

# Guild News

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*Next Meeting*  
 Thursday, October 20, 2005

*Pre-Meeting presentation*  
 begins at 5:30 PM  
 Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

*Don't forget your*  
 Show and Tell

*Toy Wheels available for sale at*  
 the meeting

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## President's Message

Another year is coming to a close and the fall is a busy time for our organization. One of the most worthwhile and important activities we do is to build toys for the Children's Hospital and other organizations that support children in need. A lot of credit goes to the "over the hill" gang that meets at Woodcraft on Fridays for the incredible amount of toys that they have made. However, this does not let the rest of us off the hook and we need 100% participation this year. In addition to the obvious benefit to the hospital and other groups, this kind of community service is helpful when applying for grants and soliciting patrons.

Another important Guild activity is the opportunity to attend a professional woodworking seminar. It's an unbelievable bargain to be able to attend a full day seminar with a professional woodworker and woodworking instructor for \$60. Mark Adams has his own woodworking school and is both a great woodworker and an experienced instructor. *(See additional information on page 4.)*

I look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting. Do good work.

*Paul*

*Look for articles about the Alabama Woodworkers Guild in the holiday edition of WoodCraft Magazine, in the Over the Mountain Journal, and in the Birmingham News. Our hard work and our Toys Program are making news! (see page 4)*

## October Program (s)

### Enhancing Your Projects & Making Children Smile

The format of our October meeting is going to be different from most of our meetings. The program will be divided into two parts, the first related to enhancing our work and the second related to the biggest event of our year – the Toys Program.

Mr. Ken Murer, owner of "The Awards and Engraving Place", will be one of our speakers. Ken will explain how laser engraving can be used to personalize and otherwise enhance our projects.

The second half of our program will be dedicated to our getting ready for our toys meeting in November. Suzanne Reeves from The Children's Hospital and a representative from Dixie-Pacific will talk with us and show us how important your efforts are to their work with children.

*Our October pre-meeting program will be on hand cut dovetails by **Bill Host**. (See article page 2)*



## Lumber for Sale

As we work toward our goal of building our own shop and meeting place, several of our members have made suggestions and donations. We are in awe of the most generous donation of **James Caldwell**. **Jim** very generously donated a stock pile of wood that he has been collecting over the past twenty years. At his request, the Guild is selling the wood with 90 percent of the proceeds going to the Guild Building Fund and 10 percent going to **Jim's** church.

**Charlie Ard** was given the task of moving the wood from the warehouse where it had been stored. Since he estimated that there was more than 2,000 board feet of lumber involved, Charlie called numerous members who got together a convoy of nine pick up trucks and moved the wood to **Charlie's** shop on 3808 2nd Avenue South.

Now the Guild has wood for sale at terrific prices. All those folks who helped move the mountain of wood got first shot at it since there was more wood than Charlie's shop could handle. (**Charlie** was trying really hard to finish his show entry just when this all occurred.) I'm not sure how much or what kind of wood is left but there was quite a variety from walnut, maple, and oak to bass wood and poplar. If you want to take a look, **Charlie** is home most afternoons after 4:00 PM and on weekends. Just give him a call on his cell phone and he will make arrangements to meet you. (205) 266-3686

## Make Your Plans!

Remember from last month's newsletter, our Guild has been invited to demonstrate and sell our wares at the Pell City Library Guild's Book Fair on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. While this has been a successful pre-Christmas event for the past nine years, this is the first time others have been invited to participate and we are one of only four to do so.

Being there will provide opportunities for the Guild and our members in the form of providing exposure for the Guild and our members will be able to sell their handmade items.

The Guild also plans to offer toys and other items for sale to raise money for our building fund. There is a need for several of our members to demonstrate their skills such as making Christmas ornaments and other items; hand cut dovetails, router demonstrations or other skills.

Start making your plans to be there to support your Guild and to pick-up some extra cash for Christmas. Space is limited so you will need to commit early. There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting for those who plan to participate.

## Scholarships

Would you like to attend a woodworking class and have up to half of the tuition paid for by the Guild? There is money available in our treasury for just that!

To date, seven of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity and you can be next.

If you have been a Guild member for a year, you can qualify. Plan the course you wish to attend, get an application blank in the library or on the website and follow the instructions.

