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President's Message

I hope all of you enjoyed Ira Chaffin's demonstration of his carved carousel horses as much as I did. Ira's addition of artistic skills to woodworking adds a new dimension to traditional straight cut woodworking and inspired us all to think a little differently.

Ira's school is located above Dave's Pub at 1124 20th St. South. Stop by next time you are downtown.



This month we are in for even more challenges to our imaginations as **Dale Lewis** joins us to share his very unique approach to woodworking and the use of colorful stains and dyes. You won't want to miss this program! **Dale** is a member of the Guild and has demonstrated his art at meetings in the past and always fascinates us with his technique.



Next Meeting
Saturday,
April 17

Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell

April Pre-meeting: For the next several months we will highlight individual pieces of equipment at our Woodworkers' Education Center prior to our regular meeting time. Come join us for this informal gathering of woodworkers. **Tom Surtees**

Bulletin Board

Shop Visit At Brian Stauss' shop! : April 24. See details on page 2 of this newsletter.

Helena Buck Creek Festival: May 7&8, 2010. The guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

Alabaster City Fest: June 5, 2010. The Guild will participate and sell items made by Guild members.

Art in Avondale Park: October (Dates to be set). The guild will participate and sell items made by guild members.

Membership Dues: See Walter ASAP! Dues are still \$50 per year.

Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$5 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.

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Program for April Meeting

Whimsical Art

Perhaps you have made a chair, table or cabinet, but it is doubtful that you have ever made one like **Dale Lewis** makes. His work has been described as whimsical and wacky. When you look at a **Dale Lewis** production, you will smile first and then ask, how did he do that? At our April meeting we will discover how **Dale** got to this level of craftsmanship and see some of his creations. **Dale** and his work have been published in magazines such as Fine Woodworking, Woodwork and the Birmingham Magazine, just to name a few. He is also a recipient of numerous awards and his work is displayed in galleries in Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois. To learn more about **Dale** and his work, you may log onto his website at dalewis.net.

Tom Surtees

Shop Visits

One of the opportunities we have, as members of the Guild, is to visit the shops of other members. This gives us a chance to see how other people have designed and organized their shops to meet the needs of their chosen woodworking style. Many members have expressed an interest in having more shop visits. **Brian Stauss** has invited the guild members to visit his shop on April 24th, 12:00 noon to 3:00PM. In addition to woodworking items, **Brian** has a collection of "large, non-woodworking Objects" that will also be on display. The address is: 240 Cahaba Oaks Trail, Indian Springs, AL 35124. Directions to **Brian's** shop:

From I-65: Exit 246 (Cahaba Valley Road/Highway 119). Turn North towards Indian Springs Village (towards Hwy 280 and away from Pelham). Go approximately 1.5 miles. As soon as you pass the flagpole and Indian Springs Village Town Hall on your left, turn left into Cahaba Oaks subdivision.

From Highway 280: Highway 119 South (towards Pelham). Go approximately 7 miles. After you pass the Marathon gas station on your right, take the SECOND right into Cahaba Oaks Subdivision.

From Caldwell Mill Road/County Road 29: Take Caldwell Mill south until it ends at Highway 119. Turn right. Go 1 mile and after you pass the Marathon gas station on your right, take the SECOND right into Cahaba Oaks subdivision.

Once in the subdivision, I am at the top of the hill on the right - 240 Cahaba Oaks Trail. The shop is on the left driveway. There is plenty of parking in the driveways and on the street.

Fund Raising

GUILD MEMBER DONATIONS FOR CRAFT SHOW EVENTS

Earlier this year we asked each Guild member to donate at least one item to sell at the Montevallo Art Show. Many thanks to the following members who donated items in this effort.

Bill Shivers, Ralph Hardwick, Harold Phillips, Jeff Hood, Harold Hall, A. R. Bray, Nevin Newton, Troy Stroud, Dudley Massey, Dwight Hostetter, Eddie Heerten, Walter Barnett, Bill Newman, Monta King, Cliff Daniels, Dan Langford, Preston Lawley, Patrick Bush.

We also thank those who participated in the Work Sessions last year as well as those who contributed items for the Avondale Park Art Show.

The Guild plans to participate in three additional craft shows this year and **would like to encourage everyone to donate an item.** In our effort to raise funds for the Guild, it is in everyone's best interest to help make these shows successful.

Troy Stroud

Woodworking Education Center

There are no major problems with any of the equipment. Clean up has improved some but has been left less than satisfactory on a few occasions. We probably need to schedule a day with several members to do nothing but do a thorough clean up of the entire shop.

