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Next Meeting
Thursday,
January 15, 2004

Don't forget your Show
and Tell items

Program on
veneering by
Chuck Solomon

Dues are Due

Toy Wheels for Sale

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President's Message

I've been kind of laid back relaxing since our Christmas party... Just enjoying the holidays and thinking (some folks say that can be dangerous... thinking that is) thinking a lot about the Guild and recalling our accomplishments over the past year. For example, celebrating our 20th anniversary, our outstanding toys program and toys workshops, the great annual juried show, our move to Homewood for our monthly meetings, the Marc Adams cabinet making seminar, a number of new members, entertaining and educational monthly programs, and a wonderful Christmas party.

All of these things were successful because of the work of a lot of people and that brings me to what I was really thinking about. The members of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild are a special group! They're always willing to lend a hand, give advice, be there when some "brainstorming" on a project is needed or just to listen. The relationships I have enjoyed over the years are lasting and certainly can not be replaced. I enjoy the fellowship and friendship with each and every one of you!

My hope of each of you is a wonderful, prosperous, healthy and happy 2004!

Veneering

Our first program of 2004 will be presented by **Chuck Solomon**, one of our new board members for this year.

Chuck, an excellent woodworker and teacher, has attended a number of classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in North Franklin, Indiana. **Chuck** will share with us some of what he learned in the veneering class at the Marc Adams School.

Veneering is an important skill for a woodworker to master, so don't miss this program.

Happy New Year!

Paul Mancill

Chuck Solomon & his clock from 2003 →



Christmas Party 2003

*Santa and his elves have nothing on Delegator **Dan Browning** and his woodworkers.* While Santa was still making lists, **Bill Thomas** was putting together a party plan with a time place and entertainment. As the big day approached woodworkers were sent far and wide to collect only the finest of door prizes for the event.

Party day found **Bill Thomas** directing the arrangement of tables and centerpieces. **Paul Mancill** was baking hams while **Charlie Yerby** picked up fried chicken and **Charlie Ard** purchased paper products and table cloths. **Jim Lee** helped to deliver and set up door prizes while **Debbie Browning, Marcia Mancill, Kathy Shivers, Betty Thomas** and **Miriam Finch** arranged food tables and cleaned up afterward.

Harold Phillips directed traffic at the door giving everyone a drawing ticket and a name tag, directing those with toys to **Buddy Finch** to be included on his toy makers list, those with door prizes to **Nelda Kelly** for her door prize list and

those with food were directed to the ladies setting up the food tables.

Buzz Kelly carried toys and door prizes back to **Jim Lee** for display.

The food was outstanding as always. We had a record turnout in attendance. The Newcomers entertained us with song and got us to laugh and sing along.

Buddy Finch got to announce that we had exceeded our goal of 2003 toys by some 20 or more. (Go Buddy!)

Jim Lee presented WoodCraft gift certificates to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter Show and Tell winners (**Richard Brown** for his cat casket, **Chuck Solomon** for his grandfather clock, and **Shane Carter** for his end table).

There was a special drawing for prizes to be awarded to toy makers. **Larry Boots, Larry Taylor, Mel Brown, Dan Browning, Bill Shivers** and **Jim Anchors** were all winners.

Dan Browning called out numbers for door prizes for a very long time. A few of the winners were **Jeff Bishop** who got the DeWalt saw stand, **Fred Baker** who won a router, **Charlie Yerby** who won the DeWalt radio, **Bill Shivers** won radio earphones, **Chuck Solomon** won a Delta Driver, **Paul Mancill** got a Ryobi drill, and **Frank Jones** got a Kregg jig. Several people won wood from Hardwoods, Inc. I don't remember who won the priceless **Fred Baker** helicopters or the **Cliff Daniels** Christmas ornaments but I am jealous of who ever it was.

Cheryl Brown had to work hard to get pictures of all the winners.

There was so many people, such good food, such great prizes, and so much going on I just couldn't keep up with it all. I apologize in advance for everyone and everything I missed!

Thanks to everyone who worked to make this party such an outstanding success.

