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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Nominating Committee for 1992 consisting of Ivan Kronberg, Chairman, Ed Ramsey and Ethel Owen have completed their work. The nominations that were made were outstanding and I suspect that the nominees won't have much opposition when it comes time to vote.

I hope you did not miss the enjoyable evening at Joseph Thuston and Sons on October 8, 1992. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Bo and his staff for an excellent evening.

By now you will have received a telephone call from either Harold Phillips, Frank Jones, Leonard Sanders, Clif Saxon or myself reminding you of the Turning Seminar that the Guild is sponsoring on October 31. Leonard suggested the calling committee and I hope that the effort will boost attendance past the break-even point. Thanks also to Ron for letting us have the seminar at the store.

Joey Jones, formally with Birmingham Saw and Ram Tool is currently in a consulting capacity with Owens Power Tool Company at 131 West Oxmore in Homewood. Joey indicated that they currently represent Delta, and Porter Cable. They sell and service both lines. Their telephone number is 942-6325.

A letter has been sent to WoodShop News in response to their call for guild/club information. We should see our write-up in their publication soon.

In closing, I want to thank all of the members that responded at a late hour in

order that we might have a credible meeting in October. You know that you have a problem when Dale calls about 4:00 PM on Guild meeting day, however there was nothing that he could have done to prevent our speaker from canceling at the last moment. Thanks to all of you that made the meeting a successful one.

See you at the November meeting. Remember that the date has been changed to November 19, 1992 at 7:00 PM at Actons.

Fred

NEXT PROGRAM NOVEMBER 19, 1992 • 7:00 PM

PLEASE TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE OF THE DATE — THE 19th — JUST AS IN OCTOBER, ACTON'S WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR OUR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT DUE TO HIS STAFF ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS. The program on the 19th will be the one that Dale Lewis had arranged for October. On the day of the program, our guest, who lives in Mobile had the unfortunate experience of having his son break a leg and had to spend the day at the hospital with him. We can appreciate this misfortune. Mr. David Hentzel is a full-time professional woodworker. He was recently in Birmingham where he had a booth at Birmingham's City Stages. His specialty is windsor chairs, stools, rocking chairs or, as

he says, whatever the client wants. He likes to work with walnut and his style work has been compared to that of Sam Maloof, and we all know who he is.

LAST PROGRAM • OCTOBER 1992

Since Mr. Hentzel had to cancel out at the last minute Dale and Pres. Fred had to scramble around and twist some arms to get several of our members to bring something (anything) to the meeting to show/explain/entertain the group. Ivan Kronberg led it off with a sensational walnut rocker for a child. It stands some 30" high (the back) and in addition to being beautifully made and finished has the logo of Children's Hospital in the back, near the top, recessed and colored green. The logo shows two children, a boy and a girl, holding hands and skipping along. Thanks, Ivan. Pres. Fred brought his router table. Now this is no ordinary table, since it was made by Fred. It is on casters for mobility. It has an adjustable fence, dust collecting and ample storage in the bottom. He demonstrated a couple of router jigs he devised to make the rails on which a somersaulting clown rides. This rail is only some 1/2" thick so you see the need for a jig if you value your fingers. As always, the master jig-maker impressed us all. Then the Vice-President himself, Dale Lewis showed us two tables he has just completed. The first was made of cherry. You may remember, all of Dale's products are named, not much like anyone else

would name them, but only as Dale does. This table is made of a slab of cherry, with irregular edges, standing on four legs shaped like lightening bolts (with the sharp edges of the bolts rounded off) doweled into the top and blended into the top very artistically. It is named **QUAKE** — as in earthquake. A knot along one edge serves as the epicenter and there are inlays of curved-snake-like lines representing air waves and/or reverberations. Quite impressive.

