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*Next Meeting
Thursday,
April 21, 2005
gather at 6:00 PM
meeting starts promptly
at 6:30 PM*

*Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

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President's Message

First I would like to say that our March program was great! **Harold Hall** with a little help from **Mike Key** and **Cliff Daniels**, did a terrific job! I have never turned pens and now I have the bug to give it a try. Isn't this what our guild is all about? – Learning new techniques, encouraging and inspiring each other.

In my opinion, this is a pivotal year in the history of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. There is a tremendous amount of energy and effort going into some very exciting changes for the Guild. Probably the most significant change is that we now have official non-profit status with the IRS. With this change, we will be starting a Patrons Program. Patrons of the Guild will be featured in our newsletter in return for a tax-deductible contribution to the Guild. Non-profit status will also allow us to apply for grants and generally make it easier to raise funds. Special thanks to **Walter Barnett** for his work in obtaining this non-profit status.

I am also looking forward our cookout and silent auction at our May meeting. (Look for more information in this newsletter.) Then, June 11 will be our second seminar of the year featuring Kenton Hall, a woodworker and professor at Ball State in Muncie IN. Kenton will discuss and demonstrate how woodworkers in the past used varying moisture content in wood to keep joints tight. He will demonstrate how he uses jigs, hand tools and shop tools to build a simple chair. This should be a very interesting and informative seminar so please attend if possible. **Mike Key** has agreed to keep a roster for attendees and the tuition will be \$60 so sign up at the next meeting.

See you then!

Paul

P.S. One of our members (**Rick McNew**) is relocating to Arkansas and has donated a bunch of wood and toy parts to be given away at the April meeting.

April '05 Meeting Program

Cliff Daniels will discuss the scroll saw at our April meeting.

Without question, **Cliff** is one of our Guild's most accomplished woodworkers. He is mostly self-taught. While **Cliff** has been a woodworker most of his life, he became more serious about twenty years ago and, after joining the Guild in the early 90's, he was truly inspired by what he saw and learned in this group.

His most recent award was "Best of Show" in our juried showing last November for the "23 Psalm" done with a scroll saw.

In the early summer **Cliff** will teach a series of Saturday classes on the scroll saw. At our meeting he will discuss the different aspects of the saw, accessories, and supplies and show examples of what can be accomplished with the saw.

Kenton Hall Seminar June 11

The Guild board was fortunate to get a preview of Kenton Hall's presentation at the April board meeting. As Kenton Hall showed us pictures of his work, one is struck by how with one foot firmly planted in the past the other stretches far into the future. Kenton is fascinated by the old world art that allowed furniture makers to create joinery that is beautifully tight after a hundred years. He has spent a great deal of time in the north east studying techniques of the past great master furniture makers. Yet his work has a futuristic feel.

As an instructor at Ball State University, Kenton encourages his students to venture to the very edges of their imaginations and look into the future to create new unique creative designs. His students, even those who had never before done woodworking, create interesting, new furniture pieces. His seminar is sure to be thought provoking and inspiring. The class will concentrate on chair making and creating those joints that should be tight in a hundred years. Kenton says that the secret to those tight joints is understanding the affects of moisture on wood and manipulating it to your advantage.

Shane Carter and **Jim Lee** have very graciously invited us to once again use their shop for the seminar. It will be held on **June 11 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM**. The workshop is a bargain at \$60 and will include lunch. **Mike Key** will be taking reservations at our April meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Cliff Daniels' Scroll Saw Class Begins June 18th

Can't get enough woodworking? The Guild has arranged for another of our outstanding woodworkers, **Cliff Daniels**, to teach a scroll class. The class will begin on June 18th and be held over the next 3 to 4 Saturdays. This will be a hands on class limited to 10 participants.

The cost will be just \$85 for all of the classes. **Mike Key** will begin taking reservations at the April meeting. If you are interested don't delay. Remember that the workbench class filled up in the day the class was opened for reservations.

Delta Planer with Stand To be Given Away

The Guild purchased a 12 1/2" Delta Planer with stand from Woodcraft to be given away in a drawing this year. Those folks that make a donation of \$5 will be given a chance to win the planer. Donors of \$20 will be given 5 chances to win. See **Buzz Kelly** at the April meeting to make your donation.

Tom at Woodcraft gave us a 10% discount off the purchase price of the planer. We are very thankful to the good folks at Woodcraft for their support and ask that you support them when you can. Tom asks that anytime you are thinking of making a mail order purchase of tools you give him a chance to match the price. He might not always be able to do so but he would like to give it a shot at the business.

March Meeting Notes

What a terrific meeting! **Eddie Heerten** brought a mallet he had turned from green sweet gum and a top he had turned. These were projects **Eddie** told us he had made at the Black Warrior Woodturning class he had taken. This was Eddie's Guild scholarship class.

