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Saturday,

June 21, 2003

- *Social Hour 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM*
- *Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM*
- *Special 20th Anniversary Celebration Program*
- *Lunch*
- *Visit to Children's Hospital 12:30*

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President's Message

As we continue the celebration of our 20 years of woodworking, I think back on all the fine people that I might not have known but for the Guild. We are all lucky to have had the opportunity to work so closely with such good people and I look forward to the reunion at this month's meeting.

The demonstration at Woodcraft went very well. I would like to thank those good folks for inviting us to participate, providing lunch and awarding those nice prizes for the contest winners. (see article page 3) I would also like to thank the Guild members who participated.

Speaking of participation, previously active participant, **Jackie Tyler** has resigned his board position due to the illness of his sister. We miss you, **Jackie**, and look forward to your return in the near future. We wish your sister well.

Meanwhile, we have asked **James Armstrong** to fill the vacancy. In way of introduction, we are designating **James** as this month's spotlight member. (see article page 2) **Jackie** was also our Toys Program Chairman. We have asked **Buddy Finch** to take on those duties. As a prolific toy maker, we know that **Buddy** will do a terrific job. He is already making plans (see article page 3).

When you get a chance, give these guys a pat on the back for being such good sports and stepping in to give us a hand.

See you June 21st for the big celebration!
Plan on staying for lunch and going over to the Children's hospital.

20th Reunion June 21st

For 20 years the Alabama Woodworkers Guild members have been making sawdust together to further the art and craft of woodworking. As in life, friends have come and gone. Some have moved away, others have simply gone on to pursue other interests, while yet others have left this world. A few have remained as active and supportive members and more have come along to join them. We invite ALL of YOU to **join with us this June 21st to celebrate our milestone anniversary.**

We will have some of the past

presidents and members to talk with us about their experiences with the Guild and what it has meant to them.

After the meeting, the Guild will provide lunch so we can all enjoy the fellowship for a bit longer.

At 12:30 we are all invited to Children's Hospital at 1600 7th Avenue South where Suzanne Reeves has arranged for us to tour the facility. We will get an opportunity to see what they do with all those toys we build.

This is a treat not to be missed!

James Armstrong SPOTLIGHT MEMBER

Inspired by his grandfather, **James Armstrong** started woodworking early. He only admits to 15 years of woodworking because he didn't get an opportunity to do much woodworking in years when he was a public accountant. Now working in the private sector he has more time.

Some while back **James** and his wife even had a small woodworking business (Wood Follies) . They made things like rocking horses, small tables and other items that featured tole painting. **James** has made clocks, toys, and even a violin.

One day he was buying tools from Bo Thuston when Bo told him about the Guild. After joining the group, **James** has been an active participant. He says that he is most thankful for all the friends he has made. He is particularly grateful for the opportunity to take classes from **Paul Mancill**, "who is a gifted instructor." **James** also talks about how blessed he is to have been given the opportunity to take a carving class from **Frank Jones**, who he considers to be a "quality craftsman."

James expresses gratitude that he has been given the opportunity to serve the Guild as a board member. His current project is a blanket chest he started while attending **Paul's** class. He had a problem with his belt sander which has held him up some. Then he bought some new equipment which he has to move around just to do any work in his shop.

What's next? A new shop building. He's been paying attention and taking notes in all those shop visits because he is planning a new one for himself.

May Meeting

Thanks to Anne Foschler for a job well done!

Have you ever wondered how furniture styles developed? If you were at the May meeting, you received a very informative and detailed lecture on the development of French and English furniture in the 18th century. These style elements are still very much in evidence today in antique reproduction furniture and even in modern furniture.

Anne Forschler, Curator of Decorative Arts at the Birmingham Museum, took us through this century and discussed how furniture styles evolved and were influenced by available materials, royal courts and regents, Rome and the Orient. Additionally, she explained the importance of famous cabinet makers such as Chippendale and Hepplewhite.

Hope we can do at least one program of this type every year!

Paul Mancill, V.P. & Program Chair

ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

We will have 2 XL and 1 medium black, 2 XL and 1 large putty golf shirts and 1 each medium, large and XL denim shirts available for sale at the June 21st meeting. See **Bill Shivers** to get shirts at the meeting.

Walter Barnett will continue to take orders for more shirts for those who want them. You can contact him at (205) 426-9083.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David LaRussa of Brierfield
Richard Maddox of Hoover
Roy A. Smith, III of Hoover

For Sale

Jet Lathe—Model 12-36
Cost \$600+ will sell for \$350.
Cliff Daniels (205) 822-7326

About Us

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Why make toys?

Why make toys? The smile on the face of a child, the good feeling it gives you inside, to practice your skills, to use up left over wood scraps, to contribute to the AWG goals, or because it's fun are all good reasons to participate in the Guild Toys Program. Please welcome **Buddy Finch** as our Toys Chairman.



We ask you to support **Buddy** and the Toys Program this year for whatever your reason. **Buddy** has set a goal of 2003 toys in 2003. **Buddy** would like to challenge each of you to make at least 10 toys this year.

It takes relatively little time to do a few simple cutouts and sand the edges (to protect

those little fingers from splinters). The toys need not be elaborate nor do they need to be finished (other than that sanding) because the children enjoy putting on the paint jobs themselves!

Buddy's plan calls for a visit to Children's Hospital (see page 1) to see first hand what is being done with the toys we make. It also calls for more toy workshops so that we can again work as a team this year. We will be hearing more from **Buddy** about those workshops.



Another Successful Demo

At WOODCRAFT



Participants had lots of fun at the Woodcraft demo on May 31! We were all winners just for being there, but **Jim Lee** (1st Place of \$200), **Buzz and Nelda Kelly** (2nd Place of \$100) and **Dan Browning** (3rd Place of \$50) walked away with cash awards. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.



Most of all, thanks to the good folks at Woodcraft who hosted us, fed us lunch and gave prizes to our members.

Don't the shirts look good on everyone?





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