

Guild News

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**Our business this meeting will include
Election of officers and Awarding of the People's
Choice Award for Best of Show.
Don't Miss it!!!**

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President's Message

I want to thank **Mike Key** for his presentation on pen turning during the pre-meeting presentation in October and **Charlie Ard** for his entertaining and humorous slide show on his boat building --- "did you see the finish"!!!! Good job guys and thanks for always doing more than your share.

Walter Barnett did another outstanding job with the show! Thank you and all those who helped you. Please see the article (page4) on the numbers from the show. In my opinion, several of the entries were the best our Guild has ever produced and I am so proud for you. What a crowd at the reception! Thanks to the ladies that helped put the reception together.

More than ever we are depending on you to bring more toys than you planned to our next meeting. Due to **Lee** and **Jene Beadles** having to spend more time with their ill, elderly aunt this past year, they have had less time to make toys. The total numbers of toys may be fewer than in 2005. That makes it all the more important that YOU help pick up the slack and make all the toys you can between now and the up coming meeting! Remember, if you don't finish all your toys by the 16th, you can turn in the others at the Christmas party. **Lee, Jene**, we thank you for what you have done in the past and what you continue to do. We hope your aunt is doing much better.

Mike Key gave a report from the nominating committee at our last meeting and the election of officers and board members will take place at our meeting on the 16th. The floor will be open for your additional nominations. The committee has recommended the present officers and board members be re-elected with the exception of **Jeff Bishop**, who is rotating off the Board and the committee recommends that **Jeff Hood** replace **Jeff Bishop**.

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***Next Meeting
November 16th,
2006
Toys Program
Meeting 6:30 PM***

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November - EBM Toys Program

This year, as always, we devote our November meeting to our Toys Program. Over the years we have been blessed with many caring and prolific toy makers and a number of toy chairmen. **Elsie Baker**, until her untimely death, was one of the most dedicated and most beloved of our toy makers. Previously the Guild Board dedicated a single toy program to **Elsie**. At the November board meeting our current Board voted to make this a permanent designation. Henceforth, we will refer to this program as the **Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program** or the EBM Toy Program for short.

Please join us November 16th to see and count how many toys we have created to make children happy this year....and don't forget YOUR toys!

All of the material is in place (at **John's** and **Jim's** shop) to make the cabinets for Habitat's December House Project. We need you to come and help and in the process you may learn how to build a set of cabinets. Learn more info on how and when to help at the November meeting.

Reserve the date on your calendar – December 7th at 6:00 PM for our Christmas Party. It's always fun and the food is great. I'm told we will have some really neat items for door prizes and raffles. I would not even be surprised if **Leonard Sanders** entertains us again!!!! Bring your significant other and your favorite side dish --- everything else will be furnished. (see articles page 3)

Thank you for completing the survey on the classes you desire at our last meeting. Thirty members responded and plans are being made to meet those requests. It looks like we will have one advanced class similar to the federal card table class **John Lawson** taught previously plus other classes to fulfill the requests. Based on the survey there is an even split between night and day classes so we plan to have both. The preferred night seems to be on Thursday and the day classes likely will be on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings. The details will be out soon.

Work Safely!

Bill

Welcome New Members!

Reg Hug
Michael Tomlin
Philip Zicarelli

Our treasurer, **Walter Barnett**, is ready to take 2007 membership dues. They are not due until January but he will gladly take them now if you want to avoid the rush!

Remember to review and update your information for the directory when paying your dues.

Items for Sale

Wood rasps \$26.00. The Guild purchased some Nicholson rasps #49 and #50 at a terrific price. We still have two or three left.
Contact Walter Barnett 426-9083

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 go to Guild Bldg Fund.

TAX TIME IS COMING

December 31st is just around the corner, so as you consider ways to reduce the amount due Uncle Sam don't forget that pledge payments must be made by December 31st to be deductible for 2006. If you have not made a pledge, consider a contribution to the Guild or the proposed Guild Woodworking Center before December 31st.

We will be sending out receipts for pledge payments and contributions received in 2006 in January 2007 for use in preparation of your tax returns.

Thanks for your support.

Due to a breakdown in communications, we are late getting notice of the upcoming book fair. Last year it was a fun day and we each made a little money! I hope that on short notice you can still participate -- so plan to get your scroll saw, lathe or whatever and let's demo our skills and sell our lovingly made objects at the Pell City Book Fair!

