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President's Message

Wow! What a rain! Water was bumper deep on the pick-ups coming into the parking lot. In spite of the terrible weather we had about forty people at our last meeting for a fine presentation by **Nevin Newton**. **Nevin** has been making segmented bowls less than a year and his work is absolutely fantastic. He clearly explained and demonstrated how he sizes, fits, and arranges the segments to get the desired pattern in the finished bowl. Beautiful... Do I see a class in **Nevin's** future???

Thanks to **Harold Hall** for his pre-meeting program. It seems that no matter what phase of woodworking one does, we always end up doing some repairs or refinishing and **Harold** is a pro. We appreciate **Harold** sharing his knowledge.

The support for our Woodworking Center was terrific!!! Despite the weather and reduced meeting attendance we had 19 contributions and/or pledges for about \$22,000. We now have close to \$40,000 set aside in a very short time! Those who were not able to make the last meeting, **Walter** will be more than happy to take your contribution or pledge at the next meeting. (continued page 2)

**Welcome
New members!**
 Lee Huffaker
 Ron Griffin

No pre-meeting program this month but we will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers during the silent auction bidding.

**Next Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2006**

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Silent Auction and Hot Dog Supper

May is the Guild's annual family night, hot dog supper and silent auction. So bring the family and enjoy a meal and the fellowship. Also look back in that far corner of your shop and brush the dust off that tool you bought several years ago (because you had to have it) and have never used, or that piece of wood that you acquired -- you can't remember when and have never found a use for, or that item you made and for some reason the spouse won't let you bring it into the house... *bring them to the silent auction.*

We don't want just your junk (although you know the saying- " one persons junk is another persons treasure"). So bring the "good", the "bad", and the "ugly" to see if it will sell. Bidding will last until about 7:30 pm. The rules will be this same as in the past. Each item will have a form with the owners name and minimum bid (if there is one) and spaces for bids to be recorded. The highest bidder of course gets the item when time has expired. 10% of all sales (unless the item is donated to the Guild) goes to the Guild. When the auction is over the buyer and seller will exchange money and item. The seller will be on the honor system to deliver 10% to **Walter Barnett**. If the item has been donated to the Guild the buyer is to pay **Walter** the auctioned price. ***Note: If you have items for auction please be there early so we will have time for set-up and filling out the forms.

Shop visit with Jim Lee and John Lawson on Saturday, May 20th at noon. (see article page 2)

Charlie Ard and **Janie Beale** are due a big "thank you" for hosting the April shop visit. **Janie**, the food was outstanding, as always, and we always enjoy being in **Charlie's** shop. Thanks!

I'm sure you have noticed an increase in the choice of activities your Guild is offering this year. My goal, as your president, is for the Guild to provide a wide variety of activities in an attempt to match the varied interests- and schedules of our members. *The most important element of our Guild is woodworking and learning about woodworking.* Our Friday PM group, our seminars, monthly programs, pre-meeting programs, shop visits, in-house classes, scholarship program and workdays on community projects are all designed to keep our focus on woodworking.

Community service is also a very strong element of our activities. **Charlie Ard** is doing an outstanding job as Community Chair. We are also attempting to provide for the future of our Guild through planning a Woodworking Center. Fellowship, our other purpose, is a natural outgrowth of the above activities. However, for you to get the maximum benefit from your Guild, you must take an active role in the programs that interest you and I encourage you to do just that.

At an estate sale announced at our last meeting, we sold almost all of Mr. Hand's tools in less than two hours and the sale brought in more than \$2100 for Mrs. Hand. Everyone seemed to be happy with the buys. I consider it a real benefit to our members when we have such an opportunity to add to or upgrade our own shops through sales like this.

Remember, our May meeting is our annual family night for food, fun and silent auction (*see page 1*). This is your chance to get to better know your fellow members and to sell those tools you upgraded as a result of your purchases at Mr. Hand's sale.

Bill

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.

Hands-on Classes for 2006

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).

Class meets on Saturday morning from 8 until noon. 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. **Harold** will give demonstrations and discuss a wide variety of topics related to finishing and restoration. As of May 1st there were still slots available in this class. The cost is \$85 for the class.

Frank Jones Free Classes (the first and second Saturdays each month begin at 9 AM.) **Frank** teaches classes (limited to 3 people) on 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.

*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.*

Shop Visit

John Lawson and **Jim Lee** have recently teamed up and are now sharing the shop at 614 24th Street South in Birmingham. They have invited us to join them for a shop visit. **John** is teaching a Guild class on building a high style table in the shop each Saturday morning so the shop visit is scheduled for noon. Come on over and see what the six students in the class are building.

This 'high style' table just happens to be the Federal style card table that was featured on the front cover of *Fine Woodworking* in December 2005. There are eight tables under way one each for six students and **John Lawson** is working on two.

Besides the class, there are always interesting projects going on in this production shop. **Jim Lee** constantly has some project (or three or four) going that are worth a look. Even if you have been in the shop before, it might be worth while to come by again. **John** has some new and different equipment (including one of those European table saws Kelly Mahler was telling us about).

From the Red Mountain Expressway take the 8th Avenue South exit. Turn right on 6th Avenue South and the shop will be on your left across the street from Wachovia Bank. Look for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild banner at the front of the building. The bank is closed on Saturdays so you can park in their parking lot just across the street from **Jim** and **John's** shop.

