

# Guild News

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*Next Meeting*  
**Thursday,**  
**January 20, 2005**  
**gather at 6:00 PM**  
**meeting starts promptly**  
**at 6:30 PM**

*Don't forget your*  
**Show and Tell**

*Wheels for Toys*  
**Available at Meeting**

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## President's Message

Happy New Year fellow woodworkers! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. During the holidays I built a walnut dining table for our daughter and a walnut bedside table for our daughter-in-law so I have been busy both at work and in the shop.

I am very excited about 2005 for our club. We are making some real changes that will enhance our ability to offer more and do more to promote woodworking in Birmingham. Probably the most important change is that we are applying for official non-profit status with the IRS. This will give us a tremendous opportunity to do fund raising by allowing contributions to be a tax write-off. This will give us money for more scholarships, more professional programs and more seminars (not to mention better quality hot dogs for our next cookout).

And, speaking of seminars, we are in the process of planning two or possibly three seminars this year. These will be all day Saturday events and will conducted by a professional woodworker. (see article page 3 for 1st of 3)

Of course, we will continue our traditions of show and tell, toy making and our annual juried show. We had a great '04. Let's kick off this year with a big turnout for our January meeting! See you there!

*Paul*



## January Program, Coloring Wood

**Mr. Dale Lewis**, perhaps our Guild's most accomplished woodworker, will give a presentation on "Coloring Wood" at our January meeting.

**Dale** has both a Bachelors and Masters Degree plus additional advanced studies in art education.

His work exudes his love of wood and colorfully wacky imagination. Formal art training and television production experience add dimension to his creations. His carefully constructed work is artistically formed and lovingly finished. Whimsically elegant forms emerge influenced by both human and animal form. Fanciful themes frequently embody comedic elements. A selection of fine woods are often embellished by colorful dyes as well as inlays and carving.

**Dale's** work has been exhibited at numerous exhibitions through the southeast and Washington, D.C. plus he has won awards from Texas to Illinois, from Florida to Connecticut.

He is published in *Furniture Studio*, *Fine Woodworking Design Books*, *Woodwork Magazine*, *American Craft* and *Artful Magazines*.

## Over the Hill Gang Meets Fridays at Woodcraft

Our "Fridays at Woodcraft" continue into 2005. Come on over about noon and bring a lunch. The guys eat and discuss projects. Afterwards they work on some sort of woodworking project. Lately it has been toys for Children's Hospital.

According to **Buddy Finch** the plan for 2005 is to make toys one Friday a month and branch out to other projects on the remaining Fridays. Come on by and see what they're up to!



*To the "over the hill gang",*

What can I say that would be strong enough to express my thanks to you and your efforts. You were the catalyst that made the reaction go to completion. There were many that helped but I would like to give special thanks to the "faithful four" who were present at nearly all the work sessions. They were **Lee Beadles, Baron Bartlett, Bill Snipes and Paul LeSueur**. Also thanks to **Shane Carter** and the crew at Woodcraft who have us work space and all the others who came by to give advice, harassment and help. It is wonderful to be a part of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild who use their many talents and skills to make others happy. Thank you!!!!!!

**Buddy Finch**

## Best of Show 2004

At our November meeting Show Chairman, **Walter Barnett** presented the "Best of Show" ribbon to **Cliff Daniels** for his incredible scroll saw rendition of the 23rd Psalm. The following is a note we got from **Cliff**:

I didn't get to say much at our last meeting but I wanted each of you to know what a great honor it was for one of my pieces to win "Best of Show" at our recent show. This is especially true in light of the enormous talent in our guild.

My wife has always accused me of being a perfectionist. I don't really think I am, however I do believe that if you are going to take the time to do something, whether woodworking or otherwise, you should do it to the very best of your ability. It's obvious to me that a lot of folks in our group feel the same way. All you have to do is look at the quality of work that was in the show.

For those of you that participated in the show I commend you on the outstanding quality of your work and for those that chose not to participate this year I challenge you to begin thinking about something you can do for next years show. Again, thanks for the honor.

**Cliff Daniels**

## Dues are Due

By unanimous vote at the November meeting, our dues were set at \$35 per year. Our treasurer, **James Armstrong**, will be collecting dues at the January meeting. Save your postage pay at the meeting.