Pell City Book Fair

Plan to be at the Pell City Book Fair on **December 2nd** to sell your handmade items and demonstrate your skills or just to support your fellow woodworkers! Being there will provide opportunities for the Guild and our members by giving exposure for the Guild.

Our members will be able to sell their handmade items. The Guild also plans to offer toys and other items for sale to raise money for our building fund. *(20% if all sales go to the Pell City Library Guild)*

You should plan to be there just after 8 AM to set up. The sale will began at **9 AM until 4 PM**. Space is available for a maximum of ten people.

Call or contact **Bill Shivers** @ 205-525-4601 not later than our meeting on November 16th to reserve your spot and get details.

The directions to the Book Fair:

Take I-20 towards Atlanta to exit 158,

Turn right on US 231S (Martin St) and

Go to the 4th traffic light.

Turn right on to Comer Ave.

At the stop sign, Comer will merge into Cogswell.

Go to the 3rd traffic light on Cogswell and

Turn left on 19th St. (no street sign at this intersection.)

Go across the railroad track to the

Pell City Community Center, 405 19th St. South, Pell City.



Here's one from the archives! This is the first Toy Workshop at the Kelly house back in November '02. Front row left to right: Jackie Tyler, Fred Baker, Jim Anchors, Judy Tyler, James Armstrong. Back row left Elsie Baker, Paul LeSueur, Buzz Kelly, Harold Phillips. That day we made about 100 toys but would never have made it without Dan Browning and his glue gun!

Christmas Party Door Prizes Needed!!

Our Christmas Party is less than a month away. Have you talked to your favorite vendor yet to secure a door prize (or more)? We sure would like to send everyone home with a gift this year!

How about one of your own heirloom items? Many of our members collect really nice samples of work by other woodworkers. Tools, gadgets, wood, books, turned items, gift certificates are all great gift ideas. Remember to get the names and addresses of donors so we can send a thank you note.



Beds for Boys Ranch

Pictured above is one of the eight beds we are making for the Mel Bailey House at the Boy's Ranch. This bed was on display at our Annual Show. The bed includes the storage boxes beneath but does not come equipped with a toy canoe.

Thanks to **Monta King** for the picture and to **Charlie Ard** for coordinating this effort..

I WAS SURE UP A TREE
SO I CALLED ON CRAFTY **JIM LEE**

FOR I KNEW WITHOUT A DOUBT HE COULD
CRAFT MY CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE FROM
SOME PLYWOOD

SO FROM A SKETCH I DID DRAW
HE SOON HAD CUT THE PANELS OF HIS SAW

AS SOON AS THAT WAS DONE
HE USED SOME GLUE AND HIS TRUSTY GUN

THE PIECES WENT TOGETHER SO NEAT
WATCHING HIM WORK WAS SURE A TREAT

HE HAS TALENT AND STYLE
HIS WORK WILL MAKE THE KIDS AT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SMILE

*Translation: Two Princes—Thanks to **Jim Lee** for bailing **Buddy Finch** out by helping him with a special request from Children's Hospital. We don't just build toys, we help them out with special projects from time to time as well.*

Toy Day at Nelda & Buzz

Let me tell you cuz
What a blast we had with Nelda and Buzz
Buzz and the rest showed their woodworking
lore
And we turned out cars and boxes by the score

Sawdust and chips did fly
And the time too did fly by

I thought I was perhaps too bold
When I set up such a high goal

But this working crew came through
But that's no surprise they always do.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY – THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH, 6:00 PM
AT THE HOMEWOOD SENIOR CENTER.**

THE GUILD FURNISHES THE MEAT, DRINKS, BREAD AND PAPER ITEMS. BRING ALONG YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH AND/OR DESSERT. BE SURE TO GET THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE "THANK YOU" LETTER FOR DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS THAT YOU HAVE SECURED. AND REMEMBER THAT THOSE HAND MADE BY YOU ITEMS MAKE TERRIFIC DOOR PRIZES!

DWIGHT HOSTETTER IS OUR CHAIRMAN FOR THIS EVENT. CONTACT HIM IF YOU WANT TO HELP. COME PREPARED TO JOIN IN ON ALL THE FUN. **BUDDY FINCH** WILL BE COLLECTING LATE ARRIVING TOYS AT THE PARTY.

