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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Woodworking! I enjoy doing it for several reasons but mostly it gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction. This morning the piece didn't exist except in my thoughts, this evening it's sitting there in the shop. Something has been created where nothing was there before. In building something, sometimes you get to try a new technique, a new machine setup that you had not had an opportunity to try before or you use the same procedures that have been used in the past and have gotten good results. The main thing to me is that woodworking is fun.

Craftsmanship! We have all been seeing plenty of it in the

recent meetings. Keep it up. Keep bringing in the pieces so everyone can see them. I am in awe of the ability of our members. Part of the fun of woodworking is sharing with others. I hope that when members present their work at the meeting that it doesn't discourage other members. I remember when I subscribed to *Fine Woodworking* and began to see the articles in it, I thought that I could never come up to that level. Well I probably never will, but it gives me something to shoot for. I will continue to try to improve each time I build something. That is the attitude I hope everyone in the Guild will take when you see a piece that has been very well executed.

Thanks for the work of the toy committee. This group consists of Ben Neighbors, Frank Jones and Bill Purson and I asked them

in January to research the toy situation and make recommendations to the Guild board. My main hope is that we identify a group or groups that will receive the toys and channel them to needy kids. Once we have identified the recipients, then I hope we can get behind this effort and make this our best year ever. I want to setup some toy training sessions to give assistance and encouragement to members that would like to participate but may not have the equipment or expertise to do so. Whatever we do, I want everyone behind the effort. Certainly we can make more than 850 toys and have more than 30 members participating!

Thanks to Ed Nichols for donating the video and book to the Guild library and to Ivan Kronberg for donating the

walnut that was used as a door prize. I appreciate the unselfishness of both members.

See you at the May meeting.

Fred Baker

thirty miles from Montevallo, so we appreciate him bringing our program and sharing his knowledge and experience with us.

LAST PROGRAM –

APRIL 1992

NEXT PROGRAM

MAY 14, 1992 • 7:00 P.M.

Over the years our Guild has had a tremendous variety of programs — in the nine years, some 100 programs have been presented — and we believe by introducing our members to many and varied types of woodworking a spark may be generated in some or all of the members. This month you will see how a man, Lane Latham, turned a hobby into a business. Lane makes porch rockers, swings, bar stools and other special pieces from a variety of woods. Mr. Latham lives some

Our April program was one of those we enjoy from time to time where some of our members demonstrate some special tool or talent with us. Ed Nichols brought slides and video tapes to show some things he saw on a recent trip. One was the Warther Museum in Dover, OH. There was this craftsman who started out whittling, but who ended up carving fantastic replicas of trains, specifically railroad engines. He carved them with pocket knives and they were made of elephant tusks (now a NO NO) and the detail work is almost unbelievable. Some of us saw a TV program that toured the museum and Ed, having purchased his slides at the museum captured the aura that attends the work of Mr. Warther. Then, having set up three TV monitors, Ed showed a video tape he made while touring a lumber mill in Scotia, CA. This plant processes redwood from debarking to sized and stacked lumber. They don't waste much at this plant, either. The short

pieces cut off to size long lumber are finger-jointed to make boards suitable for door facings and window facings if they are going to be painted. Most of us have seen some of these boards. After the lumber is kiln-dried it is wrapped in plastic for shipment. A thoroughly interesting trip through this plant and we appreciate Ed sharing these experiences with us.

Ben Landrum, one of our innovative craftsmen demonstrated his veneer press. He related how he had to make three of them before he had one that would stand up under the stress of the pressure he was applying. Now that he has applied angle iron to the pressure bars he has solved that problem. His pressure is applied by tightening 1/4 x 6 (or 8") bolts which are held in place and directed toward the press by metal cross dowels inserted in the pressure bars overhanging the press. He uses his portable drill to tighten the bolts to shorten the time between tightening the first bolt and the last one. He uses a heavy sheet of plastic for the bolts to press against. Ben also showed us some of his jewelry box work, as well as his miter and fence for his router table. Ben, we thank you.

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at Acton Moulding & Supply Co. Information concerning the Guild may be secured by writing P.O. Box 506, Helena, Al 35080 or calling the Editor, Leonard Sanders, at 822-6876.

ACTON'S CHECK

If we aren't reminded occasionally we tend to forget the generosity of Ron and Sue Acton. Not only do they provide a place for us to meet, serve coffee and cookies and render tool and project advice, they also return some of the revenue they receive from Guild members who purchase material and tools from them. The check in April was for \$163, but it was for two months. Usually, the check is for seventy to eighty dollars which goes into our treasury for use in putting on seminars. It wouldn't hurt anything if we would politely mention to them how much we appreciate it.

DOOR PRIZES

You noticed, didn't you, we said PRIZES, plural. Yes we had two of them in April due to the generosity of Ivan Kronberg who brought a bundle of walnut scraps to be given away. There was a dozen or more nice pieces, one in particular looked to be a piece of 2 x 8 x 36 which can be turned into something nice. This was won by Joe Knapp. The other, a 25' steel tape was won by Leon Anderson. You see, these two fellows took the time and trouble to sign in upon arriving, thus registering their attendance

and becoming eligible to participate in the door prize. Got it?

SHOW AND TELL

The promotion of this feature of our meetings is beginning to pay off. The work done by our members is remarkable. All you have to do is ask, or hear from, a visitor or occasional member in attendance who is not accustomed to seeing work of this caliber to be convinced our members turn out great work. We acknowledge and thank the following:

Member	Object Shown
Ed Sheriff	Jewelry Box - three doors, 12 drawers, lighted, made of teak.
Frank Jones	Moulding scraper made from cabinet scraper, mahogany feet for chest of drawers, carved and dovetailed.
Leonard Sanders	Bowl, 11 1/2" dia., 4" thick of Bubinga.
Ivan Kronberg	Recessed carving - approx. 15 x 18" of bunch of roses.
Harold Phillips	Longworth Chuck for use in turning bowl around to turn bottom.
Dale Lewis	Turning on a pedestal replicating sea shells; bowl on legs of spalted buckeye and bubinga.
Fred Baker	Push stick for jointer.

We are confident there are more of us who are producing fine works and we encourage you to bring your work and share them with us.

JOEY JONES

Joey Jones, a longtime employee of Birmingham Saw Works and a longtime supporter of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild has recently relocated to Ram Tool and Supply Company, Inc. Although Ram Tool has primarily been in the business of selling tools and accessories for the construction industry, Joey indicated that they are now also stocking Delta, Jet, Black and Decker, Bosch, Stanley, Porter Cable, Evco-Evans and other woodworking equipment and supplies. In addition, they are in the process of setting up a showroom area so that all of the equipment may be seen and that in the near future, other lines will be added.

Ram Tool is located at 4024 3rd Avenue South in Birmingham. Their telephone number is 591-6527. Joey invites all of his friends to come by and see him at his new location.

By Fred Baker

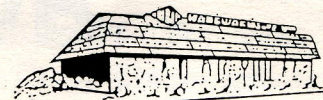
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance January 1, 1992	\$2,047.
Receipts since 1/1/92	2,803.
Disbursements to 3/31/92	1,226.
Balance March 31, 1992	<u>\$3,624.</u>



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