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# ***Billets & Blades***

Official Newsletter of the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild  
Mark Gottesman Editor

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Welcome to the Fall/Winter edition of the newsletter. Information on the upcoming Guild show and what you can do to help can be found here. Details for the Spring meeting in Winston-Salem are also written up. So sit down with your calendar and start planning the New Year. To all our members and their families, I would like to wish a Happy Holiday and a Good New Year to everyone. We have an exciting year ahead of us.

## Dues

Last Call for Dues. If you do not pay this will be the last newsletter you will get!!! Send your payment to Gary Gaddy. PAY YOUR DUES.

## NCKKG Knife Show

There was a show meeting at Tim and Kathy Scholl's Sunday December 12. Present were Chris Latta, Tommy McNabb, JoAnn and Mike Wise, Wayne Whitley, Tim and Kathy and Mark Gottesman.

The deposit has been made to hold the Omni Durham Hotel and Convention center for September 9th and 10th. You will find a copy of the flyer and application form inside. The flyer will also include a map on the back. This will be part of an application package which will also include tourist and shopping info. Either the hotel or the Chamber of Commerce should be able to supply this information..

Food for the show will be handled by the hotel. They will also help out with the Hospitality room. Most of meeting was taken up with discussing the

items that needed to be taken care of and the cost of the items that we need to do for the show. One of the items was that booth spaces would be \$100.00 and would include a award banquet. Guests would be charged a fee to cover their meal. The hotel will also help get any permits we may need for demonstrations and the like. There will be a block of hotel rooms reserved and it will also be possible for groups of knifemakers to setup in a block with a banner if need be.

What you members can do is the following.

- \* Fill out and send in you application WITH YOUR DEPOSIT. This will help the advertising funds. Advertising is the main way we will get customers to the show. We need a good warchest. Also we will send out a list of the participants to the magazines and to other interested parties as soon as we know who is coming.
- \* Send your mailing lists to Tommy McNabb so we can start putting together a mailing. We want to make every effort to get lots of buying patrons thru the doors.
- \* One of the draws will be knives as door prizes. Please set aside a knife to donate for the drawings. By getting names for the prize drawing we will be able to generate a mailing list for next year. We will let you know more as we get things tightened up.
- \* If anyone wants to do demonstrations please get

in touch with Chriss Latta. Let him know what you want to do and if you have any special needs.

The rest of the meeting involved various methods of advertising, what they cost and how effective they might be. If anyone has any suggestions, experience or info that they would like to pass along give Tommy McNabb or Chriss Latta a call. It may sound obvious, but good attendance by the public will make or break this show. If you have any ideas on how to get people in and looking around let the committee know.

Thats about it for right now. As things firm up and there is more info available we will pass it on to the members. Please feel free to call and get involved. There is more than enough work to go around.

### Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting will be held in Winston-Salem at The studios and home of Tommy and Trena McNabb. See the enclosed map.

### Saturday February 18th

4015 Brownsboro Road, Winston-Salem, NC  
27106  
(910) 759-0640

9:00- 10:00 Business Meeting

10:00- 10:30 Chris Latta, Information on Knife show

10:30- 12:30 Jessie Hauser, Hands on Engraving workshop. [Hand Hammer and Gravermax]

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Tom Brown, Wood and Wood Handles.-- Everything you wanted to know about wood handles. How to cut that high price "LOG" into knife handles.

3:00- 4:30 Jack Hyer, Custom Sheath making "The Extra Touch" including skins and special

treatments.

### Sunday February 19th

3217 High Cliffs Road, Pfafftown, NC 27040  
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9:00-10:30 Tommy McNabb, Stock Removal, "Tips and Tricks of the Trade", How to correct mistakes.

10:30- 12:00 Gary Gaddy and Jack Hyer, Hand finishing and how to get that special hand rubbed finish.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00- 2:00 Extra time on stock removal

2:00- ? Round table discussion about

- \* Knifemaking as a business
- \* Pricing your work
- \* Special problems

Look forward to seeing you there.

### New Members

Our newest member is ;

Dr. William F. Ambrose  
Route 1 , Box 781  
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Welcome aboard and thank you for joining.