Guild Members Attend Christmas Program and Tour Plant

On Thursday, December 18th **Buddy Finch, Jim Lee, Bill Shivers, James Armstrong** and **Jackie Tyler** visited Dixie-Pacific in Gadsden and attended the Christmas party the company provides annually for some of the students at Walnut Park School.

For the past several years Dixie-Pacific has sponsored an angel tree with their employees picking an angel from the tree and being responsible to furnish the child's Christmas wish, wrapped and ready for Santa to give the child while sitting on Santa's knee. For the last two

years that gift has been supplemented with a wooden toy that one of you had made for our Toys Program. This year about sixty children benefited from Dixie-Pacific's program.

I must add that we were all quite touched watching the children's visit with Santa and seeing the smiles the gifts and the wooden toy brought each child.

When we returned to the plant from the school we were given an extensive tour of the facility. Dixie-Pacific is one of the top three manufacturers of architectural columns in the US. They fabricate columns in both wood and fiberglass at the Gadsden plant. Over the years the product mix is shifting to more fiberglass. I

guess that is so there will be more wood for us to use??

One of the highlights of the tour was our visit to the lumber warehouse! Wow - a million board feet of select hardwoods!!! We tried to bargain for a few pieces but no luck.

We all had a great day; the experience with the children could not have been more meaningful and the way the people of Dixie-Pacific welcomed us and toured us through their facility was just too much.

Thank you Dixie-Pacific for allowing us to be part of your program.

Membership Dues are Due This Month

It's a new year! That means it's time to pay dues again. They are still a bargain at \$25 a year. You can pay at the January meeting or mail a check payable to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild to **Harold Phillips** at 3460 Mountainwood Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244 Please let us know if your information in the membership directory needs to be revised.

Harold Phillips, Our Spotlight Member

With January being dues time again, I thought to spotlight our dues collector himself, **Harold Phillips**. **Harold** still has a broom holder that he made as a project in shop prior to 1933. His favorite projects these days are toys for the Toys Program. He enjoys making cars, picture frames, puzzles, and doll beds. He also enjoys sharing his knowledge.

At our monthly meeting in August **Harold** brought labeled plywood templates to share and did a demo for us on how to make his signature toy cars. Then at the Toy Workshops he walked us step by step through the process using a template to draw multiple cars on a single piece of wood, drilling all the holes prior to cutting out the cars, sanding the cutouts, and then using spacers when installing wheels. In November he showed up at the meeting with boxes of cars, cut outs, and picture frames he had made for Children's Hospital.

Last year when we drafted **Frank Jones** to build a second bookcase for our library, **Harold** immediately volunteered to assist **Frank**. **Harold** is always there. He shows up at board meetings with updated financials, he sets up our pots for coffee at regular meetings, takes up money, writes checks, he keeps the membership list, balances up our bank account and numerous other tasks for the Guild.

At 82, **Harold Phillips** is still one of our most active and supportive members. When you hand him your check for dues this month be sure to tell **Harold** how much you appreciate his hard work.

Thanks to our Sponsors

Thanks to the following companies and individuals who contributed door prizes for our Christmas Party: DeWalt, DeWalt Service Center, Hardwoods Inc of Alabama, WoodCraft, Bo Thuston, Lowe's on Valleydale, Lowe's in Leeds, Lowe's on Hwy280, Lowe's in Trussville, Home Depot, Bluff Park Hardware, Max Tool, AEARO Safety Co, HGH, Johnny Ray's, Bruno's, **Jim Lee, Cliff Daniels, Fred Baker, Larry Hastings, Charlie Yerby, Larry Young, Bill Host, Arlyn Larson, Boger & Solomon, and Larry Taylor.**

Items For Sale

Got items to sell or want to purchase something? Let us know and we will list them for you.

Buzz Kelly still has that 12" Craftsman Band Saw for sale. Make him an offer. 205-733-1258

Meeting Directions:

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road
Homewood, AL

To Homewood Senior Center:

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. (see "From Both")

From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights).

From both: When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

About Us

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL.

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