2006 SHOW

*Another great show! Thanks to **Marcia Mancill, Karen Lee, Kathy Shivers** and **Nelda Kelly** for their help with registration and making name cards Saturday and a wonderful reception on Tuesday night. The attendance at Tuesday night's reception may have been the best yet. The biggest **THANK YOU** has to be reserved for the Guild members and our friends from WAWA who proudly displayed their work for the show.*

The quality of workmanship on display continues to improve, however as you can see from the list of ribbon winners below, there were twenty category and skill levels for which we had no entries. The show consisted of 85 items

entered by 31 participants, including 3 from WAWA. With only 28 Guild members participating we have a lot of room for growth, particularly in the beginner and intermediate categories.

The show is such a fun time and opportunity to show off what you have done, I don't understand the low participation. Any suggestions that anyone has to improve the show or participation in the show would be welcomed and appreciated.

Now is the time to begin preparation for participation in next year's show. Please come join us.

Congratulations! 2006 AWG Show Ribbon Winners

	1st	2nd	3rd
<u>Traditional Furniture:</u>			
Intermediate	Brian Stauss		
Advanced	Paul Mancill	Buzz Kelly	Mike Key
Masters	John Lawson	Leonardicus Sanders	
<u>Contemporary Furniture:</u>			
Advanced	Bill Shivers	Eddie Heerten	Frank Jones
Masters	Dale Lewis	Dale Lewis	Norm Ellis
<u>Turnings:</u>			
Beginners	Glenn Phillips	Glen Phillips	
Intermediate	Cliff Saxon	Cliff Saxon	Paul Mancill
Advanced	Nevin Newton	Cliff Daniels	Mike Key
Masters	Cliff Daniels		
<u>Small Objects:</u>			
Beginners	Buddy Finch	Buddy Finch	
Intermediate	Alex Todorov	Cliff Daniels	Cliff Daniels
Advanced	Jeff Hood	Buzz Kelly	Nelda Kelly
Masters	Dwight Hostetter	Norm Ellis	Cliff Daniels
<u>Carvings:</u>			
	Nelda Kelly	Buzz Kelly	Tom Robinson
<u>Shop Tools/Jigs</u>			
	Dwight Hostetter		
<u>Toys</u>			
	Eddie Heerten	A. R. Bray	A. R. Bray
<u>Restoration/Refinishing</u>			
	Jim Lee		

We had no entries in the following categories: Traditional Furniture Beginners, Contemporary Furniture Beginners and Intermediate. Our goal would be to see stiff competition in all categories. We would also like to see entries by more of our members. Variety adds spice!

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:

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Our thanks to local television station **ABC 33/40** and videographer, **Bill Castle**, for their support of the community activities of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

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 EBM Toy Chairman, **Buddy Finch**, so currently we are concentrating our efforts on making toys for the EBM 2006 Toys Program. Please bring your lunch and join us!*

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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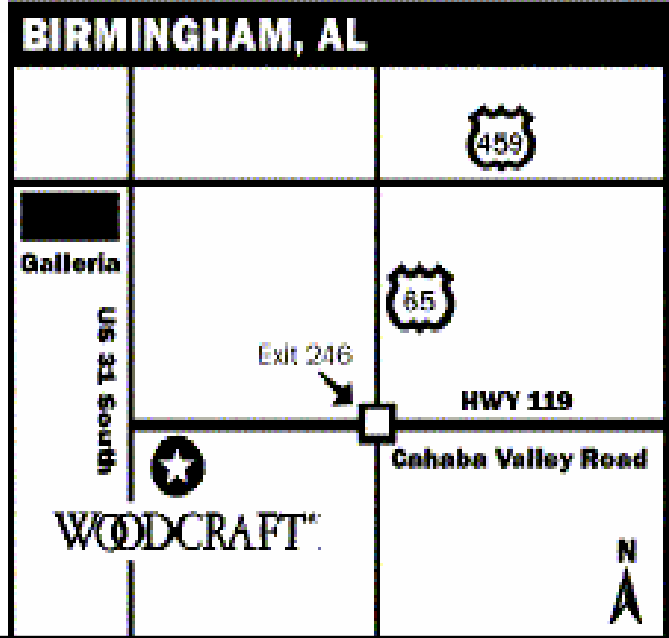
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