



# Guild News

Shop Visit with **Jeff Hood** on Saturday, May 19th, 9:00 AM (directions page 3)

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**Next Meeting**  
**May 17th**  
**Auction set up**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Dinner 6:00 PM**  
**Bidding Ends at 7:30**

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## President's Message

Our last meeting at Hardwoods of Alabama was outstanding! Let's say "Thank You" to **David Hopper** and his staff for inviting us to meet in his new and beautiful facility. I have never seen so much high quality hardwood in one place before. What a resource to us. The food was great. The deals on the lumber caused several to leave with their trucks overloaded. Seventy-eight members and guests participated.

**Paul Mancill** and **Buzz Kelly's** presentations on finishing, like their finishes, was first class. All of you on e-mail have received a copy of their presentations. Thank you guys, it was really good!!!

Well, at the last meeting I guess I kind of fussed at the group about the poor participation in our in-house classes -- there's nothing wrong with being in the Guild for the fellowship. I continue to be amazed at the power of our article in Woodcraft Magazine and the Internet. New member, **John Phelps** of Orange, Texas, learned about us on the net and as a result is commuting from Orange to attend **John Lawson's** class. We have also been contacted by a gentleman in Myrtle Beach, SC who wants to make toys for our Elsie Baker Memorial Toys Program. But we have to beg our local members to get involved in these programs -- what's wrong with this picture??

**Tom Nequette of Woodcraft has invited us to demonstrate there on July 21st.** Tom is going to provide refreshments and lunch; much like last year, which was  
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## Family Night, Silent Auction & Hot Dog Supper

This month is the Guild's annual family night, hamburger/hotdog supper and silent auction. *So bring your family and friends* and enjoy a meal and fellowship with other Guild members. **We will begin serving hamburgers and hotdogs with the trimmings at 6:00.**

This is also the night for our silent auction. Bring all those treasures you have that someone else may want to buy. These can be almost anything, like tools, lumber or items you have made.



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 auction price. **The bidding will last until about 7:30.**



*Any large/heavy items that might damage the meeting room floor (joints and such) should remain outside the side door that opens into our meeting room or the portico in case of rain.. Sheets on these items should be inside. \*\*\*Note: If you have items for auction please be there early so we will have time for set-up and filling out the forms. Any Questions? See **Cliff Daniels**. He's the man in charge.*

fun! Make plans to be there and to demonstrate your favorite skill.

Are you ready for our next meeting? It's "Family Night" and that includes your friends as well. This is the time to sell your unused items so someone else can benefit from them and you can get some cash. If you have a project you have made and would like to sell or give away as a door prize – bring it on! **Charlie Ard** has made arrangements for us to have some very good beef for the burgers and there will be lots of other food. And last, but not least, bring some extra cash (and your truck) in case you find something you would like to buy.

***The annual show is coming up in October.***  
(The dates are October 20th through 28th) You know how long it takes to make a winner. Do you know what YOU will enter this year? If you have never entered before, come talk to me and let me convince you how much fun it is. It's time to get ready!!!

Eleven new members joined our Guild last month. Woodcraft is helping us to continue that growth by putting Guild flyers in all the sales bags at the store. Thank Tom and his staff when you see them. When was the last time you talked to someone about joining the Guild? **Bring a friend to our Family Night Meeting Thursday night.**

You may have seen announcements about the open house at **Ron Peyton's Dogwood Institute on June 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity for you to get with a buddy and go visit Dogwood Institute, see some turning demos, enjoy the tool swap, have a nice lunch and see Ron's new facility. On the way over stop at the new Rockler/Redmond Store and swing by Highland's Hardware on the way home. Spend some time with your woodworking buddies and have some summer fun!!

Remember, bring a friend who is interested in woodworking to our meetings and encourage him/her to join the Guild.

Take time to work safely,  
**Bill**

### Welcome New Members!!!!

**Tyrone A. Aaron**, Columbiana  
**Dennis Guthrie**, Cullman  
**James H. (Jim), Harris**, Shelby  
**Chris Hill**, Pelham  
**Peter C. Nassetta**, Cullman  
**Charles Osborne**, Cullman  
**W. F. Peinhardt**, Cullman  
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## Alabama Woodturners Classes

We and the Alabama Woodturners are sharing classes in 2007. See the schedule of turning classes posted at <http://alabamawoodturners.com>

or contact Will Pate (205) 907-0638.

## Guild in House Classes

Our spring sweep of classes are complete except for the **John Lawson**, spice box class (miniature chest about the size of a large jewelry box with raised panel door opening to reveal 9 individual drawers. Box is complete with top and bottom molding details and bracket or cabriole feet). The class got under way on May 5th with 5 students.

We are told that there is little interest in summer classes because everyone is so busy. So, we haven't scheduled any further classes until the end of summer. **Jim Caldwell** is our Education Chairman. If you have an interest in a particular class or class time let **Jim** know. He will welcome your comments and suggestions.

## Kelly Mahler is Coming Back November 16th and 17th!!!

Mark your calendar for November 16th and 17th. One of the best woodworkers around will be back in town to do a two day seminar for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild.

Kelly Mahler will make a table from a single board, teaching the principals of wood selection and grain matching. He will be demonstrating the use of a number of power tools and techniques in his presentation.

Kelly was with us for two very fun filled, interesting and satisfying days last year. We were very lucky that **Dan Browning** talked Kelly into coming back for another visit. Look for more details on his visit in upcoming issues of the Guild News.

Meantime, mark your calendars and keep these dates open!!

## Guild Patrons

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### SHOP VISIT DIRECTIONS Saturday, May 19th at 9:00 AM

You don't want to miss this visit. **Jeff** does some fine wood working. Barley twists are a specialty of his.

**Jeff Hood** lives at 129 Windsor Lane in Pelham  
Take I-65 So to Exit 242 toward Pelham/Helena (0.2 mi)  
Turn Left on County Road 52 east (1.2 mi)  
Turn Right on County Road 11 (0.1 mi)  
Turn Left onto Weatherly Way (0.8 mi)  
Turn Slight Right on to Kings Crest Lane (0.3 mi)  
Turn Right on to Windsor Circle (0.3 mi)  
Turn Left on to Windsor Lane (0.5 mi)

*Jeff's phone number is (205) 621-0725 just in case you get lost.*

### 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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