The Thursday group started building some child-sized toy appliances. We are building two refrigerators and two stove - sink combination appliances for sale at "Prime Time Treasures". We hope to have them ready before the 1st of May. We have been working on inventorying and pricing the items that will be for sale at the Montevallo Festival.

The front doors did not get completed as we had scheduled. Maybe before too long we can complete them.

We will continue our efforts of making and or teaching how to make things for our fundraising events.

Cliff Daniels

Welcome New Members!
Kris Jackson and Thom Nix

AWG and Woodworking Center Calendar

April/May 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------|---------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 18 ^[16] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Dan Langford | 19 Apr | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00p Bill Shivers 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p Troy Stroud 5:00p - 9:00p Mike Key | 9:00a-1:00pm A R Bray 12:00- 3:00pm Shop visit Brian Stauss 1: p- 5: p. Eddie Heerten |
| 25 ^[17] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Shivers | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 May |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00p .Buzz Kelly 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p Paul Owen.. 5:00p-9:00p. Monta King | 9:00am - 1:00pm Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King |
| 2 ^[18] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Robertson | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00p Troy Stroud 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p R Hardwick 5:p-9: p Eddie Heerten | 9:00am - 1:00pm Bill Shivers 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers |
| 9 ^[19] 1:00pm - 5:00pm Robertson | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South) | 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday @WEC | 9:00a-1:00pm Bob Moore 11:00am - 3:00pm - Toys 1:00p-5:00p R Hardwick 5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten | 7:59am - 1:00pm ... 8:00am - 9:00am Monthly pre-meeting 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00a-1:00p Paul Owen 1:00p-5:00p Bob Moore |

March Meeting Show and Tell



Amazing segmented bowl by **Nevin Newton**



Segmented Bowl given to Guild by **Nevin Newton**



Close-up of **Nevin's** bowl



Wonderful four-legged stool by **Pat Weisend**.



Bill Shivers and his award winning foyer table



Cliff Daniels' Scroll saw art.



Nelda Kelly admiring **Cliff Daniel's** scroll sawn cross.



Patrick Bush with his turned chess pieces.

Main Program Of March Meeting



Ira Chafin and his carved carousel horse



Head of Carousel horse at an intermediate stage of creation



Close-up of horse created by **Ira Chafin**

March Pre-meeting Program and Chef Credits



Buzz Kelly teaching about the large jointer.



Grillmaster **Charlie Ard**. Thanks for preparing our lunch!



Bill Shivers checks out the lunch arrangements

Guild Patrons

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Notice To Members

Patrick Bush has been making name tags and has offered to add a line that will indicate "Member since XXXX" where "XXXX" is the year in which the member joined the guild. Please contact Patrick and give him the year in which you first joined the guild. You can contact Patrick at: patrick.bush@sonicautomotive.com

Please enter into the subject line of your email the following: **New Tag Please**. This will allow **Patrick** to manage the processing of the emails in a more efficient manner.

Directions to the Woodworking Education Center

From **I 65 South**
Take **exit 238** for US31 toward Saginaw/Alabaster.
Turn **right at US31 N**,
Turn **left on AL 119/Montevallo Rd**
Turn **right on CR12**
Turn **right on CR17**
Look for school house **on your left**



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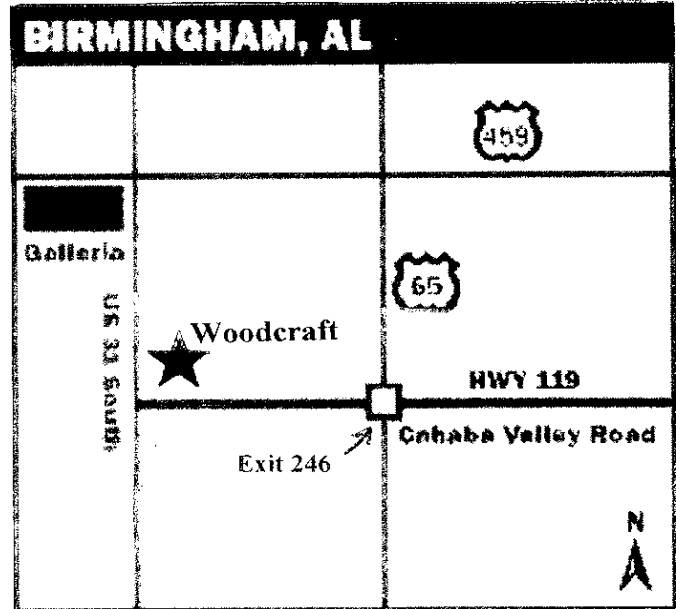
Directions:
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 Take Highway 119 West (Cahaba Valley Road)
 3/4 of a mile to US 31. Turn right on US 31 and travel north approx. 0.3
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