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**Welcome  
New members!**  
Hugh Wilson  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2006**

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## President's Message

Thanks to **Cliff Daniels** for arranging our last month's programs, to **Jim Lee** for his presentation on the Kreg jig and to Ed Snow, of Woodcraft, for his program on relief carving. They were great! Relief carving, even a simple one, added to one's work really makes it stand out. I also want to thank Tom Nequette for the film and discussion on Fein Tools.

Please pay special attention to the article on page 3 concerning our pledges for the Woodworking Center. This is a major event in the future of our Guild and your response is very important!

**Charlie Ard** and the following volunteers, **James Armstrong, Walter Barnett, Jeff Bishop, Dan Browning, Shane Carter, Marty Cogen, Cliff Daniels, Jim Lee, Paul Mancill, Jim McKittrick,** and **Joey Page** have completed the dining tables for The Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch! The plans are to deliver them on April 13th. "Thank You" to **Charlie** for his leadership, to all the volunteers who worked, to **Jim Lee** for his shop and to ABC 33/40 for their TV coverage. This project will help some very deserving young men. The volunteers enjoyed the fellowship of working together for a good cause.

Letters were sent to members of five of the burned churches with an offer to build a pulpit and perhaps some other furniture. We are getting responses from those letters. The other churches will get letters as we get their addresses.

Now is the time to be working on the pieces you plan to put in the show this fall!!! Let's make it the best show ever.

Included on page 4 are the results of the survey completed at our March meeting concerning desires for hands-on classes. Plans will be developed shortly that reflect your wishes. If you would like to be a part of this planning just let me know.

Finally, it is necessary to change the schedule for **Cliff's Scroll Saw Class** and **Harold's class on Repair and Refinishing**. Please see the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

See you Thursday!

*Pre-meeting demo presented by **Harold Hall** the Guild's on Guru of Restoration and Finishing. Be there at 5:30 for his presentation. (page 2)*

## Program for April

The program for this month will be presented by the recipient of the 2005 "Peoples Choice Award" at the AWG annual show, **Nevin Newton. Nevin**, a long time resident of the Birmingham area, retired from Southern Precision after 30 years. The subject for his program will be segmented bowls. He tells me he has only been turning these bowls for about a year but it is obvious he has been doing woodworking for a long time. **Nevin** will hopefully tell us where he gets his designs as well as how he cuts and glues up the segmented rings and the general process he goes through to a finished product.

*Shop visit with **Charlie Ard** on April 22nd at 11:00 AM. (see article page 4)*

## April Pre-meeting Demo

This month's pre-meeting demo will be on "finishing" and will be presented by **Harold Hall**. **Harold** is the Guild Guru on restoration and finishing. We all know that no matter how good your joints or how smooth you have sanded, your project will not be it's best unless you have a quality finish on it. *Be there at 5:30 to see **Harold** work his magic*

## Your Library Needs You!

...to check out a book or magazine. Through the generosity of many members, we have an outstanding collection of books and periodicals just waiting to be read. We have books on tools and turning, workshops and wood, furniture and fondue. Oops! no recipe books here, but we do have plenty of books with ideas for making a new workbench, shop jig, piece of furniture or wood turning.

We have a complete collection of Fine Woodworking, which includes articles featuring Tage Frid, Sam Maloof, James Krenov and even Norm Abram. We have video cassettes and DVD's, all yours to be checked out. We haven't worked out easy access at the Senior Center, so our librarian, **Bill Host**, will try to bring a representative sampling into the meeting room each month, and is happy to stay after as long as any one is interested.

This month's trivia question is "What is featured on the cover of the first issue of Fine Woodworking magazine?" Write your name and answer on a scrap of paper and submit it to **Bill Host** at the next meeting. A \$10 bill is optional, but may increase your chances of winning. A drawing will be held from the correct answers for a beautiful 12 oz. mallet, made from that exotic West African wood, Azobe!

*(the inaccessibility of our library is just one more reason why we need our own facility...editor)*

## Surplus Wood is Available!!

Through the generosity of **Glenn Phillips** and **Dixie-Pacific** we have mixed hardwoods in excess of what is needed for the toys program. This wood is available to Guild members at no cost. It's stored at **Jim Lee's** shop on 24th Street South. Contact **Jim** at 413-0184 to arrange pick-up.

Also, please contact **Bill Shivers** (205) 525-4601 to volunteer to go to Dixie-Pacific to help pick-up wood when it's available. We need both manpower and trucks.

## Hands-on Classes for 2006

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

**Furniture Restoration and Refinishing Beginning May 27th** **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 April 1st there were still slots available in this class.

**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.

**Change in Schedule!!** It has become necessary to change the schedule for **Cliff's** Scroll Saw Class and **Harold's** class on Repair and Refinishing! The Scroll Saw Class will start April 22. If you have not already signed up for the class, do so Thursday night. **Harold's** class on Repair and Refinishing will start on May 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope this will not inconvenience anyone.

