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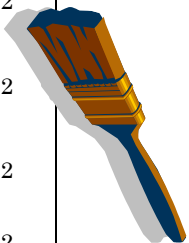
Next Meeting
Thursday,
June 17, 2004
gather at 6:00 PM
meeting starts
promptly
at 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell items

Toy Wheels for Sale

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President's Message

We have several Fridays at Wood-Craft under our belts now and it looks like there is a real audience out there eager to share our knowledge.

We're meeting about lunch time every Friday which is great for those who want to just wander with lunch in hand and participate as they want. However, it can eat up a lot of time for those of us trying to put something together and lead the group every Friday. We need more folks willing to share some knowledge and a project or two. **Fred Baker** and I have been having a great time but those eager participants need an occasional break from us...and we could use a week off now and again.

One of our first volunteers is **Mike Key** who will be doing a project on June 11th. **Buddy Finch**, has

agreed to lead a toy workshop on the Friday directly following our meeting each month, beginning June 18th. We could use a volunteer for June 25th.

Many of our members are working and can't participate. If you have a project and/or skill that you could share please give me a call or see me at our July meeting.

Remember that our demo day at WoodCraft is coming up on July 17th and we are being allowed to display some of our work and maybe walk away with some nice prizes that week.

With almost half of 2004 behind us already, we still have lots of woodworking to look forward to this year. Come on and get involved!

See you on the 17th!

The Finish Makes or Breaks the Project

Everyone struggles with applying a finish from time to time and we all realize that the finish makes or breaks the project. Our June program will feature two of our up and coming master woodworkers, **Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly**.

Having recently returned from a one week class at the Mark Adams school on Hand Applied Finishes, **Buzz** and **Nelda** will share with us several of the techniques they learned in this class. According to them, *they never knew there was so much to consider in finishing*. Come out and benefit from what they learned.

If anyone knows of a good program they would like to see later this year please let me know.

See you at the meeting!
Paul

What's Been Going On?

Our May Meeting was our annual Hot Dog Supper. We would like to thank everyone that worked to make our hot dog supper a success. **Paul Mancill** did our shopping for us. **Mike Key, Charlie Ard, and Dan Browning** brought wood working tools and set them up to do demos for us while the food was being cooked. **Chuck Solomon** got roped into cooking dogs and **Debbie Browning, Buzz Kelly, Jim Lee, and Nelda Kelly** helped to get the room set up. There were probably others because it seemed that everyone that came in early was lending a hand.

The food must have been okay because it all got eaten. We had one of Marc Adams' videos playing for those folks who appreciated the air conditioning more than the demos out side.

Show and tell participants included **Dan Browning** who brought the mahogany table built by our Fridays at WoodCraft group and one of his signature boxes that he had also taught the Friday group to make. **Ronald Dunn** brought a turned goblet, two bowls, and a good looking clock that he had made. **Lee Beadles** brought a couple more of those nice cradles that he is making for the toys program. **Lee's** wife, **Jene** brought her own bookshelf project (go girl!). **Bill Host** brought a walnut table and the foot board from a bed that he had made. **Bill** entertained us with stories of how he had done everything wrong and still recovered and come up with two very good pieces.

Thanks to those who made a contribution to our Comfort Bucket. For those who may not know, we pay a rental fee for our meeting room. We put out a bucket at each meeting for contributions to defray that cost. Those of us who remember meeting in warehouses with no heating or air are happy to make a small contribution each month for our new comfortable meeting place!

We have a new Treasurer. Our long time treasurer, **Harold Phillips**, has resigned due to pressing commitments else where. **James Armstrong** has agreed to accept the appoint-

ment to complete **Harold's** unfinished term. You may wish to express your condolences to **James** when you see him.

We have a shop visit scheduled on June 19th. It will be at **Buzz and Nelda Kelly's** house. (see directions on page 3).

Our demo day at WoodCraft is July 17th. About a week before we take our items for display and competition over to the store. We show up around 9 AM on July 17th with our tools and supplies to show folks how we build stuff. **Dan Browning** has already been asking for volunteers to do the demos. Give him a call if you haven't been asked and want to participate.

Some time around noon the folks at WoodCraft cook lunch for everyone. Later in the afternoon the votes are counted and prizes are awarded for the top three most popular items on display by the members of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. Even if you don't display anything or do a demo, you should come and show your support for the Guild.

There is a calendar of our events posted on our website. See the website if you forget important event dates (www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org). If you have questions and/or suggestions about the website contact **Bob Browning**. **Bob** is our webmaster.

Our Annual Juried Show is right around the corner. Show dates this year are October 23 through the 31st at the Hoover Public Library. You will be hearing more about this in the next couple of months. **Walter Barnett** is our Show Chairman and is working hard to prepare for the show. Have you started your project yet?



November is devoted to the Toys Program. Last year we made 2020 toys for Children's Hospital and some other good causes.

This year our Toys Program Chairman, **Buddy Finch**, has vowed to break that number with our help. You see, there isn't **Buddy** loves more than making children smile.

Buddy has already begun. He will lead toy workshops at WoodCraft one Friday each month. He will store toys if you make them and don't have room to store them until November. See **Buddy** if you have new ideas for the program or want to help. Did you see **Buddy Finch** and **Dan Browning** on the Children's Miracle Network Telethon on the weekend of June 5th and 6th? They made us proud!

Our Christmas Party is on Tuesday, December 7th at the Homewood Senior Center this year. This is a departure from our normal date and place so please mark your calendars. Party chairman, **Bill Thomas**, would like to remind you that it is not too early to start collecting door prizes for the Christmas Party. Some stores and businesses allocate their contribution funds early in the year. The next time you are making a purchase or just shopping is a good time to ask about contributions.

Contact our Guild News Editor if you would like to be a writer. We are always looking for suggestions and articles. Also, if you have items to sell let us know. We will be happy to include them.

SHOP VISIT WITH THE KELLYS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Buzz and Nelda Kelly have invited many of us to their shop over the past couple of years. They have hosted a toys workshop, a board meeting, and the blanket chest class in their shop. Anyone who hasn't yet had the opportunity or anyone who wants to come back is invited to join them on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 AM until noon. There will be some coffee and snacks. And the shop is always changing.

To get there take Hwy 65 south to exit 246 (the Oak Mountain exit). Turn left on to Hwy 119 and travel about 1/2 mile to County Road 379 or Arrowhead Lane. Turn left. Take the first right onto Indian Crest Drive (about 1/4 mile). Take the next right (about a block) on to Indian Forrest Drive. Follow this road until it makes a sharp curve to the left and becomes Pawnee Drive. The Kelly House is on the left behind a long brick fence after the curve. The mailbox says KELLY. The telephone number is 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.

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

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

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

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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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