

Guild News

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Next Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2006

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

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

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President's Message

First, let me say how appreciative I am to have been elected as your president and to receive your vote. It is humbling in every sense of the word to be included among the fine leaders and woodworkers who have held this office in the past. I will do my very best to meet your expectations.

Thanks to **Paul Mancill** for leaving the Guild in its fine condition. This past year was very successful. How could we thank **Paul** without including **Marcia**? **Marcia** has kept records for years, brought food, provided serving dishes, and a thousand other things, all with a smile. We could not get along without you – Thank you!

Our finances, the newsletter, the show, the toys program, an article in a national magazine featuring our toys program, the scholarship program, the library all reached new highs under **Paul's** leadership. Also, we introduced the pre-meeting program and plans are underway to kick-off a building program. **Thank you, Paul!**

Was not the Christmas party fun!! **Bill Host** led that effort assisted by a bunch of willing volunteers. The food you brought was delicious. **Cliff Daniels** accumulated quite a nice collection of door prizes. **Carolyn Key** with her musical talents and **Leonard Sanders** with his wit were delightful – Thanks to you all!

The toys program this year broke all records!! The final count – 4065 toys vs. a target of 3000. Is that not unreal!! **Buddy Finch** you out did yourself. Congratulations and thanks to you and all of the members who made that possible! What a good image for our Guild. We are waiting to hear what the target is for next year.

Our 2005 annual show was one of the best ever – 97 entries from 37 members and the quality - superb. Thanks to **Walter Barnett** for leading that effort. The show reflects much of what is accomplished in our Guild each year. In 2005 (continued on page 2)

An annual membership fee of \$35 comes due each January.
Walter Barnett will be collecting dues at the January meeting.

January—Building for the Guild

Our January program will be presented by our Building Committee, chaired by **Dan Browning**. They have been working on a Power Point Presentation that will be used with potential supporters and benefactors. They will go over this presentation with us as well as other ideas they have for reaching our goal of obtaining our own facility. **This is critical to our future don't miss it!!**

Also several members of the committee made a trip to Greenville, SC on January 3rd and 4th to see what we could learn from them since they have already gone through this process. The presentation from the committee will include a report on the results of this trip. Be prepared to listen intently and give any feedback and constructive criticism.

Our January pre-meeting program will be a demo by Frank Jones carving ball and claw feet! (See article page 2)

January Pre-Meeting Demo

This month's pre meeting demo will be done by **Frank Jones**. Frank is one of the premier woodworkers in our Guild and has taught all of us something at one time or another. At this meeting he will be teaching how he makes "Ball and Claw" feet. Plan to be there at 5:30 and bring your note pad.

(**Message** continued from page 1) the Guild made available both seminars and hands-on Guild taught classes to its members. Our annual show reflected a greater impact from the hands-on classes as evidenced by the three beautiful work benches (influenced by the **Mike Key** and **Fred Baker** workbench class) and many fine pieces of scrollwork (a tribute to **Cliff Daniels'** scroll saw class). This observation has impacted our educational plans for the coming year.

Our education program 2006, as planned, is the most ambitious we have undertaken. **We will have seminars by Dean Black and Kelly Mehler**. We are also planning hands-on classes taught by **Dale Lewis, Dwight Hostetter, John Lawson, Frank Jones, Harold Hall and Cliff Daniels**. The seminars and classes are discussed elsewhere in the newsletter. In addition to this we will have our usual pre-meeting and regular meeting programs.

In December eight members demonstrated skills and sold works at the Pell City Library Guild's Book Fair. We had a fun day of fellowship, met some really nice people who expressed interest in joining our Guild plus we had about \$500 in sales, most of which was donated to the building fund!

Dan Browning is leading a committee to implement a plan for our Guild to have its own Woodworking Center which will be unveiled at our January meeting. This is a huge undertaking for our Guild and it is especially important that you be present at this meeting to understand these plans.

Ideas are being developed to expand our community service program beyond toys. There are many things planned for our Guild and your involvement is necessary. If you are not already involved in these efforts and you would like to be part of it, we need you. See me about your interest in shaping our future.

Happy New Year, **Bill**

Items for Sale

For Sale: Craftsman 10" miter saw, 5 years old. \$90 with Freud Diablo 80 tooth carbide tipped blade or \$60 without the blade.
Brian Stauss, 987-9997 or kybgs@bellsouth.net

Planned Hands-on Classes for 2006

All classes are scheduled for Saturdays 8:00 AM until noon.

Nantucket Baskets **Dwight Hostetter** will teach a hands on class (limited to 7 students) on making Nantucket Baskets beginning March 11th at **Jim Lee's** shop for 4 to 6 weeks.

The class will cover all facets of making these baskets. Each student will need a form for the basket to be made prior to the class. **Dwight** will need help from some of the students proficient with a lathe to build the needed forms. Please volunteer to help make the forms. There will be an additional materials fee for your basket.

***MUST REGISTER BY JANUARY 21ST

Sculpting Wood Beginning February 11th, **Dale Lewis** will teach an 8 to 10 week hands-on course on sculpting wood (limited to 6 students) at **Dale's** shop near Oneonta. (No class March 4th.)

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Learn methods of sculpting wood, as pertains to furniture construction. Methods will include the use of the band saw, lathe, grinders, sanders, dermal tools, rasp, files and carving chisels. **Dale** will work on a chair with a scooped seat and students will work on projects of choice. The first meeting will be an overview, selection of projects, woods and other considerations. Some tools will be available but the participants will also need to supply some.