## Officer Nominations

It's that time of year when we start preparing for 2006. Our current president, **Paul Mancill**, had appointed a nominating committee consisting of **Buzz Kelly** and **Buddy Finch** to nominate a slate of officers for 2006.

The following is the list of officers that have been recommended:

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| President      | <b>Bill Shivers</b>   |
| Vice President | <b>Cliff Daniels</b>  |
| Treasurer      | <b>Walter Barnett</b> |
| Secretary      | <b>Bill Host</b>      |

Board of Directors:

**Jeff Bishop**  
**Shane Carter**  
**John Lawson**  
**Jim Lee**  
**Dwight Hostetter**  
**Mike Key**

*Appointed positions:*

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Webmaster         | <b>Brian Stauss</b>   |
| Guild News Editor | <b>Nelda Kelly</b>    |
| Toy Chairman      | <b>Buddy Finch</b>    |
| Show Chairman     | <b>Walter Barnett</b> |

This slate will be presented at the October meeting with officer elections to be held at the November meeting.

Webmaster, **Bob Browning**, has resigned effective immediately due to work conflicts. **Brian Stauss** has been appointed as the new Webmaster and asked to jump right in and get to work.

*Many thanks to **Bob Browning** for his years of hard work and dedication. Bob designed and built our website from scratch with little to no help from anyone. He has always cheerfully worked long, hard hours for the Guild and we owe him a debt of appreciation.*

## Lucky Us! Marc Adams Cut US a Deal!

Do you know how lucky we are? There are people all over the country waiting in line to get into a Marc Adams class either in his school or at one of The Woodworking Show Seminars....and they are paying top dollar too! Lucky for us, a very close friend of Marc's (**Chuck Solomon**) is on our Guild Board. **Chuck** has been able to arrange for us to get Marc to do a seminar while he is in town visiting **Chuck**. Marc gives us a terrific price and stays at **Chuck's** house which means that we are able to give our Guild members a really rock bottom price of only \$60 for a top drawer presentation.

Marc's classes are always well organized, informative, and include information relative to what ever your skill level. If you are just starting out, he will break information down to the basics and you will be able to understand the concepts. If you are advanced, Marc will share information that will make you go "Ah hah, that's how that's done!"

Marc Adams presented cabinet making to our group in 2003 and we started trying to get him back shortly there after. This November 5th was the first slot we could get on his schedule. Don't miss it because if we are very, very lucky it will be only a couple of years before he will pass this way again.

## Thanks Glen & Dixie Pacific

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild runs on volunteers. We constantly owe thanks to many for their hard work and dedication. Today we would like to particularly thank **Glen Phillips** (below). **Glen**, who works with Dixie Pacific, has been particularly helpful to the Guild.

Dixie Pacific has provided door prizes in the form of nice wood on several occasions. They are also regular suppliers of scrap wood for use by the Toys Program. Recently **Glen** called to say that there was more wood to be had if we would only sort through it.

When **Lee Beadles**, **Mike Key**, **Fred Baker**, **Buzz Kelly** and **Nelda Kelly** made the drive to Gadsden to pick up the wood, **Glen** was out there on his walker dumpster diving with the rest of us. Now that's putting out the extra effort to help the Guild.

We'll be using some of that wood to make toys at the Toys Workshop on October 22nd.



## MARC ADAMS

### FURNITURE MAKING TECHNIQUES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005  
8:30am to 4:30pm



FURNITURE MAKING TECHNIQUES takes you through different ways of making furniture, start to finish. Marc discusses simple ways to design furniture and explores form, function, ornamentation, and the process of woodworking.

Other topics that Marc covers are understanding how wood works, the difference between air dried and kiln dried wood, preparing stock, joinery, sharpening scrapers and chisels, making cabriole legs, sculpting wood, and adhesives.

Where: WOODWORKS  
614 24th Street South

Cost: \$60 member;  
\$95 non member  
(Includes One year Membership)

(Lunch is Included With Cost)



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# FURNITURE MAKING

## Guild Activities Make News

Some of our members have been instrumental in obtaining some very good recognition for our organization of late. **Bill Shivers** and **Glen Phillips** have worked diligently to get an article published in the WoodCraft Magazine Holiday Edition. **Cliff Daniels** was responsible for some good press in the Over the Mountain Journal...and then there was **Buddy Finch** and the 'over the hill gang'.