Otherwise, you can mail your dues to:

Alabama Woodworkers  
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P.O. Box 26665  
Birmingham, AL 35260

## Thanks to our Sponsors and Members who Donated Door Prizes

Thanks to the following companies for donating prizes for our Christmas party at the requests of members:

**Home Depot in Pelham** Ryobi Drill and Hole Saws  
(Richard & Sheryl Brown & Frank Jones)  
**Certex** Mini Puller (Mike Key)  
**Woodcraft** Dewalt Drill (Paul Mancill)  
**Bluff Park Hdwe** Miter Box (Paul Mancill)  
**Dewalt (Mike Walter)** Dewalt Radio and a Tool Pouch  
(Dan Browning)  
**Lowe's-Leeds** Saw Blade (Jeff Bishop)  
**Lowe's-Trussville** Storage Cabinet (Jeff Bishop)  
**Christopher House** TLC Wax (Harold Hall)  
**Southern Welding Supply** Spray Paint (Paul  
LeSueur)  
**Dixie Pacific** Mahogany Boards  
(Glen Phillips)

The following items were either bought or made and donated by members:

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Bill Host</b>        | Pen Kits            |
| <b>Clarence Rowe</b>    | Drill Bit Set       |
| <b>Chuck Solomon</b>    | Trimwork Book       |
| Members (Fridays group) | Mahogany table      |
| <b>Dale Lewis</b>       | Wooden Spoons       |
| <b>Fred Baker</b>       | Helicopters         |
| <b>Cliff Daniels</b>    | Christmas Ornaments |

Thanks also to everyone that worked to make the evening a success, particularly our chairmen for the event **Bill Shivers and Chuck Solomon**. A special thanks to our fabulous pianist **Carolyn Key** and to **Leonard Sanders** for singing to and with us and for his woodworking caroles.

## MAKING JIGS WITH ZANE POWELL

**Zane Powell** has been a full time faculty member of the Marc Adams school of woodworking since it began in 1992 and for those of you who know the quality of Marc Adams seminars this alone should be enough to make you want to attend. A professional woodworker for 22 years, Zane supervised the residential cabinetry division of Classic Woodworking, specializing in design and building complicated casework. He later started his own company specializing in building fine furniture. His work has been featured on the front cover of Builder Architect Magazine and in Indianapolis Monthly Magazine.

Zane will give us a workshop on making and using jigs. As everyone knows, jigs are tools that increase productivity and enhance quality. The workshop will be held March 5th in **Shane Carter** and **Jim Lee**'s new shop and the tuition will be \$60 which will include lunch. You can sign up at the January meeting. **Mike Key** will be taking reservations.

### Workbench Class Begins February 5th with Fred Baker

*You've been asking for it and here it is!* For 10 Saturday mornings beginning on February 5th, **Fred Baker** will guide a class of no more than 10 students to build a European style work bench.

This is our most popular class by far. Folks have been asking when **Fred** would lead another class and we are lucky that he has agreed to teach this class one more time.

The classes will meet at the shop of **Shane Carter** and **Jim Lee**. The cost will be \$85 per person. See **Fred** or **Paul** at the January meeting to reserve your spot.

### Items for Sale

#### Model 2030 Makita planer/jointer

2 sets of knives, good condition \$900

Contact Dale Lewis 205-685-5393 or 907-6660

"The Woodworking Show" will be in Atlanta January 28, 29, & 30 at Georgia International Convention Center. Tickets are \$10. See website ([www.thewoodworkingshows.com](http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com)) or check with **Paul Mancill** at the January meeting for details.

### Scholarship Program:

Our scholarship program has been funded for 2005. Make your plans early for the schools you wish to attend or the courses you wish to take.

Congratulate our latest scholarship winner, **James Armstrong**, on his visit to the Dogwood Institute in Atlanta, Ga.



### Late Breaking News:

Marc Adams is coming back in November.

There will also be a Scroll Class with **Cliff Daniels** later this year. More details to come.

### Meeting Directions:

**Homewood Senior Center** 816 Oak Grove Road **Homewood, AL**

**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).

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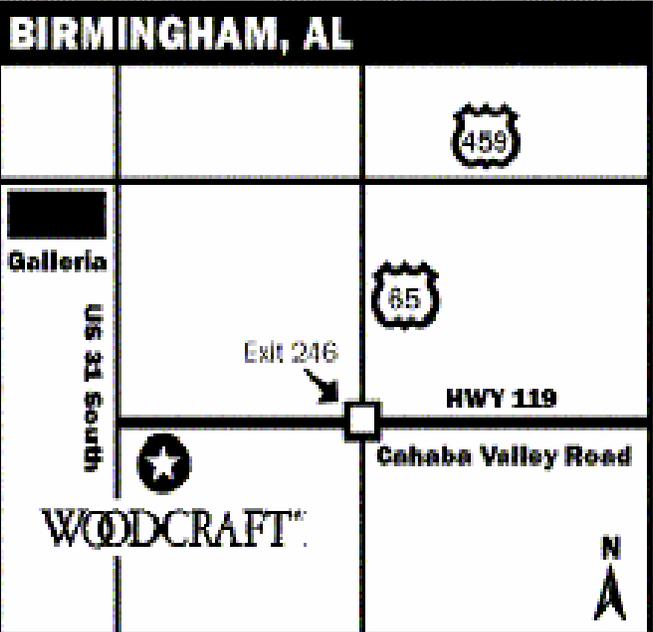
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M - T - W - F: 9AM - 7PM

Th: 9AM-9PM

Sat: 9AM-6PM

Sun: Noon-5 PM



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 James Armstrong, Treasurer at (205) 681-8165. Our Webmaster is Bob Browning. See our website at: [www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org](http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

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