



# Guild News

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*Saturday,*

**September 20, 2003**

- **Social Hour 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM**
- **Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM**
- **Bidding until 11:00 AM**
- **Shop Tour with Jim Lee**

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## Silent AUCTION, September 20th

***Rumor has it that woodworkers are the best bargain hunters around.*** It IS well known that woodworkers are constantly trading up and buying better and better toys. About once a year the Guild has an auction so that those looking for a bargain, or those just starting out with woodworking can buy items from those that have traded up. It's the old "one man's junk" is "another man's treasure". Know someone looking for a treasure? Bring them along. Everyone is welcome!

As always at the annual auction, there will be used tools ( from those who have traded up), projects made by woodworkers, items donated by some of our sponsors, and even some lumber. There is some really nice mahogany and cherry that will be up for sale.

Have stuff to sell? (no selling wives or children please) Bring your stuff out to Thuston's between 2:00PM and 5:00 PM on Friday, September 19th or before 8:30 AM on Saturday, September 20th. You can donate all the proceeds from your items or sell your wares and donate 10% of the proceeds to the Guild. Sellers can set a minimum bid for their items. This will be a silent auction where you can see the bid on a form and up the bid as you wish.

At 11:00 AM when the bidding is over, buyers and sellers settle with each other. Funds for donated items will be paid to club treasurer, **Harold Phillips** or his assistants. Sellers are on the honor system to pay the 10% donation to the club.

Don't miss it, we're sure to have a lot of fun!

## Jim Lee's, Shop Tour

After the meeting on Saturday, September 20th, we are all invited to the shop of **Jim Lee**. You all know **Jim Lee**. As a board member, his duties include getting information on spotlight members and putting together our Show and Tell.

**Jim** likes to make sure that

we always have something for Show and Tell so he creates a new item almost every month.

**Jim** makes his living doing woodworking. I can't wait to drive out to Montevallo to see what kind of shop this prolific woodworker must have!

See page three for maps.

## August Meeting

Our August meeting was packed. *We began taking checks and reservations for the Marc Adams Cabinet Making Seminar coming up on November 20th.* Fred Baker and Buzz Kelly sold wooden wheels for toys. Dan Browning invited us to a toy workshop.

There was all kinds of Show and Tell including Larry Taylor's "you name it" "wife pleaser", Frank Jones' angle back scratcher, Mel Brown's turned bowls, Jim Lee's maple table, George Schoppert's toy car and eagle, Paul Mancill's rabbit on wheels, Sheryl Brown's work plans to share, and Dan Browning's maple table.

Buddy Finch put together a great program for us on how to make toys. Harold Phillips shared templates and how to in-

structions for his little cars.

Fred Baker demonstrated how his helicopters and stuff carriers were made.



Larry Taylor showed us toys made with only a compound miter saw, band saw, sander, and drill press.

Buddy Finch shared his "sophisticated templates" for trucks, boats, and little cars.

Then Dan Browning showed us how he makes his "funky" cars.

Everyone had special tips to share.



Frank Jones



Mel Brown

## Toy Workshop

A dozen folks showed up at Dan Browning's shop to make toys on Saturday, September 6th.

Jim Anchors, Paul LeSueur, Bill Shivers, Eddie Heerten, Harold Phillips, Jim McKit-



trick, John Merchant, Dan Browning, Buzz and Nelda Kelly, Buddy Finch, and Paul Mancill participated.

We have a good start but it's still a ways to get to our goal of 2003 toys in 2003!



## 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. at Jos. Thuston & Sons Saw Works, 3021 4th Avenue South.

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

See our website at: [www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org](http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

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## WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED!

Last years show was the best in recent years, if not in Guild history. The participants brought us a great display of items, all quality items by participants from all skill levels and from both veteran and first time participants.

At last months meeting, a show of hands was requested to indicate those that would be entering items in the November 1<sup>st</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. The response did not appear to be sufficient to meet the challenge presented to all future shows by last years group.

Are we up to the challenge? It is not that difficult, all that is required is participation. Display your work...even if you feel that you could have done some things better, would have changed some part of the design, used a different wood or finish...take pride in what you have done. Keep in mind that you are your own worst critic. The whole process is a learning experience that will help you with your next project.

The goal is not be the best in the group...the goal is to be the best woodworker you can be. Display your work and you will discover that you are better than you think you are.

Walter Barnett

## SPOTLIGHT MEMBER: ED SHERIFF

The man that instituted the first Guild Auction, Ed Sheriff, admits to 70 years of wood-working experience. He says that it all started after he dulled his father's tools. Having retired in 1988, Ed Sheriff was down at Alabama Lumber when he heard about the Guild.

