

# Guild News

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***Our September meeting will be at the Boys Ranch – not the Senior Center!! See page 2 for directions.***

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***Next Meeting  
September 21st, 2006  
Note the  
SPECIAL MEETING  
PLACE***

**Welcome New Members**  
 Jim Dormuth  
 W. F. Lane  
 George Taylor  
 Tom Willetts

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## President's Message

You are in for a treat if you have not visited the Boys Ranch before. I promise you will be touched to see these young men and what the workers there are doing for them. They will be serving us dinner so remember to consider the cost of the meal when you pass the comfort bucket (*Proceeds from this month's Comfort Bucket go to the Boys Ranch so bring some cash!*).

As always, **Cliff Daniels** did a great job planning the programs for our August meeting. **Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly** have contributed much to our Guild in many ways, for a long time – the most recent was to share what they learned in Steve Latta's Decorative Details class at the Marc Adams School. By the way, we are trying to make arrangements for Steve to do a seminar for us next spring. We also saw some of the favorite jigs of some of our members. Thanks to all of you!

I'm told the visit to **Eddie Heerten's** shop visit was great! I was out of town so I missed the visit but have heard everyone enjoyed it. We have seen **Eddie's** work at Show-and-Tell. **Eddie** has also taken some ribbons in the annual show! **Eddie**, our librarian and newest board member, uses our library more than any other member. His work has improved at a fantastic rate. Thank you, **Eddie**, for opening your shop!

I believe this is going to be our best Annual Show ever! Set-up is only five weeks away -- October 21<sup>st</sup> -- so you need to be working hard on your project. With the classes we have had this year and the items that have been coming to Show-and-Tell I know the show will be great. I'm told we will also have a decorative house door entered this year. This is going to be an exciting show!

Our reception and identification of Show winners is Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We

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## September Program

**The meeting for this month will be held at the Sheriff's Boys Ranch** outside of Pell City. The Boys Ranch staff have volunteered to feed us a good home cooked meal beginning at 6:30 PM. Following dinner we will have a short business meeting and then a presentation by the Boys Ranch director.

We will learn details of the Ranch operation and possibly tour some of the facilities. Of particular interest will be the Mel Bailey House for which the Guild is providing dining tables and beds. We encourage everyone to attend if possible. We need to make a good showing especially since they are preparing a meal for us!

**Cliff Daniels** is coordinating with a couple of members who have vans so that some of us can meet and ride up together. If you are interested in riding with the group, give **Cliff** a call at (205) 822-7326.

have had invitations printed to mail to those you wish to invite to the show and reception. Please do your part take as many invitations as you need and send them to those you would like to see the show and let know more about The Alabama Woodworkers Guild. Invitations will be available at the September meeting or by calling **Walter Barnett**.

**Monta King** volunteered at our last meeting to be our official photographer. This role is important to keep a photographic record of our Guild's activities. He has already visited the Friday PM group and the Toys Workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Pictures are on the web-site. **Monta**, it's members like you that make our Guild great. We are indebted to you. We have other roles that need to be filled if you wish to help, like **Monta**.

We had eighteen members at **Dan Browning's** Toy Workshop on August 26<sup>th</sup>. **Charlie Ard** cooked biscuits, eggs and bacon – there was food for breaks, pizza for lunch and everyone had fun making boxes and 125 cars. It's only nine weeks until time to turn in our toys, so more workshops are planned. Join the fun! **Mel Brown** combined some of **Monta's** still shots with some of his video footage to produce a creative DVD of the toys workshop that we'll show that at a future meeting.

Fall and football are in the air. It's getting cooler. Have fun - work hard on your show projects and toys! Work safely!

#### Bill

## October Toy Workshop

We're all getting together again on **October 7th** to build toys. This time we'll meet in Indian Springs at the **Kelly** house. Come on out between 8 and 9 AM. We'll keep working 'til we make more toys than got made at **Dan Browning's** toy workshop! If **Charlie Ard** doesn't volunteer to cook breakfast again, we'll find something to feed you.

Take I 65 South to Exit 246 (Oak Mtn exit).

