



# Guild News

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*Next Meeting  
February 15th  
Pre-meeting Demo  
5:30 PM  
Meeting 6:30 PM  
Don't forget your  
Show and Tell*

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## President's Message

I hope you enjoyed **Jim Caldwell's** presentation on wooden top making as much as I did! The lathe **Jim** used was neat! I had never seen some of the tools and techniques that were demonstrated. To me, this appears to be a great project for each of us as well as the Friday PM group to learn about. Thanks **Jim**.

**Charlie Ard** is a master at so many things and his pre-meeting demo with planes was nothing less. If you are not using a lot of hand tools in your work I want to encourage you to try them. For a long time I searched for how to take my work to the next level and to find more pleasure in it. Hand tools and the things I have learned from **Charlie** have been a big help to me and I hope to you also. Thank you **Charlie!**

I know you share my sadness in the death of **George Schoppert**. **George** was a long time member of our Guild and friend to all. Of the memories I have of **George**, I remember most, his small cars – model "T" style – that he would bring to show and tell. The last project he brought was the night our meeting was diverted to the church next door and **George** had built a ramp for the cars to race down and across the floor. We will miss you **George!**

**Shane Carter** has been a member of our BOD for two years. His obligations have changed and he has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities to the Board. His request has been granted. **Shane**, thank you for the work you did.

As the Guild and our activities have grown, so has the work. So I have requested that the Board replace **Shane** and appoint an additional member to the board of directors to share the workload. In response, **Jim Caldwell** and **Tom Surtees** have been asked to join the Board and they have accepted. The population of our Guild is very diverse and the board members have done a good job of reflecting that diversity. **Jim** and **Tom** will further that trend.

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## Working Safer

The most important activity in any shop is "SAFETY". We have been somewhat lax in the past year by not talking enough about safety. So, this months program will be a safety program.

**Mr. Johnny Ward from the National Safety Council will be with us to present this program.** He is a professional in the area of safety and each of us should be able to learn a lot about safety from him. Also each of us should make a personal commitment to working more safely.

For our pre-meeting program in February **Barron Bartlett** will be showing and demonstrating jigs the Fridays at Woodcraft group have been making. He is going to have plans and instructions in case you want to make them.

**John Lawson** is near completion of our education plan for the year and classes will start soon. A significant part of those plans include the seminar by Sam Maloof. Fifteen of our members have tickets for his presentation in Greenville and I encourage you to consider making the trip also. Contact me if you would like to go.

**Brian Stauss** will have our 2007 directories completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get a new copy as we have a lot of new members.

The Homewood Senior Center has been a very good place to meet and at a reasonable cost of thirty-five dollars a month. Our "comfort bucket" defrayed much of that cost. However, our rent is being increased to one hundred dollars, which appears to me to be very excessive. We have asked **Troy Stroud** and **Jim Caldwell** to search for a suitable meeting place at a reasonable cost. Should you know of a place, please pass the info along to **Troy** or **Jim**. In the meantime, please help with your donation to the "comfort bucket".

I hope all of you saw our display at the Botanical Gardens in December and January. Our thanks to **Paul Mancill** for arranging this, setting up and taking down this display. They have invited us back next fall!

Our next meeting will be on a subject very important to each of us --- Safety! This subject is so timely considering we now have tools that will soon be available for our use. As previously stated, we each will have to demonstrate that we know how to be safe in our shops.

See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>. .....**Bill**

*We have devoted page 4 to some of our 1st place winners from the 2006 Show. These pictures will be in color on our website.*

### **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 (205) 663-7524 to coordinate the pick-up and delivery.

### **Wanted to Buy**

Gary Crumpton (205) 335-3570 is looking to purchase a wood lathe.

### **Alabama Woodturners Classes**

Our Guild and the Alabama Woodturners are sharing classes this year. If you have an interest in any of these classes, Will Pate (205) 907-0638 can provide more information and sign you up.

Saturday, February 10 1 to 4 PM

**Basic Woodturning**

Saturday, March 10 1 to 4 PM

**Finials & Spindles**

### **Scholarships Available**

The Board has just funded the AWG Scholarships for 2007. To qualify you must have been a Guild member for at least one year and attend a qualifying woodworking class. Guild classes do not count as they are already deeply discounted. Submit your certificate of completion along with an application to **John Lawson**, Education Chairman, for reimbursement of half up to \$200 in tuition expenses. Then you just need to submit an article about the class to the Guild News and tell the Guild about the class at a regular meeting.

### **Still Collecting Dues**

Our annual dues (still a terrific deal at only \$35 a year!) became due in January. **Walter Barnett**, our treasurer, will still be taking money at the February meeting or you can mail a check to the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, P.O. Box 36665, Birmingham, AL 35260.

### **Bad email addresses**

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We've been sending out emails and these address are rejecting. Do you have an update for us?

### **Shop Visits Being Planned**

**Buzz Kelly** is beginning to put together the shop visit schedule for 2007. Would you like to invite the Guild to visit your shop? Do you know of a particular shop you would like to see? Contact **Buzz** (205-733-1258) and let him know. Visits are due to begin in March.