**Building a High Style Table** Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> **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 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.

See **Mike Key** if you are interested in participating in 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.*

## Lost and Found

**Frank Jones** tells us that he found a bag containing several items that would have been used in his ball and claw carving class.....the one from a couple of years ago. If you took the class and have misplaced the items get in touch with **Frank** to claim your things....of course, you will need to describe what was in the bag to **Frank** first!

### Mentoring Available

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

## Your Pledge and the Woodworking Center

Our January meeting was a milestone in the future of our Guild! It was the kick-off of our plans to have a Guild owned Woodworking Center. The plan provides for a complete woodworking center including a nicely equipped meeting facility, a gallery, a professional quality woodworking shop equipped with tools not likely found in the home shop, storage for wood and a small kitchen. The shop will be open a number of days each week for the use of our members at no cost to the member.

Through the efforts of **Lynn Smith**, we have the services of a professional fundraiser with fourteen years experience, Todd Heifner. Todd has laid out a three-step plan for our fundraising based on obtaining about 80% of the needed funds from foundations and philanthropists in the Birmingham area and about 20% from our members and other donations. The estimated cost of our facility is around \$650,000.

The major steps in Todd's plan are: 1) describe who we are, what do we need, and how much will it cost. This has been done. 2) perform a feasibility study by consulting with about forty of the foundations and philanthropists who are likely to donate to our program 3) through networking with our members and others, Todd will develop a list of about one hundred twenty foundations and philanthropists who are interested in projects like ours and together, Todd with one of us, will call on these groups and individuals to request their support.

One of the very important elements in securing support from others is showing the commitment of our own membership. The level of funds we need to raise is about \$120,000. The donations can be cash as well as cash-in-kind, such as services, material, equipment and etc. Although we have only recently started fundraising, we have about 20% of the cash or cash-in-kind we need to raise!

In the early stages, another important element is to have a commitment for location and land. Although efforts are underway, we don't yet have this commitment – your help is needed! **In a few days you will receive a letter requesting your pledge. You will be asked to make a pledge of your support either in cash or cash-in-kind** on the included form and to return it to our Treasurer, **Walter Barnett**, at the next meeting or if you are unable to attend the meeting, then mail it to **Walter**.

We know that not everyone will wish to support this effort at the same level but all donations are important. The form will allow your pledge to be paid in one payment or over three years to make it easier for you and to match our cash flow. Please consider what the Guild has meant to you, how the planned facility will be helpful to you and if YOU wish this facility to be a part of YOUR legacy as you complete and return the form at the next meeting.

**The Officers and Board of Directors, Alabama Woodworkers Guild**

**Survey Results RE Future Hands-on Classes**

*62 questionnaires were passed out, 38 were returned*

| Class                                     | (24) Sat. AM or (14) |          | Total |
|---|----------------------|----------|-------|
|   | No Preference        | Evenings |       |
| Chip Carving                              | 3                    | 2        | 5     |
| Joinery                                   | 12                   | 5        | 17    |
| Finishing                                 | 14                   | 6        | 20    |
| Sharpening                                | 10                   | 6        | 16    |
| Use of Hand Tools                         | 3                    | 6        | 9     |
| Shop Safety                               | 1                    | 2        | 3     |
| Machine Operation                         | 6                    | 3        | 9     |
| Machine Safety                            | 3                    | 2        | 5     |
| Machine Maintenance                       | 9                    | 6        | 15    |
| Build a Workbench                         | 5                    | 5        | 10    |
| Build a Piece of Furniture                | 7                    | 4        | 11    |
| H/C Dovetails                             | 6                    | 4        | 10    |
| Claw and Ball Feet                        | 3                    | 4        | 7     |
| Make a Walking Stick                      | 4                    | 3        | 7     |
| Turning                                   | 8                    | 6        | 14    |
| Veneering                                 | 5                    | 7        | 12    |
| Other (1 Jigs, 1 Marquetry, 1 scroll saw) |                      |          |       |

**Will Pate Ornaments**

When Will Pate visited with the Fridays at Woodcraft group, he taught them how to turn collectible ornaments to be painted by children and preserved as heirlooms.

By turning finials that fit on the top and bottoms of sections of cardboard paper rolls, children can paint or color a picture on the roll prior to assembly and then their artwork can be "framed" with the finials and hung as heirloom decorations. The guys will be turning lots of these little jewels for our 2006 Toys Program.



**Ode to John Lawson**

That **John** is without peer  
 When it comes to how to veneer  
 His method was simple and direct  
 His openness and skill got your respect  
 He came well prepared  
 As his presentation he shared  
 Your sure missed a treat  
 When this class you did not meet.