Ed says that he started out making boxes but his favorite thing to make is traditional Chinese furniture.

Ed's first time to enter the annual Guild show was at the Hoover mall where he entered three pieces and walked away with three ribbons. Since then he has won Best of Show 4 times (is that all?)

Ed was Show Chairman for a couple of years, Vice

President, and then Guild President. He says he is a much better woodworker than a president. He says that our current group of officers and board members are the finest ones yet.

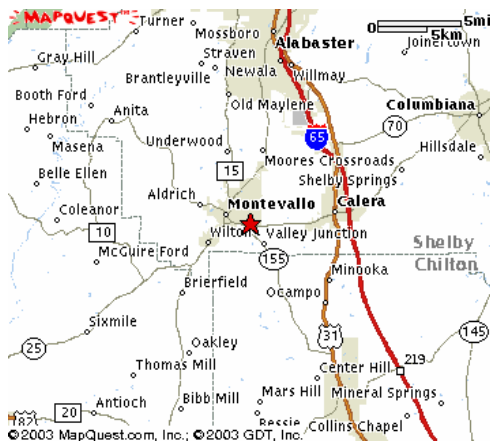
Over the years Ed Sheriff has been published in Fine Woodworking, American Woodworker, and Woodworks. He won a first place ribbon with his amateur entry in a national competition held by American Woodworker Magazine.

These days, Ed Sheriff says that at 78 with arthritis he just does what he likes. He has a new project he is working on and hopes he has it ready for the show. It isn't traditional Chinese furniture but more than that he isn't saying. You'll just have to wait and see at the show.

Items  
For  
Sale

Taiwanese 15" surface planer w/3 blade cutter head, HTC mobile base, & extra blade set \$550. Hitachi 15" miter saw w/carbide blade \$400. Pneumatic drum sander w/asst. diameter drums \$275.

Contact Ken after 6:00 PM (205)-655-4096.

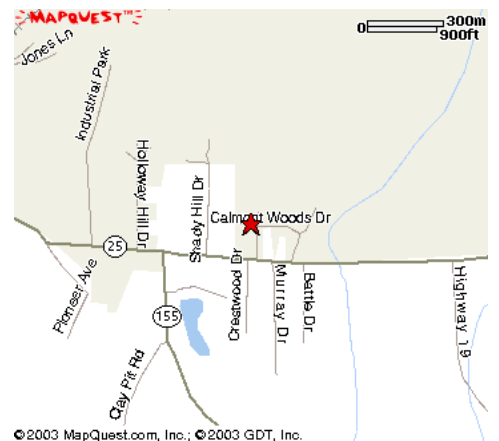


To get to Jim Lee's shop, take I 65 South to the first Calera exit (Hwy 31).

Turn right on Hwy 25 and go ?? Miles. Turn right on to Calmont Woods Drive.

Jim and Carol's is the first house on the left (59 Calmont Woods Drive), Montevallo.

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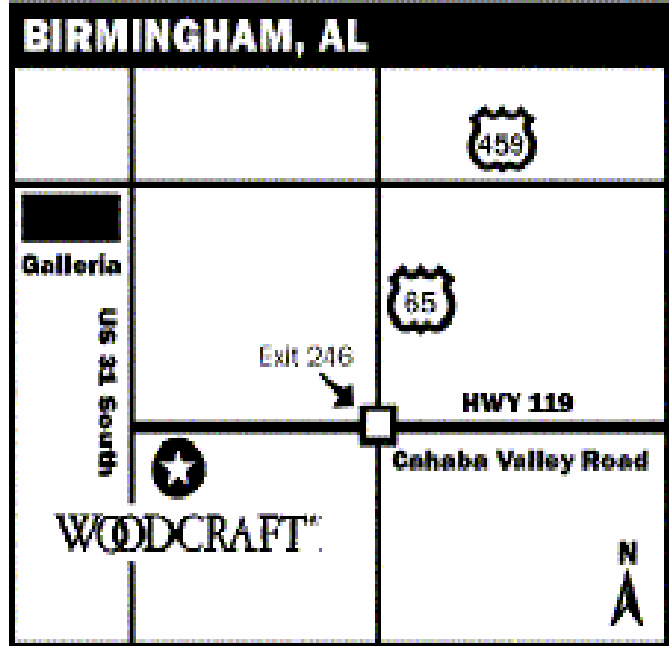
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