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*Next Meeting
Thursday,
June 16, 2005*

*Don't forget your
Show and Tell*

*Toy Wheels available for
sale at the June meeting*

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Woodworkers,

First I want to thank all of you who helped make our cookout and silent auction in May such a success. Thanks to our cooks and a special thanks to those of you who donated proceeds from the sale of your items. These proceeds exceeded \$700! There is not room to mention everyone (plus I would certainly miss some folks) but I have to give a special thanks to **Glenn Phillips** and Dixie Pacific for the incredibly generous donation of some beautiful wide mahogany boards and to **Dan Browning** for arranging for the donation of the Dewalt tool stand from Max Tools. I also have to specially thank **Buzz and Nelda Kelly** for keeping up with the planer and hauling it back and forth for 3 months! The reality is that lots of folks worked hard to make this a success and thanks to you all!

THIS IS YOUR LAST REMINDER FOR THE KENTON HALL SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH. We have lots of room for more folks to attend! Regardless of whether you want to build a chair or not, there will be skills and techniques that you WILL learn that can be applied to numerous other projects. Kenton will demonstrate and discuss the use of both power and hand tools. This seminar may very well inspire you to try a project that you have not tried before. I'm sure you realize that \$60 for a full day with a professional woodworker and woodworking teacher is a real bargain. So give Mike Key (663-9036) or me (823-2195) a call to let us know you are coming.

Thanks, **Paul**

June '05 Meeting Program

Dr. Norm Ellis will be our speaker at the June meeting. Norm was born in St. Clair County. He has three college degrees including a Ph. D from LSU. Though Norm has taught and done research in psychology for thirty years, his woodworking specialty is Stickley furniture. His pieces are works of art.

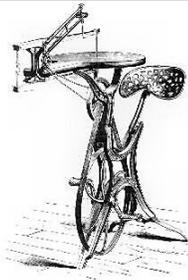
Norm is a member of the West Alabama Woodworkers Guild (WAWA) who has participated in our annual juried shows (and took home blue ribbons every time!). Last year he presented a very well received program on Arts and Crafts style furniture to the Guild.

This time his presentation will be on a subject that we all encounter from time to time; designing and building furniture without plans. He will also cover durability, finishing and finishing the finish.

Norm is an excellent speaker and woodworker. I promise you it is a treat to hear his presentation!

Late breaking news: We have had two cancellations in the June 18th Scroll Saw Class taught by **Cliff Daniels**. The class will be 3 Saturdays beginning June 18th. Contact **Mike Key** (205)663-9036 for reservations.

Scrolling, Scrolling, Scrolling



The scroll saw is one of the safest machines in most shops. Children are even often allowed to use the scroll saw. The mechanical scroll (like the one above) was introduced to replace hand fret saws in the 1800s. Fret work adorned furniture as long as 3000 years ago in Egypt.

We are lucky to have a master of the art within our Guild. **Cliff Daniels'** Scroll Saw Class begins June 18th and will be taught at the shop of **Shane Carter** and **Jim Lee**. Just \$85 for 3 classes!

AWG Memorabilia Being Collected

Cliff Daniels is putting together a collection of Guild memorabilia for display purposes. He's looking for pictures, plaques, letters, or the like. We're trying to collect everything into one place before some of it gets lost forever! You can contact Cliff at 822-7326

Items for Sale

Delta Contractors Saw,
50" Vega Fence—\$350

Call **Shane Carter** 205-563-2588

BOSCH IS TO HAVE A TRUCK LOAD TOOL SALE:

HGH Hardware
3912 2nd Ave. South
Birmingham
Tuesday June 21
9AM - 2PM - Free lunch 11:30 - 1PM
The AWG is invited.

Hi Fellow Sawdust Makers!!

Just a note to let you know we are **BUZZING** along. We try to have a little **LEE**way in our efforts. Sometimes our planning has a little **SNIFE** but don't be **aPAUL**ed at the end result, for we can always trim this off. We have a royal time with the **BARRON** and know that the **BUDDY** system works well as we each try to help one another. Come and join us Friday afternoons at Woodcraft.

Hoping for smooth surfaces and perfect cuts, we remain....

Your Friday Over The Hill Gang!!

Plans for Future Meetings

In July, **Dwight Hostetter** will show how he makes his outstanding wooden 'Nantucket' baskets.

