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President's Message

I hope each of you enjoyed last month's program by Delta as much as I did. To me, it's always interesting to see the new things in the pipeline and to offer our ideas on the items still in development.

A great big "Thank You" to those who worked hard to make the Kelly Mehler Seminar successful! **Dan Browning** did a fine job of arranging, planning and coordinating the effort. That took lots of work and time and he was willingly assisted by many volunteers including **Charlie Ard, Walter Barnett, Cliff Daniels, Harold Hall, Bill Host, Nelda and Buzz Kelly, Mike Key,** and **Jim Lee** who worked to make this possible. A special "Thanks" to **Jim Lee** for the use of his excellent facility and tools. **Jim** sacrificed several days of production plus contributed much effort before we arrived and after we left so that we could have a place for this seminar. Thank you, **Jim!!** Thanks also to DeWalt Service Center, Hardwoods of Alabama, and Woodcraft for generous donations of door prizes and to Homewood Senior Center for the use of their chairs and tables! It was a wonderful two days. To those of you who were not able to attend, I'm sorry!

Charlie Ard is getting our community service efforts organized. It was great to see all the volunteers who want to work on these efforts. Things being considered are the Sheriff's Boy Ranch, Habitat, helping the churches that burned and the new Ronald McDonald House. We will keep you updated as these plans develop.

Our woodworking classes are going great! **Frank Jones** will be teaching hand cut dovetails on March 11th and 18th. **Dwight Hostetter's** Nantucket Basket class starts March 11th. I am taking **Dale Lewis's** class on sculpting wood and I am learning so much! **Harold Hall's** Restoration and Refinishing class will start on April 22nd so it's time to see **Mike Key** and get signed up.

I want to offer a special "Thanks" to **Brian Stauss, Nelda Kelly,** and **Walter Barnett** who got the directory out in record time. If you have not gotten your copy, be sure and pick one up at the next meeting.

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Pre-Meeting presentation at 5:30 PM by Jim Lee. Jim will be demonstrating the pocket hole jig...see details on page two.

March Meeting Enhancing Your Projects with Carving

This month's program will be presented by Ed Snow who is an accomplished carver. Ed is employed at Woodcraft in Pelham where some of his carvings are on display. This program will concentrate on carvings that enhance other woodworking projects rather than stand alone carvings. Ed says he is a self taught carver and has been carving and "playing" with woodworking since the early 70's, but carving is his first love. In addition to being employed at Woodcraft, Ed is also a pastor of a small Baptist Church near Montevallo. He also is a husband, father and grandfather. If you ever thought about enhancing your projects with carving now is your chance to learn how.

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At the March meeting we will vote on changes to our by-laws (details page 4). Please be prepared to vote on the changes at the March meeting.

Finally, thanks to Certex and **Mike Key** for making the Nicholson rasps available to us at Certex's cost.

The people at Homewood Senior Center tell me the floors will be finished well before our next meeting on March 16th, so I plan to see you there. **Bill**

Pre-Meeting Demonstration

This month's pre-meeting demo will be on the correct use of the Pocket-Hole-Jig. This demo will be presented by **Jim Lee** who is one of the Guild's professional woodworkers. He is fast becoming the Guild expert on cabinet construction and therefore well qualified in the use of the Pocket-Hole-Jig. Remember the pre-meeting demo starts at 5:30.

Letter to the Editor:

On March 3rd and 4th, Kelly Mehler raised the bar for future workshops/seminars. I have never attended a Guild sponsored workshop that was not either entertaining or educational or both, but in most cases it was easy to decide whether it was more educational or more entertaining, but with this workshop I could not make that distinction. Kelly is an excellent speaker and approaches his subject with such confidence that he quickly has the complete and continued attention of his audience.

His obsession with safety is so much a part of his presentation that it becomes contagious; with the result being that after the two days I felt that I had attended two workshops, one on solid case construction and one on table saw safety and techniques. There were many jewels of wisdom interspersed in the program, tips to stop kick-back on your table saw, cutting raised panels on the table saw using the same technique as would be used for cutting molding, the many uses you can make of a smaller table saw sled, a quick method to determine the amount of movement to expect from solid wood, dovetail techniques, jointer techniques and much more.