Turn left (east) on to Hwy 119 and go just over 1/2 mile

Turn left on County Rd 379 (Arrowhead Lane).

Take your first right (about .2 mile) on to Indian Crest.

About a block down the road take the next right on to Indian Forrest Drive.

Follow this road a short distance until it curves sharply to the left. The Kelly house will be on the left just past the curve behind a large brick wall. The mailbox says **Kelly. Buzz & Nelda** (205) 733-1258

*Best wishes to Dale Lewis as he recovers from a recent surgical procedure. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Dale!*

## Items for Sale

**Powermatic Artisian** (contractors) **table saw** with Vega fence. Good condition \$300.  
Call **Paul Mancill** - 706 6252.

**Shopsmith Mark V** with bandsaw. Complete with all accessories. Features a turning lathe, horizontal boring, vertical drill press, circular table saw, and circular disc sanding. The band saw is a specialty tool add on. The unit is on roller casters.

Like new. Only the table saw has been used a few times. Includes owners manual. \$800.00

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**Shop Smith Accessories.** Planer, Lathe duplicator, etc.  
All new—40% of 1999 Catalog Prices.

**Craftsman 6" jointer** condition new. \$350.

**Bob Minor** (205) 835-9499

20% of proceeds on Mr. Minor's items to Guild Bldg Fund.

**Rockwell/Delta lathe Model 46-111.** 40" long 1/3 hp 115v 4.8 AMPS. Includes set of 8 Greenlee turning chisels and 3 tool rests. Lathe sits atop cabinet with 8 drawers. \$300

**Metal lathe by South Bend**—10" swing on skid. Quick change gear lathe, GE motor 3/4 hp 110v 10.8 amp 60 cyc. \$1300

**Milling Machine INCO/Model 100-5200**, 1985, 110/220v 2hp 18.9 amps \$750

call **Erik Stahr** 978-5471 (son of friend of **Jim Anchors**. **Jim** says all very clean machines in good condition-operate smoothly)

**60bf of Beech lumber** (really good looking wood, bought to build a work bench) \$2 bf.

Contact **Charlie Ard** (205) 266-3686

### → Directions to the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch

- From Birmingham take I-20 east towards Atlanta to Exit 147.
- At the bottom of exit turn right (see the big Chevron station on left) and go a short distance (about .2 mile) and turn left on US 78 E.
- Follow US 78 E about 2 miles and turn right on Camp Winnataska Road.
- Follow Camp Winnataska Road 3/10 mile. Turn right on Cherokee Rd. (Little church on the corner).
- Follow Cherokee Rd 4.5 miles (seems like more). Boys Ranch is on the right. Turn in. Pass the log cabin office and a big sign identifying the Ranch. Follow road past two homes, turn right, up the hill leading to the third home. At top of hill you will see the gym straight ahead. We meet there.
- It will take 35 to 40 minutes from the airport to get there. If you get lost call 405 – 6455.
- Note – Do NOT follow the directions on Mapquest



**ODE TO DAN BROWNING**

SATURDAY WAS QUITE A DAY  
IN SUCH A WONDERFUL WAY

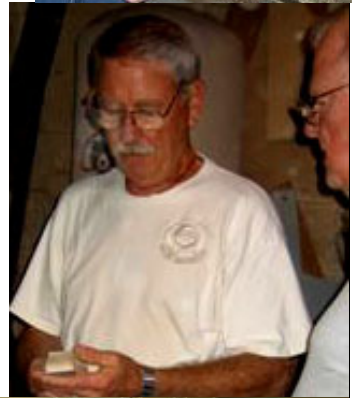
THAT GIFTED CRAFTSMAN DAN  
HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL PLAN

CLEVER AS A RED TAILED FOX  
HE SHOWED US HOW TO MAKE A BOX

HIS SHOP ALSO IS UP TO PAR  
FOR CUTTING OUT AND ASSEMBLING A  
CAR

OUR BOXES NUMBERED FORTY THREE  
OUR CARS ALMOST EIGHTY THREE

HE SURE GETS MY BID  
FOR MAKING MANY A SMILING KID



Photographs by Monta King

## Browning Toy Workshop

On August 26th, we got together at **Dan Browning's** shop to build toys for our Toys Program. Toy Chairman, **Buddy Finch**, reports that the following folks showed up to help: **Jeff Hood, Buddy Finch, Cliff Daniels, Dan Browning, Dan Langford, Charlie Ard, Robert McClure, Jim Anchors, Bill Thomas, Bill Newton, Harold Hall, Monta King, Walter Barnett, Paul LeSueur, Mel Brown, Brian Burke, Troy Stroud** and **George Taylor**.

