

Guild News

VOLUME XXV NUMBER 2

FEBRUARY 2006

President: Bill Shivers
(205)525-4601

Vice President: Cliff Daniels
(205)822-7326

Treasurer: Walter Barnett
(205)933-9207

Secretary: Bill Host
(205)967-5824

Webmaster: Brian Stauss
(205)987-9997

Guild News: Nelda Kelly
(205)733-1258

Board of Directors:
Jeff Bishop
Shane Carter
Bill Host
Dwight Hostetter
Mike Key
John Lawson
Jim Lee

Toy Chairman: Buddy Finch

Next Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2006

No Pre-Meeting this Month

Special Meeting Location

Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

Don't forget your
Show and Tell

Inside this issue:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Classes Have Begun | 2 |
| Upcoming Class Information | 2 |
| Kelly Mehler March 3rd and 4th | 3 |
| Welcome New Members | 4 |
| Helicopters | 5 |
| Items for Sale | 5 |
| Guild Patrons | 5 |

President's Message

Please note that our February meeting place has been changed due to construction at the senior center. (Just another reason we need our own facility.) I want to thank **Dan Browning** and **Glenn Phillips** for kicking off the Woodworking Center at our last meeting. The idea of having our own facility is exciting and I was encouraged by the warm reception of the membership. Following the meeting we had several people step forward with offers to help. The donation from Certex has raised \$6500 so far and there is more to sell. Thanks to all of you! **Dan** will give us an update at our next meeting.

I also want to thank **Frank Jones** for his presentation at the pre-meeting on carving ball and claw feet. That was a great "teaser" for his upcoming class.

Those of you who were not able to attend Dean Black's seminar missed a treat. It's always interesting to be in Dean's company, his shop is fantastic; the tour of his beautiful and creative home was great. I want to thank Dean and Sharon for a fine day.

I hope you were able to attend the woodworking show in Atlanta and that you enjoyed it as I did. I spent much of my time in the free classes and they were beneficial to me. There were sixty plus vendors there. I must say the annual show by the Atlanta Guild had many really beautiful pieces on display. I know they were proud of their work and have raised the bar for us this next year. I could have easily spent two days---

I sat in on one of Kelly Mehler's classes at the show. Really made me excited that he will be here – for us – on March 3rd and 4th. Kelly is an excellent woodworker and presenter, one of the best I've seen. If you haven't signed up, do so now. Each session on

(Continued on page 2)

Due to construction at the Homewood Senior Center, our February meeting will be at the Oakmont Methodist Church dining hall. The church is located just past the senior center on the same side of the road

February Program by the Product Management Team From Delta

This month's program will be a little different than programs in the immediate past. Presenting the program will be the product management team from Delta Machinery in Jackson, TN, where their tools and equipment are designed and built.

They will be presenting their latest product introductions (drill presses and tablesaws and possibly others). They also hope to get some feedback from us by way of a Q & A session and possibly a short survey regarding future development projects. This should be an interesting meeting and it will give you a chance to ask those questions about all that Delta equipment you own.

Don't forget we will be meeting at the Oakmont Methodist Church!!! Cliff

(Continued from page 1)

solid case construction is independent of the other. The cost is \$75 each or both days for \$125 and that includes lunches.

I want to congratulate and thank **Buddy Finch** for the job he is doing with the Friday PM program. It is our goal this year to offer different things at different times to reach as many of our members as possible and **Buddy's** effort is a major part of that. Friday PM would not be possible without the contribution Tom and all the employees at Woodcraft make. Remember what Woodcraft does for us when you have woodworking supply needs.

Please see info elsewhere in the newsletter for an update on our hands-on classes. Have you decided on your project for the show this year? Why not coordinate your project with one of the classes being offered this year?

I learned a lesson at the last meeting --- our members don't respond to requests for volunteers on the spot. I want to thank all of you who came forward after the meeting offering to help!

See you Thursday!

Bill

2006 TRAINING CLASSES ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY!

Frank Jones hosted his first class for 2006 on February 4th teaching students, **Jim Anchors**, **Buzz**, and **Nelda Kelly** how to make his signature walking sticks. All three came away with a good start on a good looking walking stick. On February 11th he continues with his second walking stick class. Class members include **Paul Mancill**, **Ray Swords**, and **Steve LeSeuer**. Walking stick classes will be taught again in May.

The March 11 class on hand cut dovetails is already full as well. **Chuck Williams**, **Troy Stroud**, and **Larry Young** will be attending. **Frank's** classes begin at 9 AM. **Frank** will be teaching hand cut dovetails again in June. In April and August **Frank** will be teaching carving ball and claw feet.

Frank doesn't eat lunch but invites you to bring a sandwich and take a break if you would like. Classes are filling up fast. See **Mike Key** if you are interested in participating any these or any other classes being taught by the Guild this year.