The other table, somewhat smaller than the **QUAKE**, is made of walnut, has three legs (also like lightening bolts), has inlaid colored arrows and is named **QUIVER** (what else could you call it?). Both these tables are superbly made and will surely bring a good figure at his next show. Thanks to Dale for his inspiration to us all. Frank Jones was next. He demonstrated a jig he devised which will take a wheel, for a toy, which has been cut out on a band saw, and reduce it to perfect roundness on the disk sander. The jig is clamped to the disk sander table; the bandsawn wheel is placed on a vertical dowel in its axle hole, and is thus horizontal, and is slowly and gradually moved against the disk and turned. It produces a perfectly round wheel. He pointed out he is making some thirty toys, each of which require four wheels, and that comes to one-hundred twenty wheels. The cost of wheels is drastically reduced by making your own. Bringing up the rear, Leonard Sanders shared some of his toys he has made for our Toys-for-Toys program this year.

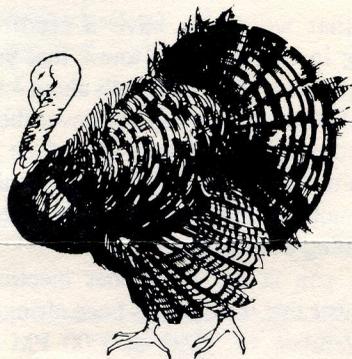
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ivan Kronberg, Chairman, together with Ethel Owen and Ed Ramsey made the report. Our Bylaws require that the nominations be read at a regular meeting and be published in the **NEWSLETTER** for one month before being voted on. The nominations for the year 1993 are:

President	Fred Baker
Vice-President	Ed Sheriff
Secretary-Treasurer	Cliff Saxon
Board Members	Frank Jones
	Mike Key
	Ben Neighbors
	Harold Phillips
	Mary Spanos

Voting on the 1993 nominations will take place at the November meeting.

Happy



Thanksgiving

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

By: Ben Neighbors

At the last Directors meeting President Fred Baker asked me to write something about our Christmas toy program and, of course, I said I would. This is the fourth or fifth year I have been chairman of this program. I have enjoyed each year.

As you know, this year is different from the others because we are working with three groups instead of just the F.O.P. I think it is a good move, and I know I will be extremely proud of what you do and I know you will be proud too.

You have heard me ask everyone to make ten (10) toys, if possible, but if you cannot please make at least one. That isn't asking much. We have 158 paid members as of this writing, however only 44 have signed up to make toys. Those forty-four say they will make at least 570 toys. I know there will be more than that, and I certainly hope so, because that is some 200 less than last year. I would hate for the Guild to be embarrassed. I know you feel the same. So please get busy and everyone make some toys this year. You will feel good about it and so will the kids.

You still have time so let's all get busy and I will see you at the November meeting. — B.N.

Editor's Note: It is at the November meeting we are requested to bring our toys and it is from this accumulation the three agencies will take their haul. (There is a period of grace, however, in that you may bring your production to the Christmas party on December 5th, but that is the deadline).

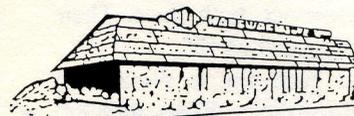
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Mike Key, head door prize Guru, produced the sign-in sheets on which only 53 members were present. Our meeting was not on the regular night, and the presidential debate was going on and between the two of these our attendance was a little off. However, there was a prize and a winner. Ben Neighbors' name was drawn and for having taken the trouble to sign in was awarded with a framing square.

IN APPRECIATION

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the check Ron Acton presents us with each month. As a gesture of appreciation to our members who purchase their tools and supplies from him, he returns a percentage of those purchases to the Guild. This month's check was for a little over seventy dollars and we thank you Ron.

FALL SEMINAR

By the time you read this we will have held our Fall Seminar. Through the recommendation of Harold Phillips we will be given a seminar in woodturning. Mr. John Jordan, a professional woodturner from Tennessee, will be the featured speaker and demonstrator. We will have more about this in the next NEWSLETTER.