## Notes from the Editor

**This is YOUR newsletter.** I started editing the Guild News back in 2002 when **Leonard Sanders** decided he needed to devote more time to his golf game. You have probably heard everything I have to say a couple of times since then. We've on our third meeting place and our third Guild president since I began this endeavor. I have had it pretty easy. **Leonard** didn't have his own computer and had to hand type and hand deliver it to Pete's Printing every month. I write mine at home and email it to Trans America Printing. They take my files and mail the newsletters directly to you.

I have been very fortunate to get regular articles/poems from **Buddy Finch** (our Toy Chairman) about the Fridays at Woodcraft group and the Elsie Baker Memorial Toy Program. **Walter Barnett** has written many a show article to encourage you to make items and enter them into our annual show. I look forward to **Paul Mancill**, our new Show Chairman, doing the same. **Cliff Daniels**, Vice President and Program Chairman, is almost always the first to send me his article about the next month's program. His articles are always very concise and to the point. Then there's the Pres, **Bill Shivers**, who is always thanking everyone for all they do and trying to get us all to get more involved.

You, too, are most welcome to submit an article now and then. Our deadline is the first Thursday of the month. I like to have a couple around for filler so feel free to send me something. Don't be offended if I cut a sentence here or there to make it fit the space available. I'll try not to detract from your overall message by any cuts (or additions) I make.

I miss **Bill Host**, who submitted informative and humorous articles from time to time. (**Bill** recently relocated in Mobile.) **Jim Anchors** once dictated an entire article on three consecutive messages to my answering machine. I ran his article but I do prefer to get them in written form. If you email something to me be sure and put something about the Guild or woodworking in the title. I get tons of junk mail and try to avoid viruses by not opening emails if I don't know who they are from.

If you have ideas to make the Guild News better please let me know. After a while I sort of run out of fresh new ideas....and I'd just as soon be down in the shop making sawdust!

Speaking of making sawdust, I was in the shop today making something to share with you during Show and Tell. Every month **Jim Lee** asks if I have anything to sign in this month. I'm hoping to be able to say "yes" just this once. I know we'll have a gap in the presentation since **George Schoppert** won't be there with his model T's with their hand made wheels any more.

**George** never did use any store bought wheels. He always made his own.

I don't know about you, but I can't wait to get my hands on the class schedule for 2007! **John Lawson** has been talking to several of my favorite folks about what classes they want and what classes they would be willing to teach. He even asked me about teaching something! I don't know what I have to contribute but I OWE my support to the Guild.

All these years in the Guild I have taken every opportunity to learn from the best. I didn't know a thing about woodworking when I joined the Guild. **Fred Baker** and **Mike Key** taught **Buzz** and me how to build a workbench. We didn't even know what a jointer was. It took us two times of taking the class to get up the nerve to build one of our own.

**Dan Browning** taught us to make boxes. **Harold Phillips** showed us about making toy cars. **Paul Mancill** led us in classes to build English garden benches, a craftsman style bookcase, and a blanket chest. **Frank Jones** taught us how to carve ball and claw feet (**Frank**, I need to take that one again. I need another foot!) and walking sticks. **Dwight Hostetter** showed us how to make light house baskets. With **Cliff Daniels** we learned scroll saw techniques.

Two Federal style card tables from the 2006 **John Lawson** class proudly grace our dining room. Those are our daughters' heirloom inheritance.

In the past couple of months we have also been taking a class with Guild member **David Traylor**. We built walnut hunt boards with **David**, another outstanding woodworker/teacher and learned much.

There are many, many opportunities out there to learn more about the art and craft of woodworking. If you have a desire to learn, the Guild is a terrific place to start. There is expertise within the group to take you to any level. Challenge yourself to see how much and how well you can do. I did and I am very glad that I did so.

Send a "Letter to the Editor" and let us know what you are thinking. What programs would you like to see? What classes would you like to take? Do you need a mentor? Would you like to see us do more community projects like the Habitat project?

As I said before, this is your newsletter and this is your Guild. Make it what you will. It is up to you to get involved and make the most of your opportunities.

**Nelda Kelly**, Guild News Editor



Traditional Furniture Masters **John Lawson**

Contemporary Furniture Masters **Dale Lewis**



Restorations **Jim Lee**

Turnings—Intermediate **Cliff Saxon**



Shop Tools/Jigs **Dwight Hostetter**



Contemporary Furniture Advanced **Bill Shivers**

Traditional Furniture Intermediate **Brian Stauss**



Turnings Masters **Cliff Daniles**



Small Objects Advanced **Jeff Hood**

Toys **Eddie Heerten**



Small Objects Masters **Dwight Hostetter**

Turnings Beginners **Glen Phillips**



Small Objects Beginners **Buddy Finch**

Carvings **Nelda Kelly**



Traditional Furniture Advanced **Paul Mancill**

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**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

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