Mentoring Available

SPECIALTY	MENTOR	PHONE	EMAIL	CALL BEFORE
<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
	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
Porter Cable Jig	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
<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>Lathe Work</u>	Cliff Daniels	205-822-7326	cliffdanielsjr@yahoo.com	
<u>Machine Maintenance</u>	Charlie Ard	205-226-3686		
<u>Metal Working Questions</u>	Charlie Ard	205-226-3686		
<u>Scroll Saw</u>	Cliff Daniels	205-822-7326	cliffdanielsjr@yahoo.com	
<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	
<u>Woodworking Questions</u>	Charlie Ard	205-226-3686		
	Cliff Daniels	205-822-7326	cliffdanielsjr@yahoo.com	

Community Service Projects

The Guild is making news again. Did you catch the story that ran on ABC33/40 about the delivery of the dining tables to the Boy's Ranch? Bill Cassel took a lot of time and effort over several days to document the building and delivery of the tables. He did a terrific job. If you were one of the attendees at the last meeting you got to see a preview. Maybe we can get **Dan Browning** to play his copy for us again soon.

We already have our next project for the Boy's Ranch. We will be making some beds with under bed storage. **Charlie Ard** is leading the effort again and is looking for volunteers. HGH has already donated the hardware and we are looking for some donations of plywood and labor. **Charlie** will have drawings and will be asking for volunteers at our next meeting.

You don't want to miss out on this one because the plan is to have a class on making dovetails on various jigs as we make the boxes for the beds. We will be doing our favorite three things: learning about woodworking while contributing to the community and hanging out with our friends.

Scholarship Awarded to Bill Host

This month we will be awarding a scholarship to **Bill Host**. **Bill** attended a Windsor chair making class at Country Workshops in North Carolina. Do you know about our scholarship program? It is a terrific deal. Members of at least one year can apply for a scholarship equal to 50% of the tuition up to \$200. The Board puts money aside twice each year and it is available on a first come first served basis. You'll need a receipt from your teaching organization as proof that you have completed your course (Guild sponsored seminars and classes do not apply. They are already greatly discounted.)



Now Bill will need to write an article about his experience for the Guild News and make a presentation to the club about his class at the school. That way we can share his experience and know if we might want to take that class.

2006 Annual Show

The dates for the 2006 Annual Show at the Hoover Library are October 21st through October 29th. As in the past we will set up the show on Saturday, October 21st and take it down on Sunday, October 29th during the regular Library hours. Items entered in the show for judging will be judged before Monday night when we will have a reception to honor the participants.

Entries in the show will be judged by category and/or skill level. The following categories will be judged in four skill levels of Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Master:

Traditional Furniture
Contemporary Furniture
Wood Turning
Small Objects

In addition to these categories judged by skill level, all entries in the following categories are judged together as open categories:

Wood Carving
Shop Tools/Jigs
Toys
Restored/Refinished Items

The last item in the open categories, Restored/Refinished items was a new category added to the show last year. It will require before and after photo/photos to assist the judge in his effort with this category. The class that Harold Hall will be holding in the near future should increase the number of entries in this category.

We have had excellent shows in the past and this year should be no different with all of the new talent that has come into the Guild and all of the classes that we have scheduled to take place before the show. I encourage everyone to participate, it is a great way to learn and grow in woodworking skills.

Remember, even though this is a juried show, you can enter your work for display only without it being judged, if you choose. The judging is not a competition of one member versus another, if it is a competition at all, it is each participant competing against themselves, the goal being to do the best work you can and to see improvement in your work from piece to piece. When all is said and done, whether you are willing to admit it or not, no one will ever judge your work as closely as you judge yourself.

Don't forget...Oct 21st- Oct 29th. If not already under way, start your project now!!

Toy Status

Buddy Finch reports that we have 250 to 300 cars, 50 to 60 frames, and 2 dozen door hangers built for our toys program so far this year. We are a long way from the 4,000+ toys we did last year.

The guys are doing a terrific job down at Woodcraft each Friday but we all need to do our part. How many toys will you make? And how many children will smile when they see the toys you made? Don't know how to start? **Buddy** has some ideas about that and is planning for a couple of Toy Workshops.

"What is a Comfort Bucket?"



I heard someone ask that question at the April meeting. It occurs to me that we now have quite a few members that don't remember the days when we met down at Acton's or at Bo Thus-ton's. Until the past couple of years, the Guild met in warehouses where there was no air conditioning and little heat. We had a bunch of white plastic stacking chairs that we purchased and got out for each meeting.

Businesses come and go and occasionally move around as did our previous kind hosts. We were required to change our meeting time and day a couple of times to accommodate the schedules of those folks. Still we were grateful to have a place to get together with other woodworkers to visit and make some sawdust.

Now we meet in much more comfortable accommodations. We pay a fee for the meeting space but members agreed that they wouldn't mind kicking in a \$1 or 2 from time to time for the comfort...and thus the Comfort Bucket was born. If you have a dollar or two to share in appreciation for the comfort of the meeting space you can toss it in. It is strictly voluntary but those of us who have shivered or sweated through meetings are happy to contribute.

Meanwhile our Building Committee is working on building us our own place where we can feel even more comfortable. Where we can get to our library, store some equipment, make sawdust, hold classes.....and so much more.

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:

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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Items for Sale

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

Total Shop—5 tools in one, similar to a Shopsmith \$500 **Don Blackburn** 205-664-1347

Our Fridays at WoodCraft group meet at noon on Fridays (11:30 for lunch) 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

May	5	Mahogany Trays
	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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