**Buddy** was much chagrined when he saw the article written in the Birmingham News about the Guild partnering with Oak Mountain Intermediate School and WoodCraft to make, paint, and distribute toys to Hurricane Katrina victims. **Buddy** offers this bit of advice to those of us who might get an opportunity to participate in future articles.

News paper reporters don't always know the difference between woodworkers, woodcarvers, or woodturners...it's all just wood to them. Even if you are wearing your Alabama Woodworkers Guild shirts, be sure and write down the name of the club and the key points you want the reporter to remember for the article and give it to them (just in case) They are less likely to refer to your club as a 'local woodworker's guild'.

*(I don't care what **Buddy** says that Santa without a beard thing was right on the mark!...editor)*

## Guild Patrons

*We are fortunate to have the following patrons who provide support to the Guild. They are excellent suppliers of products or services in the local area that provide monetary support or allow us to use their various facilities for Guild functions:*

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**Paul Mancill, Realtor** After retirement from Bell-South Human Resources, I have begun a career in real estate. It really has been an easy transition for me since I enjoy working with and helping people. I am now a full time agent and a multi-million dollar producer. My approach to real estate is very much like my approach to life: I strive to work hard for my clients, treat everyone with respect and keep a sense of humor. If you or someone you know is looking for a Realtor to either list a property or represent a buyer please let me know and with every sale I will make an additional donation to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. I can be reached at (205) 706 6252

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### STILL TO COME.....

**OUR ANNUAL SHOW IS GOING ON OCTOBER 15TH THROUGH THE 23RD.** THERE IS A RECEPTION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AT 5:30 PM. OUR SHOW JUDGE IS RON PAYTON FROM THE DOGWOOD INSTITUTE, SCHOOL OF FINE WOODWORKING.

TOY WORKSHOP/SHOP VISIT **BUZZ & NELDA'S** OCT 22ND.

**MARC ADAMS IS COMING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.** HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SPOT?? THIS SEMINAR IS ONE HECK OF A BARGAIN!!

ARE YOU BUSY MAKING TOYS FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING? TIME WILL SLIP AWAY BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! WITH OUR GOAL OF 3000 TOYS, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, A TIME TO PLAY AND ENJOY! IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE SOLICITING DOOR PRIZES. **NOTE THE SPECIAL DATE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6:00 PM.**

KELLY MAHLER PRESENTS A TWO DAY SEMINAR ON FURNITURE MAKING (SOLID CASE CONSTRUCTION) ON MARH 3RD & 4TH. EACH DAY STANDS ON ITS OWN. YOU CAN ATTEND ONE DAY ONLY FOR \$75 OR BOTH DAYS FOR \$125.

**REMEMBER THE GUILD IS A 5013C ORGANIZATION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DONATIONS FOR TAX PLANNING PURPOSES, A DONATION TO THE GUILD WILL QUALIFY....AND WOULD BE MOST WELCOME!**

### 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

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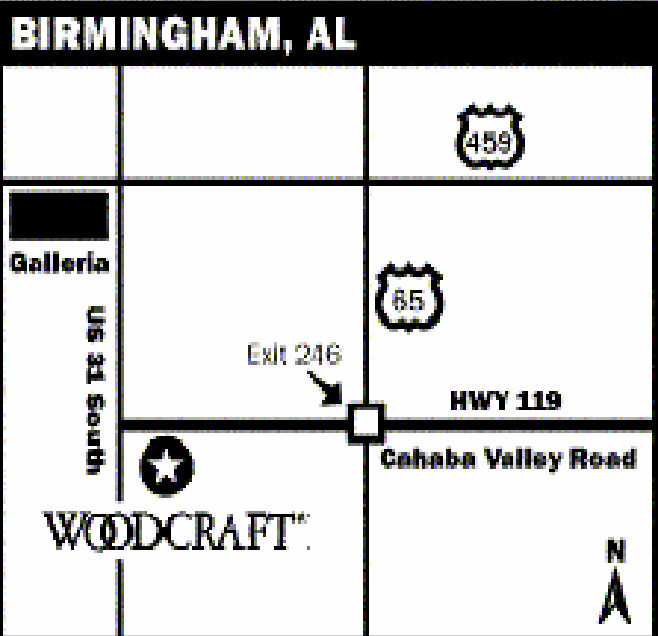
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