Other Show and Tell participants included **Dwight Hostetter** with a fireplace bellows and a heart pierced by an arrow; **Buddy Finch** brought turned ornaments; and **John Lawson** showed us his veneered table.

John did a mini presentation on "making your own veneer bag." prior to our official program. (Terrific presentation **John**!) Rumor has it that **John** is going to put that pretty little veneered end table in the May auction.

Bill Shivers asked for volunteers for a 'Host' committee to help with setting up and breaking down from each meeting. We had two new members to volunteer right away, **Ron Powell** and **Angela Spanos**. Welcome to the Guild, we're glad to have you!

Harold Hall gave an excellent presentation on pen turning. Then **Harold**, **Mike Key** and **Cliff Daniels** all turned pens while we watched. **Marty Cogen** was even seen getting in on the action and trying his hand at turning pens. As an added bonus each of three turners gave away one of the pens that he had turned.

Meanwhile, **Buzz Kelly** accepted donations and chances to win the Delta planer.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Committees

The following is a list of committees and their members and is presented for your information.

- **Education Committee**
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John Lawson 995-9245
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ITEMS FOR SALE:

Delta Router Shaper \$125
 Grizzly 6" Jointer \$300
 Makita 12" Planer \$100

Contact Charles Williams
 205-616-3600

Fridays at Woodcraft

The guys are making toys and doing some other interesting things down at Woodcraft on Friday afternoons. Come join the fun. It does not cost a thing... and you might actually learn something while you're at it!

Family Night and Silent Auction

Our May meeting will be our annual "Family Night and Silent Auction"! Plan to bring your wife, or "friend", and all your little future woodworkers for a night of fun, food, and the opportunity to buy the "items of a lifetime" at the silent auction.

We are asking you to bring items to be auctioned – Don't just bring your junk, bring nice things also. Tools - good and bad, projects you completed, items that will make nice gifts that you do well. If you can name it - bring it!! Those items you bought at the last auction – now you can sell them! --- No, you can't sell your wife, husband or future woodworkers!

You are asked to donate 10% of the sale to the Guild or, if you wish, you may donate the item to the Guild and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Guild. Donations are tax deductible! We will have wood, tools and other things donated by our Sponsors to be auctioned.

Come, have fun and help your Guild with this fundraiser!!!!!!

TAX EXEMPT STATUS

We have received notice that Alabama Woodworkers Guild, Inc. has been determined to be an exempt organization under Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and further granted the status of a public charity.

Having received this status, contributions to the Guild are now qualified tax deductions. We are also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. Having this status should help us with any fund raising effort that the Guild undertakes in the future. In the past, solicitations have been limited to businesses or individuals who could deduct contributions as business expenses or who were willing to make the contribution without regard to any tax deduction. With the tax-exempt charity status, most contributions of money, property or services to the Guild are deductible.

We will be preparing receipt forms to be used to acknowledge contributions that will be available for members to use when soliciting contributions of money or property as we take advantage of these new benefits available to us to provide additional services, programs and educational opportunities to Guild members and the general public.

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

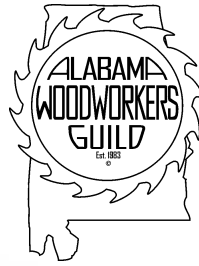
From I65 North, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights).

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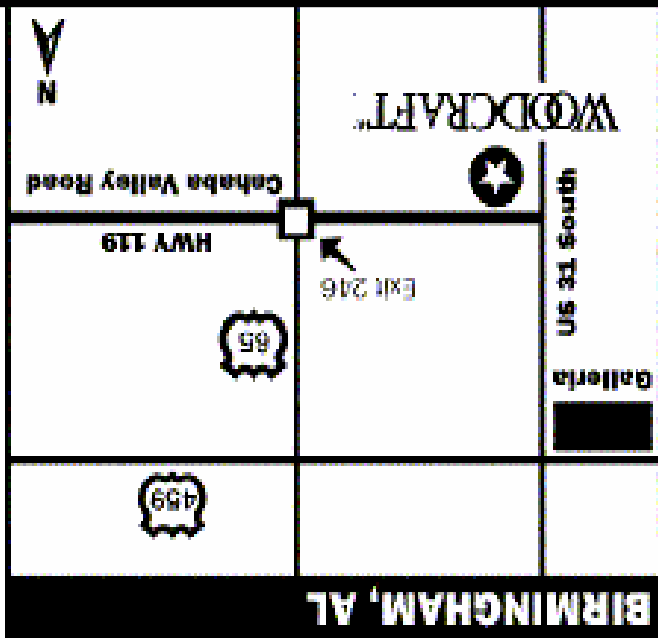


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