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Next Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2006

Don't forget
your Show & Tell

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President's Message

I'm told that our May family night meeting was one of the best ever! The food was good and the auction was big – lots of things to chose to bid on. We sold about one hundred items, more than ever before. Kathy and I hated to miss it but we were out of town. We owe a big "Thank You" to **Bill Host, Cliff Daniels, Mike Key, Eddie Heerten, Charlie Ard, Paul and Marcia Mancill, Harold Hall, Buzz and Nelda Kelly** and all the others who helped set-up and make this possible.

I hope many of you caught the feature about us on ABC 33/40. They gave us 2 minutes and 40 seconds; which is a loooooong time on TV. Thank you 33/40!!

Thanks to **Jim Lee** and **John Lawson** for opening their shop for our visit. **John's** multi-function machine gives us an opportunity to see and touch equipment that most of us have only heard about. We need more people to open their shop for visits. There is not a one of us that has a shop others can't learn something from by visiting.

The primary purpose of our Guild is woodworking and that includes advancing your skills. Your Guild leadership seeks your input on what information the Guild can provide that will be helpful to you. Please make your needs/desires known to our leaders!

Woodcraft has invited us to display our work at Woodcraft during the entire month of July plus on Saturday the 22nd. We are to set-up out front and have a demonstration of our skills – similar to what we have done in the past. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, to win a prize and to show your work to all Woodcraft's customers – plus, probably one of our best ways to gain new members! Please bring your work for the display and plan to participate in the demo. Tom Nequette and his staff have been super nice to us and now is the time we can return the favor and have fun in the process. **PLAN TO BE THERE!**

Your pledges for the Woodworking Center continue to come in and we now have cash and pledges totaling more than \$44,500. If you have not yet made your pledge,

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Pre-meeting demonstration on using the Leigh dovetail jig presented by Mike Key.

June Program

One of our professional woodworkers and board members, **Jim Lee** will present a program on building an arched top entry door at the general meeting. **Jim** takes great joy and pride in tackling new and different projects. There are few people out there that enjoy the craft more!

Curved surfaces offer more challenging projects in wood working. Come see how **Jim** meets the challenges presented by this project.

Shop visit with Shane Carter on Saturday, June 24th. *(see article page 2)*

now is a good time to do so. We have several cash-in-kind donations in the wings and with a pledge from those who have not yet done so, we will reach our goal of \$120K soon!

Dan Browning and I met with Todd Heifner, our fundraiser, in early May. I was encouraged with the progress he is making. He feels that our members are doing a great job in supporting the effort through our pledges and that we are being very successful. The next major effort will be to identify our networking opportunities so please be thinking of the connections you might have either through people you know, work relationships or other contacts you might have. Todd will provide a list of organizations and individuals with whom he is looking for networking connections.

At our June meeting **Mike Key** will demonstrate the Leigh Jig at the pre-meeting program and **Jim Lee** will present a program on building an arched top entry door at the general meeting. Both of these programs will expose you to the skills that can take your work to the next level. Please see the information elsewhere in the newsletter for the details. I look forward to seeing you there.

Bill

MIKE KEY AND HIS LEIGH JIG

Our pre-meeting demo for this month will be a demonstration of the Leigh jig by **Mike Key**. I won't call any names, but there are members in our guild that have owned a Leigh jig for years and never learned how to use it.



Now is a chance for those as well as the rest of us to learn it's proper use. Don't let that telephone book sized instruction book intimidate you any more. Come at 5:30 and let **Mike** show you the proper set-up and use of this versatile wood working jig to route out perfect dovetails.

Keep Your Tools Sharp!

Fred Sandlin, an AWG member who owns and operates a professional sharpening service, will pick-up your saw blades and other tools at each meeting, sharpen them, and return them to you the following month. **Fred's** charge for this service is at his standard rates less a 5% discount for Guild members.

Call **Fred** at 663-7524 to coordinate the pick-up and delivery.

Hands-on Classes for 2006

Frank Jones Free Classes (the first and second Saturdays each month begin at 9 AM, **Frank** has been teaching free classes (limited to 3 people). We are skipping July but in August **Frank** will teach carving ball and claw feet. **Frank** doesn't eat lunch but invites you to bring a sandwich and take a break if you would like.

*Note limited class sizes. Should more than the allotted number wish to take a class, we will draw names to determine who will be able to attend. Please see or call **Mike Key** (205)-663-9036 to register.*

Boys Ranch Needs

As our Guild has become more and more involved in The Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch I have learned more about their needs. This is a difficult period for them as HEALTH-SOUTH was a significant contributor and that source has been lost. What our Guild is doing for them is huge and they are so appreciative of what we have done as well as the things we have planned.

There is another opportunity outside what our Guild is doing of which I want to make each of you aware -- just in case you wish to join me in helping. Mrs. Anita Thompson is the Director and she has shared some of those needs with me. "Mama" Thompson said they need all the things any home with teenagers need. The items don't need to be new -- just serviceable.

The needed items include kitchen items, bathroom items, used computers (they have the software), desk accessories, lamps, bedding, towels, exercise equipment, sports equipment, fishing equipment and all the other things you can imagine. They also need lawn mowers. With computers and lawn mowers they combine parts to make one that works.

Kathy and I have found a number of things in our basement -- collecting dust -- that can be put to good use and I bet you could do the same. If you have things you wish to donate you can take them to the Ranch Bring them to our next meeting and Jim Lee will have his covered trailer available for hauling your donations to the Boys Ranch.

