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#### **President's Letter:**

I was surprised when The Nominating Committee asked me to serve as your Guild President for 1988. I consider it a great honor as we have so many capable and talented woodworkers.

It is my hope that we can continue the progress and growth The Guild has enjoyed in the past. I want to encourage each one to attend often and bring a friend.

Looking ahead to 1988, I would like to share some thoughts and plans for our Guild.

- 1.) We are planning a show and sale for the middle of May. My hope for this show, is more participation will come from our members. The show is 4 months away and it would be great to have a 100% participation. There is a need for woodworkers to exhibit their work, to promote the sale of their work, and show the public what we are doing.
- 2.) I would like to have some more small workshops as we did a couple of years back. This consisted of 1 member having 5 to 6 members come to his shop on a Saturday and demonstrate his techniques on certain projects.

3.) I also would like for The Guild to bring a couple of the top woodworking experts from around the country to put on classes for us, perhaps on a Saturday.

When you see Leonard at the next meeting, show your appreciation by letting him know what a wonderful job he did last year. Boy, it's tough to be retired, a woodworker, and a golfer!!! Leonard has agreed to help out with our Newsletter for a while. So give him your support.

I am looking forward to 1988 and our year together. I feel we have a wonderful group, and encourage your support and suggestions. See you at our next meeting.

**Nelson Brooks** 

#### January Program

An excellent program has been arranged for us by V-P Ronnie. Our guest will be John Vinson, an engineer with South Central Bell. John had been a woodworker for a good many years, but when he discovered carving, he knew he had hit on the past time he wanted to pursue. While he does all kinds of

carving, his main interest now is duck decoys. He plans to bring examples of decoys in various stages of preparation so we can see how he progresses from a block of wood to a decoy. He will display and demonstrate the various tools one needs.

#### **Toys For Tots**

Another good year for this program. It could have been better had more of us participated, but even so it turned out well.

#### **New Editor**

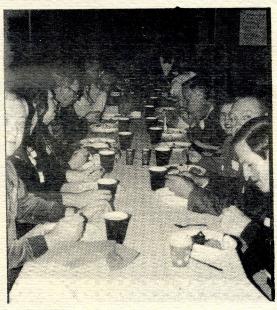
You will recall a year ago when Anita Skocik took over our ailing newsletter and brought it back to life, and in an exemplary way. Then, you recall, her employment changed so as to preclude her continuing as its editor. This being a job no one seems to want, at least there haven't been any volunteers, Leonard Sauders has agreed to tackle the job, until or unless some of you become so disenchanted with the quality of the Newsletter that you will fire him and take it over yourself. He sincerely would like to hear of any changes in format or content that any of you care to see made in it. So let it be done.

#### **Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party was a huge success. Food? Food was in great abundances and was of the highest quality. Variety? Yes- and sufficient of each kind, i.e., meats, vegetables, salads and desserts. It

was a refreshing pause in our hectic and busy schedules to quietly enjoy a good meal and get to know each other a little better. Mr. Jay Smith, a storyteller par excellence, delivered several stories and led the group in Christmas songs. Then, to cap off a lovely evening Acton's presented some twenty tools from their store which were given to names drawn from a box. We do appreciate the gifts.





Patterns

#### Thank You

In the December Newsletter, Leonard thanked the Board of Directors and the Officers for their support and encouragement during 1987. Now he wants to express another thanks. At the Christmas party, he was presented with a gift for his year as President. What a gift — a MAKITA, 3HP, ½" PLUNGE ROUTER — what a gift. He wants you to know how very much he appreciates it.

#### **GUILD DISCOUNT**

If you are a member of the Guild and attend at least three meetings a year, Acton Moulding will give you 8% to 10% discount on purchases in their shop. Just a few purchases will save you the cost of your membership. Thanks, Ronnie.

#### DUES

There's that word again-but a necessary word to the operation of the Guild. How Much? If you have been a member for a year, its \$20.00; if you joined after June, it was \$10.00 at that time, but \$20.00 now; if you joined in the last quarter of 1987, and paid \$20.00, you are paid for 1988; and if you joined in the last quarter and paid \$10.00 at that time, it's \$10.00 now. You will receive (or have received a payment notice which will call for a payment of \$20.00. If you fall in one of those exceptions listed above, please make a note on the card and pay the amount appropriate for you. Please, I repeat PLEASE, return your card with (or without) your payment so our volunteer staff can keep our records accurately. Please note dues are due on and payable by 1/31/88.

It was mentioned in the December Newsletter that the Deft Company has offered to furnish us with patterns (plans) for several projects we might be interested in. There are patterns for 1) Butler's Table, 2) Bookcase, 3) Waterbed Storage Frame, 4) Four-Poster Bed, 5) Oak Cabinet, and 6) Country-Style Linen Closet. Mr. Jim Lamb who brought our program in October has made this possible. The plans and a "sign-up" sheet will be on the sign-in table for your convenience. We are indebted to Mr. Lamb and Deft for this generous offer.

#### **DAGWOOD**

Having had a similar experience many times (and you have too, if you're honest), we thought you might appreciate this cartoon:







#### SAFETY

This matter cannot emphasized too much or too often. There can be no excuse for hurriedly executing a cut on your table saw without push sticks; or clamping a small piece to the table top of your radial arm saw; or keeping your sleeves and knuckles out of the way while turning; or allowing your hands to get too close to the sanding belt of your stationary sander; or not using the guard on your jointer; or trying to take too big of bite on your shaper. Of course, most of your portable electric tools can be hazardous to your health if care is not taken in their use.



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