Planned Hands-on Classes for 2006

All classes except **Frank Jones's** 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.

This class has two available slots. **James** and **Ann Armstrong**, **Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly**, and **Bob Moore** have already registered.

Sculpting Wood Began February 11th, **Dale Lewis** is teaching an 8 to 10 week hands-on course on sculpting wood at his shop near Oneonta. (No class March 4th.) This class is full. Class members are **Bill Shivers**, **Chuck Williams**, **Bill Host**, **Jim Caldwell**, **Shane Carter**, and **Jim Lee**.

They are learning methods of sculpting wood, as pertains to furniture construction. Methods 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 was 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. (Still two months away and **James Lee** has already signed up.)

The Scroll Saw Beginning May 27th **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. (**Chuck Williams** has signed up.)

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. (**Brian Stauss**, **Chuck Williams**, and **Mike Key** have already signed up.)

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.

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)



CONTACT: Dan Browning • 205-249-9540 • dandeb84@charter.net or
The Alabama Woodworkers Guild • P.O. Box 26665, Birmingham, AL 35260

CASE CONSTRUCTION



Off to a Great Start in 2006!

In our history section of the Guild Membership Directory we say that the Alabama Woodworkers Guild was organized to "provide a forum to promote woodworking skills and interests." Already this year we have shown this to be true by providing not one but two outstanding seminars with well-known professional woodworkers. First with Dean Black and coming up March 3rd and 4th with Kelly Mehler. (Dean Black pictured turning a huge column below).

We have great member taught classes going on (Frank Jones pictured above removing bark from a walking stick) and outstanding programs coming up. Your board is working hard to promote woodworking and your building committee is working hard to make our dream of building our own facility become a reality.

Get involved!! You'll be glad you did.



Notes from the Board

The March Board meeting will be held at **Jim Lee's** shop in preparation for the Kelly Mehler presentation. (Board meetings are normally held the 1st Thursday of each month at Bruno's on Hwy 150 in Hoover. All members are welcome.)

We will have a sign in sheet at the February meeting and hence forth. We need a better record of how many folks and which ones are attending meetings. We had 73 attendees at the January meeting.

We have wood for toys being stored at **Jim Lee's** shop, **Lee Beadles** house, and **Mike Key's** shop.

We would like to create and publish a list of Guild members who are willing to mentor to other members. **James Armstrong** will begin to compile a list of who is willing to be a mentor and on what subject.

Due to the change in meeting places, we will have no pre-meeting program in February. **Fred Baker** will do a pre-meeting program in March. **Fred** will be doing a demo on router cut dovetails using a dovetail jig.

Our 2006 membership directory is under way to being produced. We are hoping to have the new directories ready in time for the February meeting.

Walter Barnett continues to collect dues for 2006. He is also collecting changes to the Guild directory information. We are asking that each member sign a waiver of liability form as they renew their membership application this year.

Buzz Kelly reports that **Bill Snipes** and **Barron Bartlett** have volunteered to help with pre-meeting setup each month.

Welcome new members!

Jerry Johnson
Mark Lee
Murray Lee
Joey Page
Jerry Williams
Buddy Wise

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

Craftsman 10" Tablesaw with machined pulleys and link belt on casters. Adjustable dado blade included. \$300. **Jeff Bishop** 205-913-2319-cell



Helicopters

We were taught good and proper
How to make a helicopter

Fred showed his usual skill
As he taught us how to
Make a chopper that filled the bill

With patience and skill he taught
And we turned out
Just the toy we sought

So I can say when all was done
We had a finished toy
And a world of fun

Words can not be said
How much we learned
From that guy named **Fred**

Buddy Finch

Guild Patrons

We are fortunate to have the following patrons who support 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:

The Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking - a new woodworking school located in Alpharetta, GA offering courses in fine furniture construction to beginning, intermediate and advanced students. One, two, three and five day classes on a variety of topics taught by master craftsmen from across the United States as well as local experts. The mission of the school is to provide quality instructional courses to individuals who are interested in furthering their knowledge of woodworking at all levels of interest and skill. 1640 Mid-Broadwell Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004 (770)-751-9571
www.dogwoodwoodworking.com

Dusty Saw Woodworks For custom made furniture and custom cabinets (205) 413-0184 Jim Lee

J.R. Prewitt & Associates, Inc. Independent Insurance Agent—Founded in 1974, J. R. Prewitt & Associates, Inc. is a family owned agency that has grown to one of the largest firms in the Birmingham area. Representing over a dozen insurance carriers, the agency provides a full spectrum of insurance services to over 3500 clients. From individuals to multi-state corporations, the agency prides itself on it's loyal, long term client base as a result of unparalleled customer service. Contact us for your personal, business, or professional insurance needs. 2100 17th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35205 Telephone (205)-933-9207 FAX (205)-933-0450

