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Next Meeting
Thursday, July 20th, 2006

Don't forget
your Show & Tell

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President's Message

First, I want to thank **Mike Key** for his presentation on using the Leigh dovetail jig at the pre-meeting program. Clearly, a number of members benefited from the presentation – too bad **Dan** is still having trouble with his!!!

One of the things I have always wanted to build is a new front door for my home. I think **Jim Lee's** demonstration may have been what I need to get started. Thanks **Jim** for an inspiring presentation.

*Also, thanks to **Shane Carter** for opening his shop for visitation. It was a treat to see how you have set-up your new shop and it looks very nice and workable – the donuts were good too! Thanks again!*

Bill Host is moving from the Birmingham area and this is a big loss for our Guild. **Bill** has been a really hard worker for our Guild and he will be sorely missed. He has participated in a number of our classes and seminars, attended a Joinery class at Marc Adams School of Woodworking, attended a Windsor chair class taught by Drew Langsner, presented at a pre-meeting program, participated in one of our demonstrations at Woodcraft, served as our Librarian, hosted our last Christmas Party plus our Auction/Family night in May, served as a Board Member and currently is the Guild secretary. We will miss you and Sharon and we hope you will visit when you can! Good Luck!

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Pre-meeting demonstration on sharpening and using cabinet scrapers presented by Walter Barnett

Veneering with John Lawson

John Lawson, one of our own extremely talented members, will present our July program. **John** is an industrial engineer by education. He spent most of his career in manufacturing of automotive parts. He and his wife, Jeanne, have three children and have lived in the Birmingham area for the past 8 years. **John** started woodworking about 20 years ago but about five years ago he started to woodwork in earnest. If you remember his table in the 2005 show you understand what I mean by "in earnest." **John** shares a shop with **Jim Lee** and they do all types of woodworking. **John** has a special interest in 18th century American furniture. One of the things **John** told me that he has learned over the years that "if you have an open mind and patience you can do pretty good work."

Come early and get a front row seat to see how veneering is done and used in furniture making.

David Hopper will be at our July Meeting to tell us about Hardwoods of Alabama's move. Presently located in Thorsby, they will be moving to a new location close to the Shelby Co. Airport. David will have the scoop on their plans.

In accordance with our By-laws, I have appointed three of our members to serve as the Nominating Committee for our officers for next year. **Mike Key** chairs the committee with **Jim Caldwell** and **Jeff Hood**. Be sure to give them your input to help shape the future of our Guild.

The turnout at our last shop visit was disappointing!! Please do your best to support your Guild.

For the benefit of those who missed the last meeting, our professional fundraiser, Todd Heifner, furnished a list of individuals, corporations and foundations in the Birmingham area that are likely supporters of projects like our Woodworking Center. Those members in attendance were asked to look the list over and identify any with whom there might be an opportunity for us to network.

There were 11 individuals who thought they might have an opportunity to network with 24 organizations/individuals on the list. Of those 24 organizations/individuals, there were 21 different organizations/individuals. We need a better response! If those members who were not at the meeting responded in the same ratio, then we would have the needed number of contacts. I will, again, have a copy of the list at our next meeting and I will ask those who have not reviewed the list to please get a copy from me and look it over. We need your help.

Sharpen and Use Cabinet Scrapers: Our Pre-meeting Demo

Our July pre-meeting demo will be presented by Walter Barnett. He will demonstrate how to sharpen and use a cabinet scraper.

If you are like me, you have a couple of these scrapers lying around and use them occasionally to clean up a glue joint or some simple task. There are many uses for this simple but effective tool.

Walter will show us how and when to use the scraper. He will also demonstrate the method he uses for sharpening his scrapers...and maybe even help you to sharpen yours if you bring it with you to the meeting. Remember that the pre-meeting demo starts at 5:30 PM in our regular meeting room.

Frank Jones Free Classes (the first and second Saturdays each month at 9 AM, **Frank** has been teaching free classes (limited to 3 people). In August **Frank** will teach **carving ball and claw feet**. **Mike Key** is our class coordinator. (205)663-1614.

Woodworking Center Fund Update

Pledges for The Woodworking Center continue to come in. Thirty-one members have donated and/or pledged a total of \$32,647. Adding our CD's and unpaid pledges, we now have a total of \$47,496 set aside for our Woodworking Center. Last January when this program was presented to the membership, the support was almost unanimous. While the fundraising has gone very well, It is disappointing that only 25% of our members have made a pledge -- there are a number of us "who have not put our money where our mouth is." If you have any questions or reservations about making your pledge, any of your officers or BOD members are prepared to answer them.