The presentation of the major subject, solid wood construction, was demonstrated with a miniature chest which Kelly brought with him as part of his assortment of tools and props for the program. It was obvious this was not the first program for which the chest was used, but it was also obvious that the joinery used is still effective even after being assembled and disassembled many times.

All in all, it was the best workshop I have attended.
I hope we will be able to persuade Kelly to come for

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Hands-on Classes for 2006

All classes except Frank Jones' are Saturdays 8AM until noon.

Nantucket Baskets **Dwight Hostetter** teaches a hands on class (limited to 10 students) on making Nantucket Baskets beginning March 11th at **Jim Lee's** shop for 4 to 6 weeks.

The class covers all facets of making these baskets. There is an additional materials fee for your basket.

Sculpting Wood **Dale Lewis** is teaching an 8 to 10 week hands-on course on sculpting wood at his shop near Oneonta. Participants 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** is working on a chair with a scooped seat and students work on projects of choice.

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 the first meeting which will be held at **Harold's** shop where a stripping vat will be demonstrated. Each student can choose a project to work on and **Harold** will give guidance on completing the projects. Besides the projects, **Harold** will give demonstrations and discuss a wide variety of topics related to finishing and restoration. As of March 1st there were still slots available in this class.

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

Frank Jones Classes (the first and second Saturdays each month begin at 9 AM.) **Frank** teaches walking stick classes in May and hand cut dovetails in June. In April and August **Frank** will teach 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.

*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.*

Leonard Sanders reports that good friend and long time member, **Jim Patton**, passed away in February. He will be missed.

Mentoring Available

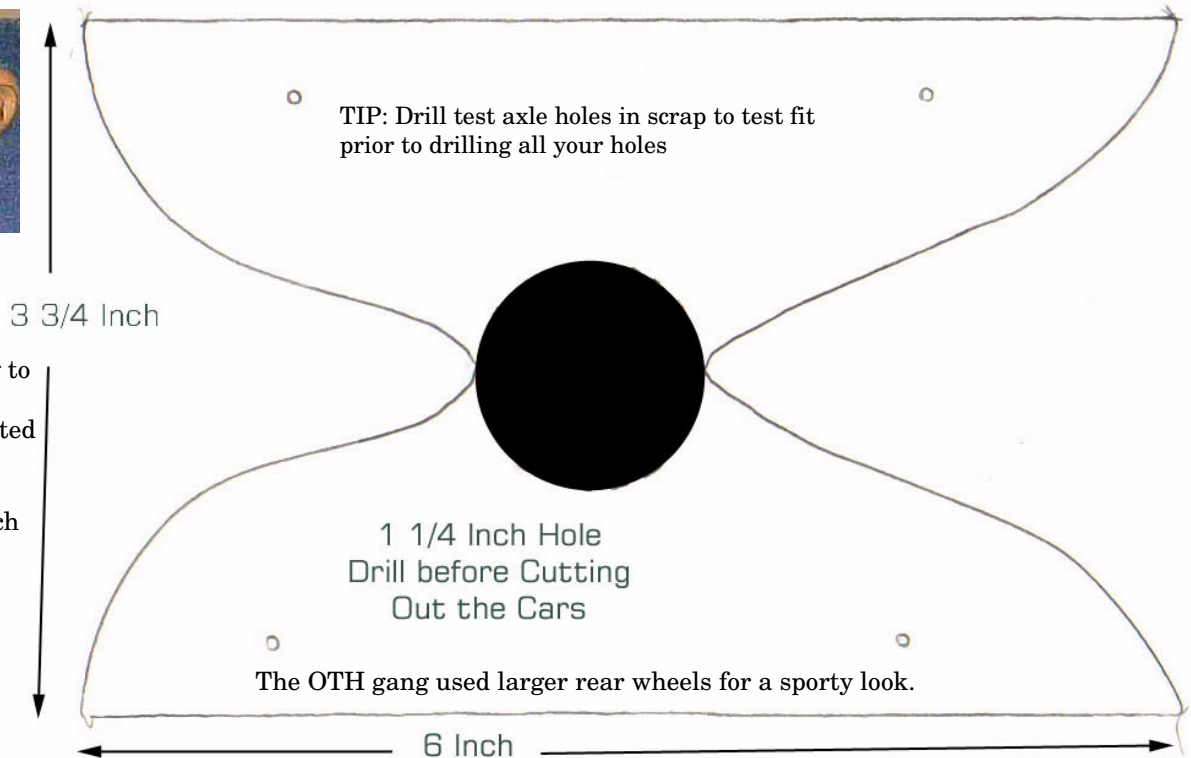
<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>email</u>	<u>Call before</u>
<u>Ball and Claw Carving</u>	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
<u>Cabriole legs</u>	John Lawson	205-995-9245	woodworker1@bellsouth.net	9 PM
<u>Chip Carving</u>	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
<u>Design</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Dovetails –Hand Cut</u>	John Lawson	205-995-9245	woodworker1@bellsouth.net	9 PM
	Bill Host	205-967-5824	billhost@gmail.com	10 PM
Leigh Jig	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
	Mike Key	205-663-9036	mkey@certex.com	7 PM
Porter Cable Jig	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
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<u>Finishing</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Joinery</u>	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
<u>Sculpting Wood</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Spraying Lacquer</u>	Dan Browning	205-979-3799	Dandeb84@charter.net	

