each other as it is a competition against ourselves. It is apparent from the work displayed this year that you are winning the competition.

Thanks to Bobby Michelson for taking on the task of judging the show. Bobby put a great deal of energy and effort in judging each piece of work without regard to level of expertise or category, taking time to make appropriate comments and suggestions on the judging sheets that will be returned to you.

Thanks to all Guild members who made possible a great show by their participation, not only in presenting their work, but also in contributing their time to pick up and deliver the display cases and spend time at the Library to watch over show items and act as representatives of the Guild for guests attending the show..

NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR. DON'T BE LEFT OUT.

By Walter Barnett

November Toys Meeting

At our November meeting we concentrated on toys. Guild members brought in some 800 more toys that day. James Krueger, a friend of **Harold Phillips**, doesn't do woodworking but was so impressed by the project that he sent a contribution of \$75 to be used on the toys program.

We were all standing around admiring all the toys everyone had made when **Doug Bastian** showed up with his contribution and stole the show. His life sized tiger had everyone talking. **Doug** contributed his beautiful creation to Children's Hospital but **Dan Browning** insisted that he first enter it into the Annual Show (where it won a blue ribbon in the Toys category).

Thanks to everyone that made and contributed toys in 2002 and to **Jackie Tyler**, our Toys Chairman.

Now would be a good time to start working on toys for 2003.



Guild History:

Over the past 20 years the following have served as President of the Guild:

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Spruce McRee | 1983-1986 |
| Leonard Sanders | 1987 |
| Nelson Brooks | 1988 - 1989 |
| Jim Caldwell | 1990 - 1991 |
| Fred Baker | 1992 - 1993 |
| Ed Sheriff | 1994 |
| Mike Key | 1995 - 1996 |
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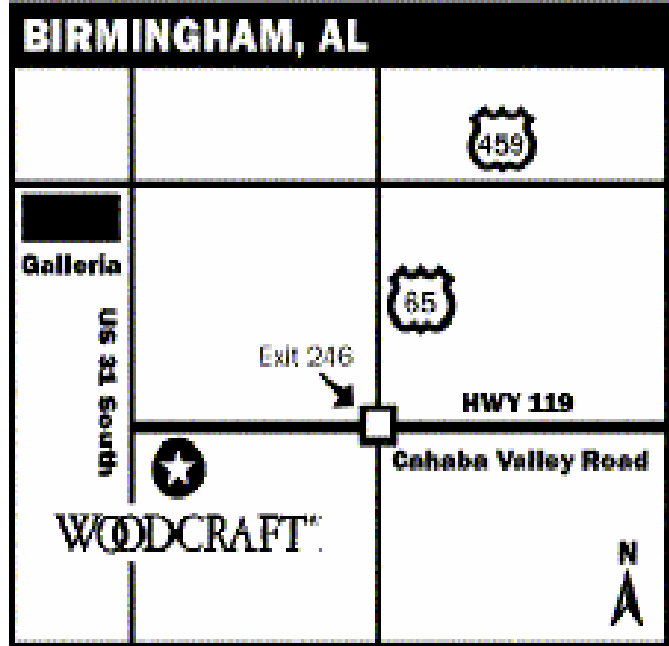
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