Thanks to all of you for your help and a special thanks to **Dan** for hosting and to **Charlie Ard** for cooking breakfast for everyone! The Over the Hill Gang finished up the toys started at **Dan's** down at Woodcraft for a total of about 200 toys!

## Beds for Boys

Our latest community service project, building eight beds along with sixteen storage boxes for the Boys Ranch, is underway. **Charlie Ard** has called volunteers to pickup their wood so they could start on their projects. These beds are destined for the Mel Bailey House at the Boys Ranch.

If you haven't picked up your wood or haven't volunteered yet call **Charlie** and ask if he could use some more help..

**The Annual Show is only five short weeks away! How's your project coming???**

## Finishing Techniques

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- Shellac padding, French polishing and some gold leaf
- The last day concentrates on "rub out and touch up"

Level: Beginner to Intermediate      Cost: \$650.00      Materials: \$100.00

To enroll in this course, please contact the

**Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking**

1640 Mid-Broadwell Rd  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
770-751-9571

## Planning for 2007

Our nominating committee is hard at work planning for 2007. A new slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting with voting at the November meeting. Be sure and let any board member know if you are interested in serving on the Guild Board for 2007.

If you would like to help out but being on the Board is too much of a time commitment, consider volunteering for the calling committee or the meeting set up committee. **Eddie Heerten** is in charge of our calling committee. When we have a special event like our meeting at the Boys Ranch or a Toy Workshop, we like to make a special telephone call to members as a reminder. You can do this from home on your time schedule!

This year **Buzz Kelly** has been in charge of the meeting set up committee. Assisted by **Barron Bartlett** and **Bill Snipes**, the group arrives early and makes sure that our meeting room is set up. They purchase refreshments, make coffee, get our bench set up for the programs as needed. At the end of the meeting they clean up and make sure that everything put back into place and is in ship shape order for the folks at the Senior Center. **Buzz** is retiring from this position at year end and we are looking for someone to take his place in 2007. Let **Bill Shivers** know if you would be interested in taking on this responsibility...it's only once a month.

**This is your Guild. Make the most of it. Get involved, you'll be glad you did!**

## Guild Patrons

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**Paul Mancill, Realtor** I work as a full time Realtor with both buyers and sellers. If I can help you please call. I will donate a minimum of \$200 in your name to the AWG Building fund for each successful transaction either with a AGW member or referred by an AWG member. Thanks, Paul.. I can be reached at (205)-706-6252

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### Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Our thanks to **ABC 33/40** and **Bill Castle** for their complete support of the community activities of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

**When you have the opportunity or the choice, support those that support us!**

### *Fridays at Woodcraft*

*Our "Over the Hill Gang" meets at noon on Fridays (11:30 for lunch) at WoodCraft on Hwy 119 in Pelham to eat lunch and do a little woodworking. Our leader is our Toy Chairman, **Buddy Finch**, so currently we are concentrating our efforts on making toys for the 2006 Toys Program. Please bring your lunch and join us!*

*We are also planning two more Saturday morning workshops in support of our Toys Program. On Saturday, October 7th we will be meeting at the shop of **Buzz and Nelda Kelly**. On Saturday, November 4th, we will be getting together again at the shop of **Dan Browning**.*

*These are all good chances for you to join in the fellowship and fun! No skills, no problem. We'll teach you something. Lots of skill, come teach us a few things us old dogs sure do love to learn new tricks!*



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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](http://www.alabamawoodworkersguild.org)

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