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Next Meeting
Thursday,
May 20, 2004
gather at 6:00 PM
meeting starts
promptly
at 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell items

Toy Wheels for Sale

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President's Message

I'd like to share a few thoughts about what's happening in the Guild from where I sit. Have you folks taken a good look at the Show and Tell being displayed at our meetings? I'm constantly hearing "You gonna put that in the show this year?" And "this could be our best show ever if it consists of only our show and tell items." Thanks to **Jim Lee** and his constant reminders, you folks are really bringing in quality work.

If you missed the woodcarvers you missed a great and entertaining program. (How do those guys do that and still have their fingers? I didn't even see a band-aid!)

Our first Friday afternoon gathering at WoodCraft was a great success. About fifteen or so members and a few guests showed up to design and build a real neat mahogany table. (It was a design by committee—and sometimes that can be an adventure.) I plan to show it off at our May meeting. By that time we will

have met a couple more times and who knows what we'll design and build. Our plan is to meet on Friday afternoon, have lunch, and build something (and share lots of ideas). Should we do this every Friday or once a month or maybe every other Friday? What do you think?

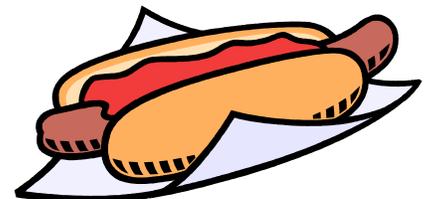
Speaking of WoodCraft, Tom and the folks there continue to be real supporters of the Guild and our efforts to promote woodworking in our area. Other wonderful supporters of the Guild are the folks at the Homewood Senior Citizen Center and their leadership. Boy, are these folks making things easy for us.

For our May meeting we will have our annual hot dog cook out. This will be a great meeting to bring your spouse and/or a friend. Hope to see YOU there.

Hot Dog Supper in May

Our May meeting will be our annual hot dog supper! Our program will be woodworking demonstrations by several of our talented members.

We will be able to watch the action, eat and socialize with our fellow woodworkers. This will be a great evening to introduce your significant other or a friend to the Guild. So, come on along and bring a guest or two!



Alabama Woodworkers Guild Scholarship Program April 15, 2004

The following program was voted on and approved by the general membership on April 15, 2004.

Program Name

The program is to be referred to as "Alabama Woodworkers Guild Scholarship Program."

Funding

The program will be funded from the general budget of the Guild. One thousand dollars will be allocated to fund the program in 2005 and adjusted as appropriate by the BOD at the January meeting of each of the following years.

In 2004 five hundred dollars will be allocated at the July meeting for awards during the remainder of the year. In the following years, half of the annual budget will be allocated for awards in January and half will be allocated in July.

Management

The BOD will appoint a member to serve as the Scholarship Program Administrator. The administrator will be responsible to receive scholarship applications for presentation to the BOD, keep records as needed, and request the Treasurer to issue payments as approved by the BOD.

Bill Shivers was appointed as the initial administrator.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a scholarship the member must have been an active member of the Guild for twelve months and have renewed his or her membership for their second year.

Guild sponsored seminars are not eligible for these scholarships.

Awards

Awards will be considered for any course related to improving one's woodworking skills and offered by a recognized organization involved in promoting woodworking.

Any funds not awarded during a period may be carried forward to future periods.

Members may apply for a scholarship equal to 50% of the tuition cost of the course, not to exceed \$200.

Awards will be made on a "first come" basis to the extent funds are available. The time and date of the postmark or the time and date the application is handed

to the administrator is the basis for the "first come".

A member may not receive more than one scholarship during a calendar year.

The scholarship will be paid to the recipient upon completion of the course and presentation of a paid receipt from the teaching organization.

The Scholarship Program Administrator will be responsible to maintain all records for the program.

Application

Applications are to be submitted on the attached form. It may either be mailed to the Guild's post office box or it may be delivered to the Administrator.

Applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Program Administrator within six weeks after the start of the course.

Obligations

The recipient is obligated to write an article for the newsletter describing and critiquing the course. And, as a supplement to our meetings, they are obligated to instruct the Guild in the learned skills at a pre-meeting or regular meeting program.

AWG Scholarship Application

This application must be submitted to the Scholarship Program Administrator within six weeks after the start of the course. Awards will be made on a reimbursement basis and will be "first come".

Name: _____

Request Date: _____

Course to be taken:

Organization Offering Course:

Location: _____

Course Start Date: _____

Tuition cost of Course: _____

Value of Scholarship Requested: _____

Signature: _____

Status of "Book of Plans"

As of last meeting there were 8 members that have participated by providing plans. Those 8 produced 98 plans that are now in a three ring binder and will be placed in the library next meeting.

Anyone can still participate by giving your plans to **Cliff Daniels** at anytime and he will see that they get into the binder.

April Meeting

If you missed the April meeting you missed a very interesting and informative presentation. Ken Reiner, president of the Tannehill Woodcarvers told us about their club and encouraged us to join. Then Wayne Thaggard demonstrated carving a spirit face and showed us many of his outstanding carvings. After Wayne finished his presentation, L. H. Wilson inspired us with his carvings which included several large pieces. Thanks to the Tannehill Woodcarvers for a great program!

Bill Thomas brought a 3 story bird house, **Ronald Dunn** produced a chair, 2 bowls, and a baseball bat, **Harold Hall** showed off some turned bowls, **Buddy Finch** brought a candle and an airplane, and **John Lawson** displayed his chess board, all for Show and Tell.

Charlie's Shop Tour

By all reports, everyone enjoyed the visit to **Charlie Ard's** new shop. The excellent Cajun food served is getting rave reviews.

According to **Bill Thomas**, our event organizer, **Charlie** has set the bar high for future shop visits! Thanks to **Charlie** for an outstanding shop visit.

Dust Getting You Down?

Bill Shivers found a website that addresses a safety issue that we, as woodworkers, should at least be aware of and better still take some action on. It is the best source of info that **Bill** has seen on the hazards of wood dust and what and how we do about it. The address is : <http://cnets.net/~eclectic/woodworking/cycloe/index.cfm>.

"This site shares the potentially deadly dangers of fine wood dust. It starts with the medical reasons we must protect those close to us and ourselves. It shares what the medical and health experts say.....It provides practical information on ducting, hoods, inexpensive cyclone and blower designs.

SUMMER CLUB DAY AT WOODCRAFT SATURDAY, JULY 17TH 9AM—3PM

The following is a letter the we received from Brian Hankins, Store Manager at WoodCraft:

We would like to once again extend an invitation to you and your members to join us for the fourth year in a row this summer for our club days! The last three years have all been successful and we hope to make this year even better.

The format will be the same as in the past: Weather permitting, we'll have the front of the store open for exhibitions. We'll let customers vote on club member's pieces and we'll award prizes around three in the afternoon.

Club members are welcome to start bringing in artwork the week before the club day and voting will take place that Saturday. We will also plan a cookout for lunch and refreshments will be available all day. Please be sure to bring plenty of club newsletters and applications for new members. This is a great opportunity for people to see what your organization is all about.

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.

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

Our Webmaster is **Bob Browning**. See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org

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Sat: 9AM-6PM

Sun: Noon-5 PM



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