Dwight is a newer member of our Guild and he has already made many contributions such as the Woodcraft demo, Show and Tell, and now a program.

Our August program will be an up-date from Kerry McCalla! Kerry is a former Guild member who moved to Tennessee several years ago. He left many friends here. It will be a treat to see him again. Kerry has a national reputation for his collection of antique tools. Kerry will share with us some of his latest finds.

Harold Hall is one of the best antique repairmen and restorers in this area. In September he will show us some of his secrets. We are hoping that **Harold** will follow this presentation with a series of classes to teach us his art.

At this time the October meeting is open. What would you like to see? November is "Toys" and December will be our Christmas party.

Contact **Bill Shivers** with suggestions.



Our 2005 Bench Class: (Front left to right) **James Armstrong**, **Marty Cogen**, **Jim Lee** (host), **Alden Snow** (Second row left to right) **Mike Key** (instructor), **Fred Baker** (instructor), **Bob Browning**, **Brian Stauss**, **Bill Host**, **Jeff Bishop**, (Back row left to right) **Paul LeSueur**, **Arlyn Larson**, **Shane Carter** (host)

The best birthday present in the world!

As a novice trying to develop bowl-turning skills, I have had trouble finding suitable turning blocks for my lathe. As I may have mentioned before, I am overly frugal, or as my kids have said "Cheap!" Therefore, retail providers of these blanks are out of the question, and 12" x 12" x 7" blocks of wood don't exactly grow on trees. Well, actually they do, but it takes a little work to get to that size.

My wife has listened to my wailing and gnashing of the teeth in this regard for a couple months and decided to give me a gift from the heart. You know you've been married a long time when your wife's idea of a romantic birthday present is a brand new chainsaw. I have been leery of these gorillas of the woodworking world since Hurricane Frederick, when several friends were maimed by them. But then I remember what my Trade School teacher said about electricity, "Don't be afraid of it, but you (expletive deleted) sure better respect it."

As luck may have it, I recently had to have an oak tree removed from my yard and the tree cutters were kind enough to leave a generous supply behind. The Saturday after my birthday I got up bright and early (and so did my neighbors) and stockpiled enough bowl blanks to last for months. All limbs are still intact, and my wife has cancelled the insurance policy she just recently took out on me.

By **Bill Host**

Wood Turning Class

I attended the Black Warrior Turning School's Basic Woodturning 101 (spindle turning) in February. We started at 9:00 AM. **The first topic is safety.** The instructor discussed not having loose clothing, such as long sleeves and gloves. It is important to wear a face shield, hard hat with a lexan face shield, and we need to use lung protection. A facemask with an air filtering system is needed for turning exotic and spalted woods is a must. A dust mask is the very minimum.

Then our instructor discussed the **different types of lathes**: the mini, midi, and heavy-duty lathe. It is important to select the one that is right for you. This would depend on what type of turning you plan to do. **Turning tools** should be high-speed steel tools at least M-2 steel or better. The minimal tools for spindle turning would be 3/4" roughing gauge, 1/2" parting tool, 3/8" spindle gauge, 1/2" skew and 1/4" parting tool.

Next was a demonstration on how to stand, how to adjust the tool rest, how to hold your tool by over hand or under hand grip, and how to sharpen your tools using a wolverine jig with a slow speed grinder.

The instructor demonstrated how to starting turning and how to create a tendon on the end of the piece of wood and then place the tendon inside the chuck. He showed us how to ride the bevel on the turning tools to prevent getting catches (unintentional gouges in the wood caused by not riding on the bevel correctly) and how to make beads and coves. He always cuts down into the wood.

Next we start turning projects. We use green sweet gum to make a mallet. We place the wood between centers, and then we turn back about 1/2" to create a tendon on the piece. Then we place the tendon inside the chuck on the lathe. We turn the upper part the wood to make

the head and then make a bead and cove for a transition to the handle. Then we make a knob for the end of the handle. At the end of class so we made spinning tops.

I found the class very informative. The instructor is patient and answers all the questions fully. The class was enjoyable and I learned so much.

Anyone interested in classes should contact the Black Warrior Wood Turning School,
2929 10th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL. 35401
#205-785-8472(Ed.) - 205-553-6977(Maurice)

By **Eddie Heerten**

Eddie got a partial tuition scholarship for attending this class. If you are interested in finding our more about our scholarship program contact **Bill Shivers**

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). 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