Race Cars Designed by Barron Bartlett

Your editor was greatly intrigued by the race cars produced by the “Over the Hill Gang” last year and twisted the arm of **Barron Bartlett** for a pattern to share. When the guys were given a lot of 12” x 8” x 7/8” maple and oak boards by a cabinet door manufacturer, they tried to come up with ideas to best utilize these pretty scraps of wood. Below is the pattern for a car designed by **Barron** to use the scrap wood.

First he glued two pieces together to get them thick enough to cut out cars. Then he decided it would look better to laminate some scrap walnut in the middle to make a racing stripe. That made a nice little car just the right size to get eight cars from one glued up board.

Barron made the pattern as a double pattern so he could drill one hole in the middle and when the cars were cut out, each half hole allowed for a driver. Drill the holes for the driver and the holes for the wheel axels while the wood is still square. Cut out the cars, round over the edges, and with a little sanding you are ready for assembly. Kids really love these cars!



Using the drawing to make a ply-wood template for repeated use. Drill small holes in your template through which you can use small nails to mark the center of the holes you will drill.

Activities and Opportunities

For our new members, we had sixteen join already this year; it seems proper that we should recap our activities/opportunities for members. The Guild seeks to expand the skills of our members in the art and craft of fine woodworking, use our skills to serve our community and to enjoy the fellowship of others who have similar interests.

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday each month at the Homewood Senior Center. Most months there is an informal gathering at 5:30 where someone demonstrates a particular skill as we enjoy coffee and conversation. At 6:30 we have a business meeting followed by an educational program. At each of these meetings we have "Show and Tell" to share our projects with other members.

On Fridays, about noon, there is a gathering at the local Woodcraft Store shop. Bring a sack lunch, talk woodworking, make some toys or enjoy an instructional session. Our community service effort is expanding! Last year we made and donated over four thousand toys to children in need in our community. We have efforts underway to help the Boy's Ranch, Habitat for Humanity, the Ronald McDonald House, recently burned churches and others. We will need your help!

We have a scholarship program which will reimburse members of one year or more half the tuition, up to \$200, to attend a recognized woodworking school. Our library (located in the game room at the Senior Center) has over five hundred books, videos and magazines available for checkout before and after our monthly meetings.

Through our Mentoring Program we make the best of woodworking advice in the Guild available to help you with your project and it is as close as your phone. See page 3. We have had two seminars this year and we have eight hands-on classes either underway or scheduled throughout the remainder of the year. Check your Guild News for information about these classes.

In the autumn we hold a juried show. Last year ninety-seven beautiful pieces of woodwork were entered in various categories at several skill levels. The week long show is held at the Hoover Library.

About six times a year, mostly on Saturday mornings in summer, one of our members will open his/her shop for visit. It is very helpful to see how others have their shop set up and to discuss the pros and cons. We also have a campaign under way to build our own Woodworking Center with a shop and meeting facilities. We conclude our year with a great Christmas party. We invite you to join in on the activities and be an active part of our group.

Proposed Revisions To our By-Laws

Our By-Laws have not been revised in quite some time and there are several articles that need to be update. The following are the proposed changes and will require a vote of the majority of the members present at our meeting on March 16th. Please study the following and be prepared to vote.