Bill Shivers

Shop Visit June 24th at 9:00 AM

Shane Carter has invited us to check out his new digs. Another production shop just around the corner from **John Lawson** and **Jim Lee** on 6th Avenue South. **Shane** has some more equipment that you are not likely to see in your average home shop...and some you will. Come on over and see what projects **Shane** has in progress

From the Red Mountain Expressway take the 8th Avenue South exit. Turn right on 24th Street and then left on 6th Avenue South. Shane's shop will be on your left across the street from Courtney's and next door to a auto repair shop.

Mentoring Available

SPECIALTY	MENTOR	PHONE	EMAIL	CALL BEFORE
<u>Ball and Claw Carving</u>	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
<u>Cabriole legs</u>	John Lawson	205-995-9245	woodworker1@bellsouth.net	9 PM
<u>Chip Carving</u>	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
<u>Design</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Dovetails –Hand Cut</u>	John Lawson	205-995-9245	woodworker1@bellsouth.net	9 PM
	Bill Host	205-967-5824	billhost@gmail.com	10 PM
Leigh Jig	Frank Jones	205-663-9057		
	Mike Key	205-663-9036	mkey@certex.com	7 PM
	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
Porter Cable Jig	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
<u>Finishing</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Joinery</u>	Paul Mancill	205-706-6252	paul@mancill.com	9 PM
<u>Lathe Work</u>	Cliff Daniels	205-822-7326	cliffdanielsjr@yahoo.com	
<u>Machine Maintenance</u>	Charlie Ard	205-226-3686		
<u>Metal Working Questions</u>	Charlie Ard	205-226-3686		
<u>Scroll Saw</u>	Cliff Daniels	205-822-7326	cliffdanielsjr@yahoo.com	
<u>Sculpting Wood</u>	Dale Lewis	205-625-5393 or 205-907-6660	dalewis@otelco.net	10 PM
<u>Spraying Lacquer</u>	Dan Browning	205-979-3799	Dandeb84@charter.net	
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Community Service Project

We Need More Volunteers to Work on Beds for the Boys Ranch

The drawings are complete, the hardware has been donated and is in hand, and we have some members who have volunteered to make parts for the beds.... but we need more!

Only about two thirds of the needed help has volunteered so it's time for you to step up!
Contact **Charlie Ard (205) 226-3686** ASAP.

We are working with a couple of companies to donate the needed wood and we hope to have that soon. We will be ready to make saw dust really soon!

Items for Sale

Craftsman 10" Tablesaw with machined pulleys and link belt on casters. Adjustable dado blade included. \$300.

Jeff Bishop (205)-913-2319-cell

Total Shop—5 tools in one, similar to a Shopsmith \$500

Don Blackburn (205)-664-1347

Grizzly 15" Model G1148 Heavy Duty Band Saw, 1hp-110v, Includes 5 blades- 103" ¼- to ¾, installed roller bearing guides, mounted wheels on base. Two years old. All new over \$600. Sell for **\$350**.

Grizzly – Mini Wood Lathe, Model G9247, 1/3 hp variable speed, includes #1 morse taper with chuck, #1 taper with mandrel, 3" mounting plate. Two years old over \$200.00 Sell for **\$130**.

Glenn Phillips (256)-393-0012 cell



**Hot Dot Supper
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Federal Style Card Table Class

Our table class continues. So far we have built our half-round table aprons, cut our own veneer and applied it to the aprons using a vacuum press, created the wooden knuckle hinged back piece that allows the rear legs to swivel, and begun to work on the tapered legs.

With **John Lawson** as our leader (shown checking the band-saw table for square), we are making eight tables. We have experienced several problems and addressed them along the way. Currently we are working on dovetailing the back rail to the table apron. We complete some of the projects in class and then **John** assigns us home work. When we get stuck he lets us come by his and **Jim's** shop for special help and pointers.



Buzz and I were recently at the Marc Adams School to take a decorative details class from Steve Latta (who built the original table featured on the cover of Fine Woodworking that inspired our class). The Marc Adams School will be offering a class on building this same table. However, the cost will be a lot steeper than the \$85 we paid. I constantly marvel at what terrific bargains the Alabama Woodworkers Guild classes are.

I think the lesson on squaring our band saw table to the saw blade was worth the cost of tuition. You wouldn't believe what nice thin veneer slices we were able to make after **John** showed us how to square the table.

I thought you might enjoy seeing some of the pictures of our progress so far. Class participants are **Baron Bartlett, Brian Stauss, Mike Key, Chuck Williams, Buzz** and myself.



Nelda Kelly

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Paul Mancill, Realtor After retirement from Bell-South Human Resources, I have begun a career in real estate. It really has been an easy transition for me since I enjoy working with and helping people. I am now a full time agent and a multi-million dollar producer. My approach to real estate is very much like my approach to life: I strive to work hard for my clients, treat everyone with respect and keep a sense of humor. If you or someone you know is looking for a Realtor to either list a property or represent a buyer please let me know and with every sale I will make an additional donation to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. I can be reached at (205)-706-6252

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Commercial Heating and Air, Charlie Ard

Our Fridays at WoodCraft group meet at noon on Fridays (11:30 for lunch) at WoodCraft to eat lunch and talk about woodworking. Sometimes we even make a little sawdust. Please bring your lunch and join us!

Friday Group Calendar

June	2	Toy Trucks
	9	Toy Cars
	16	Helicopters
	23	Boxes



Meeting Directions:

Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road Homewood, AL

From I65 South, take the West Oxmoor exit, merge into center lane. Go through 2 lights. 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

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



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