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

Max Tool, Inc. is a distributor of cutting tools, abrasives, MRO and machine shop supplies. Founded in 1985, we are located in Birmingham, Alabama. Max Tool represents the product lines of many of industry's foremost manufacturers from around the world.. 119 B Citation Court, Birmingham, AL 35209 (205) 942-2466
www.maxtoolinc.com

The Awards & Engraving Place is a full service engraving shop, offering both laser and flatbed rotary engraving. We engrave directly on wood, glass, plastic, and a variety of coated metals. We offer plaques, glass and

acrylic wards, trophies, interior signs and name badges. We have been in business in Hoover since 1987. Contact Ken Murer, The Awards & Engraving Place, 1883 Hoover Court, Hoover, AL 35226, 205-823-7676 fax 205-822-1111

Woodcraft The Woodcraft franchise in Pelham, AL is independently owned by Tom and Kathy Nequette. It is a local business and Tom's full time occupation. It depends upon its well being by fostering and maintaining as high a level of relationships as possible with all of our customers. Beyond that it is imperative for the store to enhance and promote woodworking in all of its forms. The Alabama Woodworker's Guild is an integral part of these goals. Not only do we value the members as customers but we value what the Guild represents and brings to our community. We believe in supporting the Guild, its growth and its members. We thank you for your patronage and your friendship. (see our ad page 6)

Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Our Fridays at WoodCraft group meet at noon on Fridays at WoodCraft to eat lunch and talk about woodworking. Sometimes we even make a little sawdust. Please bring your lunch and join us!

Friday Group Calendar

| | |
|---------|--|
| Feb. 17 | Will Pate turning an ornament |
| 24 | Toys and things |
| March 3 | Toys and things |
| | (Kelly Mahler is in town. Expect a low turn out) |
| 10 | Make a jig |
| 17 | Toys and Things |
| 24 | Cliff Daniels demos scroll saw items |
| 31 | Recap the quarter |

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**

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.

For the February 16th meeting only—drive just past Senior Center to Oakmont Methodist Church. We are meeting in the dining hall around back.



Hardwoods, Inc.
Of Alabama
 800-467-4160

Open 8 am - 5 pm, Mon. - Fri.
 Open 8 am - 12 pm Sat.
WALK-INS WELCOME
 21444 U.S. Highway 31
 Thorsby, AL 35171
www.hardwoodweb.com

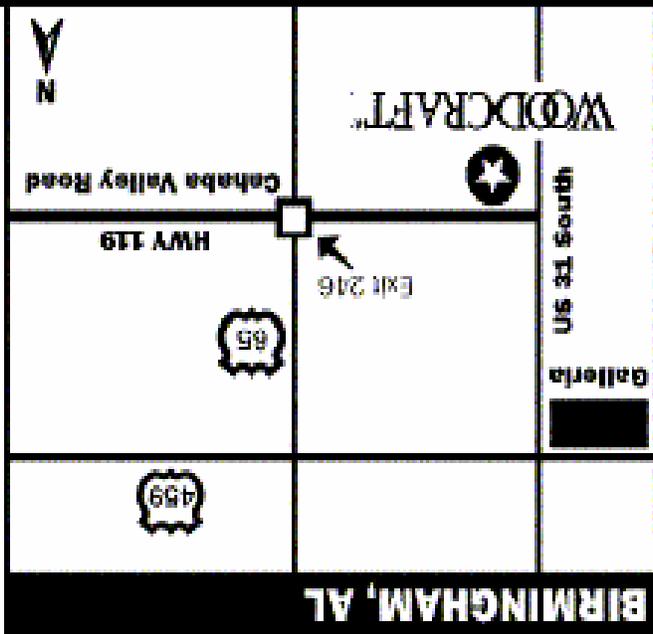


*The Alabama Woodworkers
 Guild*
 P.O. Box 26665
 Birmingham, AL 35260

About Us

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 **Walter Barnett, Treasurer** at (205) 933-9207.
 Our Webmaster is **Brian Stauss**. See our website at: www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org
 Contact our **Guild News Editor** at nelbuz@msn.com.



Store Hours
 M - T - W - F: 9AM - 7PM
 Th: 9AM-9PM
 Sat: 9AM-6PM
 Sun: Noon-5 PM

Phone 205-988-3600
Fax 205-988-3612
Website: www.woodcraft.com
 e-mail: WC511@aol.com

Directions
 Take I-65 to Exit 246.
 Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road)
 3/4 of a mile. We are located on the left.
 in the Cahaba Valley Station.

WOODCRAFT
 Helping You Make Wood Work