This part of our meetings is getting to be almost as interesting as our programs. We have an abundance of talent in our Guild, and we appreciate our members bringing their work to the meetings and sharing with us. Leading off, Charlie Brown exhibited a paint sprayer. Now this thing is not an elaborate electric or air-driven sprayer, but a compressed gas job. It is only some eight to ten inches tall, and when the tube is inserted in a can of paint or the paint is poured into a glass bottle that comes with it you are spraying paint at the touch of a button. Cartridges are very inexpensive to replace and it does a nice job. Dale Lewis had two of his bowls. One, a shallow bowl on four legs (lightening bolts) which stuck through and out into the bowl itself, and is named Jezi**bow** Revisited (make what you will of that name). It was beautifully done as is always the case with Dale. He also had a spalted elm bowl. George Shoppert showed us his Model T Ford car. It was a coupe and nicely done. Ivan Kronberg had a bowl that if he were like Dale, and named his work, he would surely have to name this one "Holes-a-Million". That thing, made of sweet gum, was held together with epoxy and Hot Stuff, but when all that was taken into consideration it was a lovely bowl. Mike Key had a well done maple bowl and two weed pots made of dogwood. Thanks to all of you.

A HUGE THANKS

The Guild wants to thank Bo Thuston for the outstanding party. As a way of introducing us to his new store, Bo invited us to a bar-b-que buffet, gave us a discount on anything we bought and in general provided us with a fine evening of food and touring his store. We have had a fine relationship with Thuston Saw Works for many years and have been the beneficiary of their providing the postage for our NEWSLETTER. Thank you for the party and we look forward to many more years of pleasant association.

Item 1: A friend of Cliff Saxon's can no longer use his work shop and wants to sell part of it. He is L. W. STEELE, 1413 Badham Drive, Vestavia, and his phone number is 822-6842. Here is what he wants to sell:

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- 1/2 - 20 Arbor
- 1/2" chuck & arbor
- Screw Center

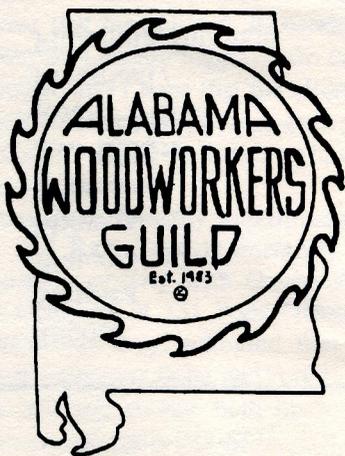
Item 2: Rockwell 4" Jointer, Model 37290, on stand and with motor, on casters for moving about. \$200

Rockwell 10" Band Saw, on stand and with motor - \$75.

Call Jim Caldwell at 870-4729.

BLACKWOOD GALLERY & STUDIO

What in the world is that? When you are told you will know immediately. This is the gallery and studio of Dean and Sharon Black. Some of you will remember you have, as a guild, gone to Springville a few times so Dean could show us his shop and demonstrate his skills. He has been a professional woodworker for many years now and turns out exquisite work. Sharon is the artist in the family. She is a very talented painter and has sold her works widely. Dean and Sharon extend to the Guild an invitation to attend their Fall/Winter Show on November 14 and 15. These days are Saturday and Sunday and maybe you would enjoy a nice drive to Springville (about an hour) in the afternoon from 1:00 to 7:00. The Blacks are hospitable and gracious friends and we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

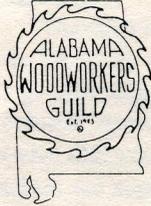


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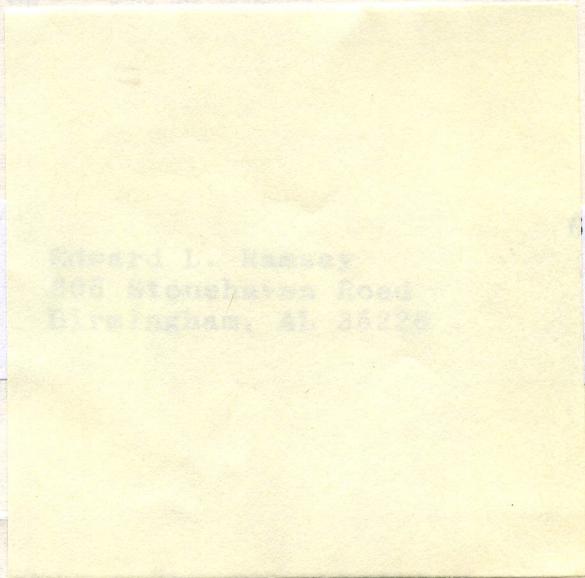
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