Our most significant benchmark for measuring how successful our planning and fundraising has been is to compare us to the Greenville Guild. They raised \$50,000 in about one year to open their shop -- we are \$2500 shy of that in six months. Our goals, however, are different from theirs -- they only have a shop, without space for regular meetings. Their membership has tripled in the last three years and now they are planning for a new 18,000 sq ft facility that meets all their needs -- we are planning to have a facility to meet all our needs in the first step.

Greenville has been very supportive by sharing all of their costs and other information with us. This data has been very helpful and gives us great confidence in what we are doing.

*Thanks for the great initial response...NOW LET'S
MOVE FORWARD WITH TOTAL SUPPORT!*

Demonstration at Woodcraft July 22nd

Woodcraft has invited us to display our work at Woodcraft during the entire month of July. In addition, on **Saturday, July 22nd** we are to set-up out in front of Woodcraft to demonstrate our skills -- similar to what we have done in the past.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship; to win \$100, \$50, or \$25 in a drawing, enjoy lunch provided by Woodcraft, show our work to Woodcraft's customers -- plus, it's a great way to meet possible new members!

Bring your work for the display as soon as possible and plan to participate in the demo on the 22nd between 10 AM and 4 PM.

Tom Nequette and his staff have been super nice to us and now is the time we can return the favor and have fun in the process. **PLAN TO BE THERE!**

Change in Leadership

Bill Host's leaving Birmingham left vacancies to be filled. **Dwight Hostetter**, a current board member has agreed to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the year and **Eddie Heerten** will fill the vacancy created on the Board left by **Dwight's** move.

Eddie has been one of the largest users of the Guild Library and I am happy to report that he will also be our new Librarian.

Guild Patrons

We are very 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

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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

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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 (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!

ITEMS FOR SALE

- **Total Shop—5 tools in one**, similar to a Shopsmith \$500
Don Blackburn (205)-664-1347
- **Grizzly 15" Model G1148 Heavy Duty Band Saw**, 1hp-110v, Includes 5 blades- 103" ¼- to ¾, installed roller bearing guides, mounted wheels on base. Two years old. All new over \$600. Sell for **\$350**.
- **Grizzly - Mini Wood Lathe**, Model G9247, 1/3 hp variable speed, includes #1 morse taper with chuck, #1 taper with mandrel, 3" mounting plate. Two years old over \$200.00 Sell for **\$130**.

Glenn Phillips (256)-393-0012 cell

- **Free Bed liner for short bed pick-up truck**
Cliff Daniels (205) 822-7326

Meeting Directions:

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

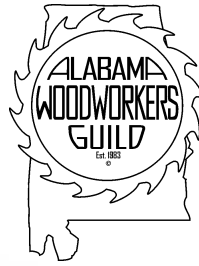
From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. When in doubt, merge left. At the 3rd light (Florida Grill and Weygand Surveyors) take a left. Go to the black mail box and turn right into Senior Center property. The center has a green roof. (205) 943-0018

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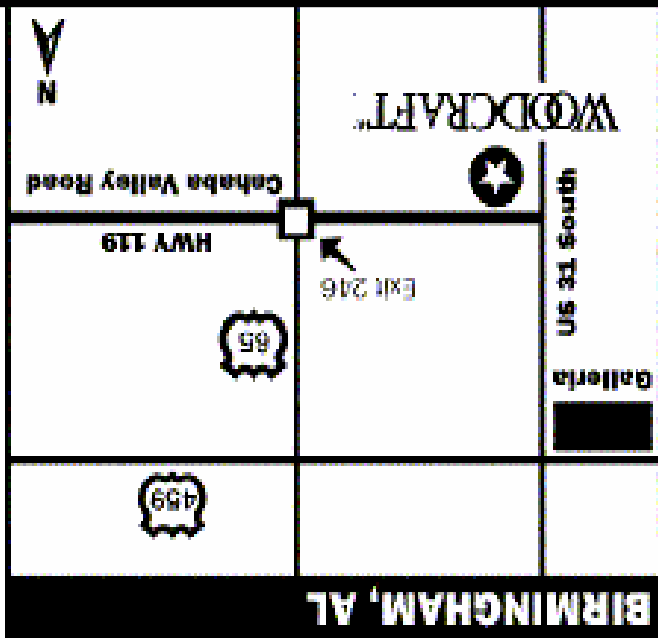


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Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL.

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