Revise the wording as it appears in the 2006 Directory, page 28; in the paragraph labeled Secretary / Treasurer: Delete all reference to Secretary. At the end of the above paragraph, add a new paragraph as follows:

Secretary: Duties of this office include but are not limited to the following:

- Prepare and issue minutes of BOD meetings.
- Responsible for all Guild correspondence
- Maintain official Guild records
- Establish and maintain a manual of all Guild policies
- Give notice of and attend all meetings

Page 29: In the paragraph labeled Newsletter Editor: Delete the last sentence concerning notice of meetings and records of same.

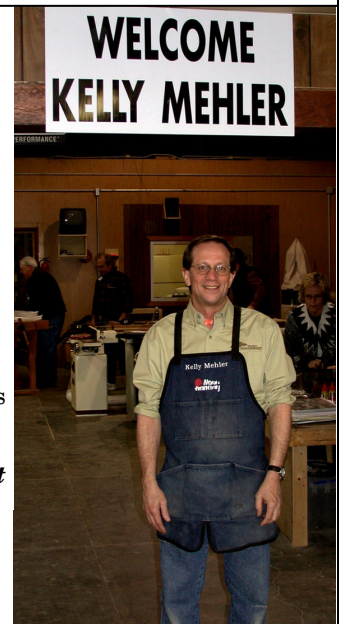
Page 31: By-Law Thirteen to be amended as follows: The Guild may be dissolved by the vote of a three-fourth (3/4) majority of its active members. In the event of dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation by distributing for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall distribute the assets to the federal government or to a state or local government for public purposes.

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another program next year or as soon as his schedule will permit.

Kudos to **Dan Browning** for making and maintaining contact with Kelly until we were able to get the workshop scheduled and for the continued effort he put into promoting the workshop to both Guild members and others. Thanks to the other Guild members who contributed to the success of the program.

Walter Barnett



Special Thanks to Jim Lee for allowing us to use his shop for the Kelly Mehler Seminar!.

Ode to Will Pate

Let me tell you about this guy Pate
He is a turner who is great

He fitted from place to place
Using tact and grace

He wanted to broaden our view
So he brought forth his gouge & skew

Soon in place of plain old wood
Stood an ornament worthy of Hollywood

Taught us to make things ornamental
In a way that was just monumental

He has certainly showed us his skill
And along the way given us all a thrill

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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Items 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

One piece of cherry plywood, 4 x4 ft sq, 1/4 inch The piece goes for \$60 over the internet plus shipping. I would like to sell it for \$40. I can bring it to the Woodcraft store for easy pickup. I also have some small pieces of balsa wood and other wood that might be good for some small crafts if any one is interested in them for free. Contact Cathy at 205-437-0907 or curqu5384@aol.com.

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

March 17	Toys and Things
24	Cliff Daniels demos scroll saw items
31	Recap the quarter

Meeting Directions:

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

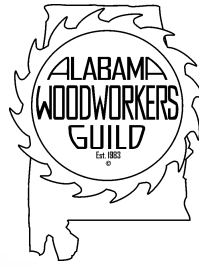
From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

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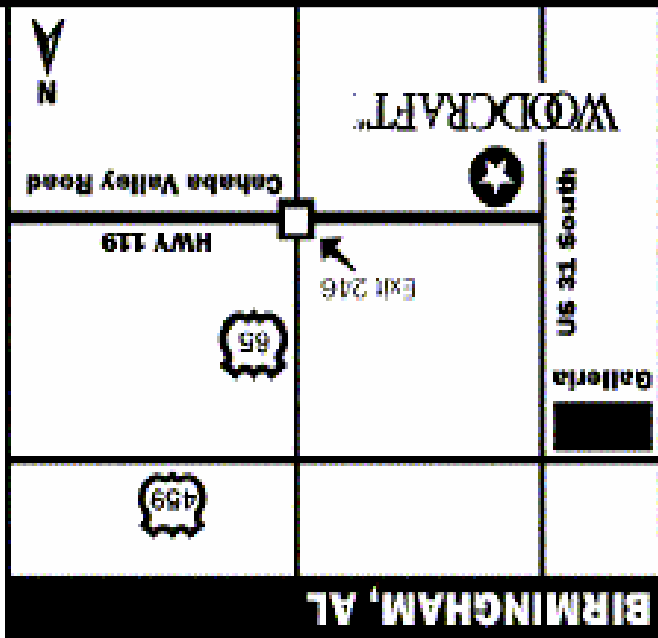


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