



# Guild News

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*Celebrating 20 years in 2003*

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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday,**  
**October 16, 2003**

**Annual Show**  
**November 1- 9, 2003**

**Marc Adams**  
**Cabinet Making**  
**November 22, 2003**

**Christmas Party**  
**December 11, 2003**

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## October Program with Norm *New Date, New Time, New Place*

Our first program at the new Homewood Senior's facility will feature NORM! No, not Norm Abram but Norm Ellis from West Alabama Woodworkers Association. (WAWA) (You may remember that Norm displayed a beautiful hutch in our show last year.)

Norm is a fine craftsman and a scholar. He will show slides of his work and discuss aspects of Craftsman style furniture. He also will demonstrate how he makes mortise and tenon joints, a primary component of the Craftsman and Shaker style.

Norm retired from Alabama as a professor of experimental psychology after 26 years. Prior to that he taught at Peabody College in Nashville. He retired in 1990 and began woodworking in a more serious vein. Over the last 13 years he has built about 8-10 pieces of mostly Craftsman style furniture a year. Most of it found its way into the homes of his five offspring. In his own words he says, "I try to build functional furniture, simple but hopefully attractive and, above all, durable."

Don't miss this first program from our new meeting place. In fact come and bring a friend!

## President's Message from Dan Browning

At the September meeting the Guild members elected, by a majority vote, to change the day of our meeting to the third Thursday of each month (6:30 PM). The membership also voted to change our meeting place to the Homewood Senior Citizens Center (Directions on Page 3). I am confident both of these changes will be good for the Guild and will afford us many new opportunities in the future.

We owe Bo Thuston a big "Thank you" for his hospitality over the last three years. He willingly opened his business for our meetings, offered us discounts on tools and supplies, opened his shop for numerous classes taught by members, and (of course) became the master chef at lunch time on meeting days. (Bo can cook a mean

hot dog.) When you get a chance, give him a pat on the back and say thank you.

Our first meeting at Homewood should be a good one. I know Norm Ellis and not only is he a quality woodworker, but a real gentleman. Don't miss his presentation.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our show will be less than two weeks away! Hope each of you are putting the finishing touches on that special project for the show. The show is a highlight of our year and deserves your support and contribution. I hope you also plan to attend the reception on Monday night. This is a great opportunity to meet the families of the Guild

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members as well as special guests from the community.

**Walter Barnett** does a great job pulling the show together but, as always, he needs your help. When he calls step up and lend a hand.

*The Marc Adams workshop is less than six weeks away.* Mark is an outstanding woodworker and teacher. Considering the quality of his programs and their normal price, this is the best deal in town at \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

At this writing there are a couple of slots still available, first come first served. Contact **Harold Phillips** (205) 424-0819 to secure one of the remaining slots.

See you on October 16th in Homewood!



## Thoughts from Buddy Finch

We have all seen the excitement in the eyes of a child over a toy given for his birthday or Christmas. In thinking about our goal for toys, 2003 in 2003, I was reminded of a statement I saw years ago.

*"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the kind of car I drove; but the world may be different because I was important in the eyes of a child."*

## Toy Workshop

*We're having a special Toy's Workshop at Dan Browning's house (2229 Shelterwood Road, Hoover, AL (205) 979-3799) on October 25th at 9:00 AM.*

*Come on out and help us make some toys! We are not close to our goal of 2003 yet! November is almost here.*

## JIM LEE'S SHOP VISIT

Thanks to **Jim Lee** for sharing his shop with us in September. The open shop was well attended.

As usual there were many good ideas from which to borrow. One of the most interesting was his "short guy vac cutoff" system pictured here.



## Time is Short

*We are less than a month away from our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Show.* Set up date is Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with take down on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

With **Bill Shivers** help, we have engaged Michael Gilmartin to judge the show. Michael is an accomplished professional woodworker whose work is displayed at Gilmartin Studios in Atlanta, GA or on his website at gilmartinusa.net. While we have had excellent judging at previous shows, Michael's judging will give us the opportunity to have our work reviewed from a new and different perspective. This new perspective will allow all of us to

increase our knowledge and improve future work from this exposure.

Remember that the categories have been expanded to include all classes of exhibits in the Beginners Category and the addition of a Masters Category with all classes. This expansion should present a better overall presentation for participants displaying their work.

Display your work, even if you do not want it judged, or display items that have been previously judged. We are following a show that displayed over 100 quality items; therefore, your participation is critical if we are going to have a show that is representative of 20 years of woodworking together. We have seen excellent examples of the work being done by Guild members each month from our Show and Tell programs. All

of the items we have seen should appear in the show, these items alone would be a good start, but we still need the participation of everyone. I have been contacted by several members who will be out of town during the show, but who have made arrangements to have their work brought to the show by someone else, if you cannot bring your work to the Hoover Library on November 1<sup>st</sup>, let me know and we will work out some way to get it there for you.

Thanks for all your past participation. Let's ALL turn out for the biggest and best show yet!

**Walter Barnett**

## September Meeting & Auction

The Silent Auction was once again a success! There were many items bought and sold. The Guild made about \$400.

Show and Tell included one of a set of walnut chairs made by **Cliff Daniels**, a cherry bookcase (pictured right) by **Bill Host**, a Santa face carving by **Patricia Heerten** (pictured left), a grandfather clock **Chuck Solomon** built for Marc Adams (behind **Patricia** in picture) and a bird house by **George Schoppert**.



**Chuck Solomon** (who has taught clock making at Marc Adam's school) promised to do a program and/or seminar on clock making for us next year.

### "Christmas is coming!"

Our December meeting will be Thursday, December 11 at Shades Crest Baptist Church, 452 Park Avenue, Hoover. As in the past we will have a wonderful pot luck dinner with **Charlie Yearby** doing the chicken and **Paul Mancill** cooking the ham.

In addition to the delicious food, what makes this a fun time is the door prizes which I hope to

win. To make this possible, each Guild member needs to try to come up with at least one door prize to give away.

Either soliciate your favorite merchant to donate something or make a work of art in your spare time. Let's make this year one of the best yet.

Thanks for your help  
**Bill Thomas**

#### Items For Sale

*Got items to sell or want to purchase something? Let us know and we will list them for you.*

**Buzz Kelly** still has that 12" Craftsman Band Saw for sale. Make him an offer. 733-1258

**Richard Brown** has purchased a warehouse full of wood and is wanting sell it at bargain prices. He says he has lots of poplar and oak along with some small amount of other wood. He plans to bring a load to our October meeting. You can reach Richard at 823-9293 or zackiebrown@aol.com.

#### Meeting Directions:

**Homewood Senior Center** 816 Oak Grove Road  
**Homewood, AL**

**To Homewood Senior Center:**  
**From I65 South**, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. (see "From Both")

**From I65 North**, take the Oxmoor Road exit. Turn left. Go under interstate (3 lights).

**From both:** 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

#### About Us

Alabama Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is published monthly for its members and other interested parties. Guild meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL.

Information concerning the Guild may be secured by calling **Harold Phillips** at **205-424-0819**.

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