Furniture Restoration and Refinishing Beginning April 22nd **Harold Hall** will teach a 3 to 5 week hands-on class on restoration and refinishing furniture (limited to 8 students) Classes will meet at **Jim's** shop except one meeting at **Harold's** shop to learn about stripping. Each student will have a project to work on. **Harold** will guide the students through the learning experiences as the students complete their projects.

The Scroll Saw Beginning April 22nd **Cliff Daniels** will teach a 6 week hands-on class on the scroll saw (limited to 6 students) at **Jim's** shop. A repeat of the popular class **Cliff** taught last year, it covers selecting, maintaining, and safe operation of the scroll saw. Techniques of making several projects will be covered.

Building a High Style Table Beginning May 6th **John Lawson** will teach a 10 to 12 week hands-on class (limited to 6 students) on building a table with curved surfaces, veneering, inlaying and wooden hinges in **Buzz** and **Nelda's** shop. The students will work on a "class" table and it is expected that each student will build his/her own table at home along with the progress in class. Class intermediate to advanced.

Free Classes By Frank Jones Frank will teach several one-day, hands-on classes this year! The classes (limited to 3 students) will meet on the first and second Saturdays of February, March, April, May, June and August. Classes will meet in Frank's shop from 8 AM until ?! Bring a sandwich. February/May learn how to make the beautiful walking sticks; in March/June – hand cut dove tails; in April/ August carving claw and ball feet!

***MUST REGISTER BY JANUARY 21ST FOR FEBRUARY

*Note limited class sizes. Should more than the allotted number wish to take a class, we will draw names to determine who will be able to attend. Please see or call **Mike Key** (205)-663-9036 to register. Classes are \$85 except **Frank Jones** classes which are free to Guild members.*

Turning Wood with Dean Black

**A one day demonstration seminar
Saturday January 21 (9am – 4pm)**

Coffee & Registration 8:30-9:00

Location: Blackwood Gallery & Studio, Springville Al.

Driving directions: I-59 N to Hwy. 174 (exit 154). Go left to 4-way stop and then left on Hwy. 11. Gallery and shop is 1/2 mile on right. Phone: 205.467.7197

Dean Black has done extensive turning and casework for the Birmingham Museum of Art and is one of the most highly regarded woodworkers in the Birmingham area. He will demonstrate both faceplate and spindle turning using a variety of lathes in his fabulous shop!



Cost: \$60.00 (includes refreshments and lunch)

To register or for more information call

Mike Key @ 205.482.3688 or Paul Mancill @ 205.706.6252

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Kelly Mehler

SOLID CASE CONSTRUCTION

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 3 & 4, 2006
8:30am to 4:30pm**



Kelly Mehler takes you through different ways of constructing solid wood furniture. His experience as an instructor and his extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques make his teaching useful to participants with varying levels of woodworking expertise.

Kelly is offering a two day seminar on solid case construction involving table saw techniques, joinery and design. Each class will be independent of the other, although the skills used in combination make for a better seminar.

Where: Dusty Saw Woodworks
614 24th Street South

Cost: One Day - \$75
Two Days - \$125

(Lunch is Included With Cost)



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CASE CONSTRUCTION

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Friday Group Calendar (Jan—Mar)

January 6	Lay out toys and plans for this quarter
13	Make a jig
20	Fred Baker—Making helicopters ***
27	Make toys and things
February 3	John Lawson—veneering
10	Make a jig
17	Will Pate turning an ornament
24	Toys and things
March 3	Toys and things
10	Make a jig
17	Toys and Things
24	Cliff Daniels demos scroll saw items
31	Recap the quarter

FOR SOME LITTLE GIRL OR BOY

COULD YOU FOR THEM MAKE A TOY?

IF YOU THINK YOU COULD

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WHETHER IT BE BOATS OR TINY CARS

OR PERHAPS A JEWELRY BOX OR STARS

YOU CAN BRING SO MUCH JOY

BY MAKING THEM THEIR VERY OWN TOY!

Keep Your Tools Sharp!

Fred Sandlin, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at 663-7524 to coordinate the pick-up and delivery.

Meeting Directions:

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

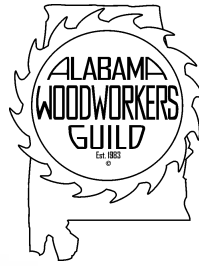
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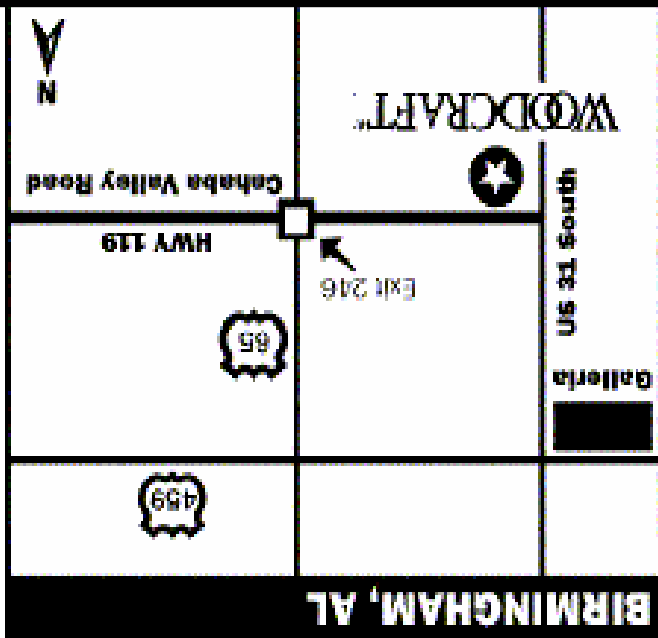


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