**Buddy Finch**

**REMINDER**

THE MAY MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL HOT DOG SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION. SO START COLLECTING THOSE VALUABLE TOOLS AND EXOTIC WOODS THAT HAVE CLUTTERED YOUR SHOP FOR YEARS AND BRING THEM TO THE AUCTION

**Shop Visit With Charlie Ard**

Come see the shop of **Charlie Ard** at 3808 2nd Avenue South in Birmingham on Saturday, April 22nd at 11:00 AM. **Charlie** says he will be serving gumbo and if that isn't enticement enough, you've just got to see the huge boat he is building in there! If you get lost call **Charlie** at (205)266-3686

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

| Report of Cash Condition       |   |                  |                 |              |           |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| First Quarter 2006             |   |                  |                 |              |           |
|                                | Operating Fund                                    | Scholarship Fund | Regions Balance | Capital Fund | Total     |
| 1/1/06 Beg Balance per Books   | 9,879.49  | -                | 9,879.49        | -            | 9,879.49  |
| Allocation to Scholarship Fund | (595.00)  | 595.00           | -               | -            | -         |
| Mar 2006 Cash receipts         | 20,023.66   | -                | 20,023.66       | -            | 20,023.66 |
| Mar 2006 Expenditures          | 5,858.81  | -                | 5,858.81        | -            | 5,858.81  |
| Transfer to Capital Fund       | (15,000.00)                                       | -                | -               | 15,000.00    | -         |
| 3/31/06 End Balance per Books  | 8,449.34  | 595.00           | 9,044.34        | 15,000.00    | 24,044.34 |
| Deposits in Transit            | -   | -                | -               | -            | -         |
| Outstanding Checks             | 430.98  | -                | 430.98          | -            | 430.98    |
| 3/31/06 Bank Balance           | 8,880.32  | 595.00           | 9,475.32        | 15,000.00    | 24,475.32 |
| Capital Fund Detail:           |   |                  |                 |              |           |
| New South Federal Savings Bank | \$8000.00 CD maturing 10/13/06 annual yield 4.42% |                  |                 |              |           |
| New South Federal Savings Bank | \$7000.00 CD maturing 8/9/06 annual yield 4.67%   |                  |                 |              |           |

**WHAT ARE YOU?**

*The following quotation was discovered by my wife several years ago and has become her slogan, because she is a true artist. Her paintings are hanging throughout our home and she teaches art twice a week. I have somewhat adopted this quotation myself because I know it applies to woodworkers as well as others. So, read it and ask yourself- am I a laborer, a craftsman or am I an artist?*

"A man who works with his hands  
 is a laborer---  
 A man who works with his hands  
 and his brain is a craftsman;  
 A man who works with his hands  
 and his brain and his heart is an artist"

**Cliff Daniels**

## Guild Patrons

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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](mailto: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

**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

|       |    |                       |
|-------|----|-----------------------|
| April | 14 | Door hangers          |
|       | 21 | Mahogany Serving Tray |
|       | 28 | Jewelry Boxes         |
| May   | 5  | Jewelry Boxes         |
|       | 12 | Cut out toy cars      |
|       | 19 | Big toy trucks        |
|       | 26 | Make a Jig            |
| June  | 2  | Toy Trucks            |
|       | 9  | Toy Cars              |
|       | 16 | Helicopters           |
|       | 23 | Boxes                 |

### Meeting Directions:

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

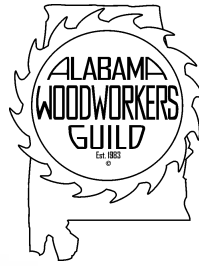
**From I65 South**, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

**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.



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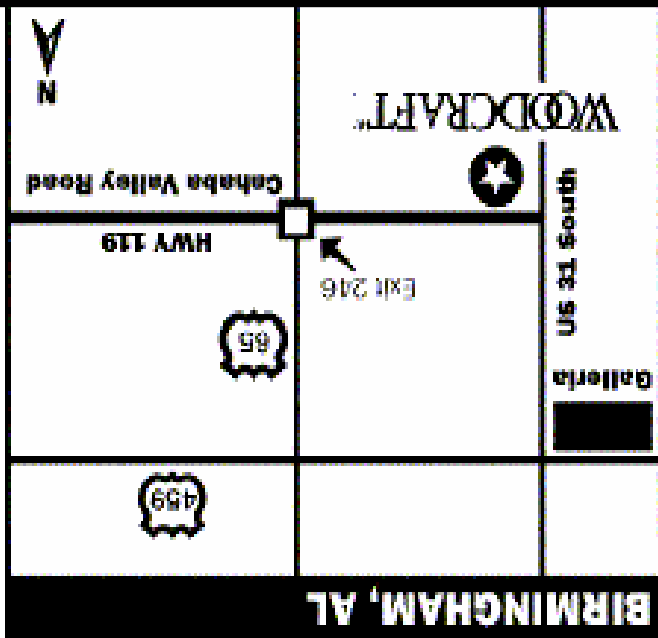


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