### Calendar

#### March 17-19, 1995

East Coast Custom Knife Show at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Manhattan. Contact Stephen D'Lack at (417) 335-2170

#### March 19-25, 1995

The American Hand-Forged Bowie Knife, with Jim Batson. John C Campbell Folk School, Rt 1, Box

14A, Brasstown, NC 28902  
1-(800) 365-5724

March 20-31

Intro to Bladesmithing with J. Hendrickson at the  
Texarkana College Bladesmithing School

March 26-4/1, 1995

Damascus patterns for Bladesmithing, with Chuck  
Patrick. John C. Campbell Folk School.

April 8-9

4th Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show at the  
Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg Va.  
Contact Wes Shrader at (703) 433-1434

Summer 1995

"Toolmaking for Woodworkers" 6 day course at  
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(704) 656-2280 or write Country Workshops, 90  
Mill Creek Road, Marshall, NC 28753

~~Fall 1995~~ June 30<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jim Batson will teach a course at Montgomery  
County Community College. The course will be  
taught along the lines of the George Herron course  
as it will be mostly lecture. More info in the  
following Newsletter.

Classified

Sorry, but I didn't get any submissions. If you have  
something to sell or something you are looking to  
buy, drop me a note or give me a call.

The Final Cut

I have been reading some disturbing information  
about fiber refractory and related health problems.  
Seems there have been some studies that show that  
the fiber can be as damaging to the lungs as asbestos,  
both from a cancer and silicosis angle.

I'm not sure exactly where this is leading because I  
noticed that a roll of fiberglass insulation at the  
Home store had a carcinogen warning on it, but be  
warned. Wear appropriate clothes and safety

equipment when working with the material and if  
your not sure get in touch with the manufacturer for  
suggestions on the proper design and working info.

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I would like to start exchanging newsletters with  
other Custom Knifemaker organizations. Please  
drop me a note with the address of any groups you  
may know of and who to contact. Thank you (ED.).  
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The purpose and policy of this newsletter is to serve as a medium of information exchange for members of the NCKKG, related organizations may copy the information used herein as long as credit is given.

This organization has been formed to help meet the needs of a growing body of custom knifemakers in the Southeastern region. In addition, The Guild seeks to provide a training forum and educational resource for new and veteran makers alike.

Knifemaking and it's related crafts are inherently dangerous occupations. Therefore the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild, its officers and the Editorial committee specifically disclaim any responsibility for damages or injuries that occur as a result of the use, in any way, of any information contained in this newsletter.

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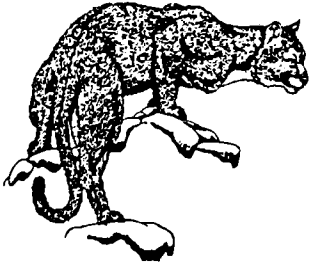
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October 23, 1994

Dear Mark,

Just a little note for the NCKKG newsletter.

International trade of wildlife and plants is regulated by the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). CITES is a multinational group formed in 1973 to control international trade of products, such as ivory and other animal parts, which come from endangered species. As of 1990 CITES consisted of 109 party nations. This group does not control commerce of these products within the United States or within any other nation. The individual nations elect whether or not they will participate in the proposed programs. The United States elected to participate in the programs and have installed exportation and importation laws. The United States created its own ban on the import and export of African elephant ivory June 9, 1989. CITES installed an international import and export ban on African elephant ivory January 18, 1990. Within the United States, trade of animal and plant products is regulated by the Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

As knifemakers and related craftsmen, we are specifically interested in these regulatory agencies because their rulings effect our business. They determine the availability of animal products we use for handle materials and govern the laws which may affect us in ways we do not wish to be affected. If we are not aware of the laws and/or are not careful, it is possible to be fined and/or imprisoned for dealing in animal parts which are restricted. As I hear of changes regarding these agencies and their rulings I will forward the information to the newsletter in hopes to keep everyone informed.

As for now, interstate trade of African elephant ivory is legal, as long as the ivory was in the United States prior to the June 9, 1989 cut off date.

Sincerely,

Mike Weaver

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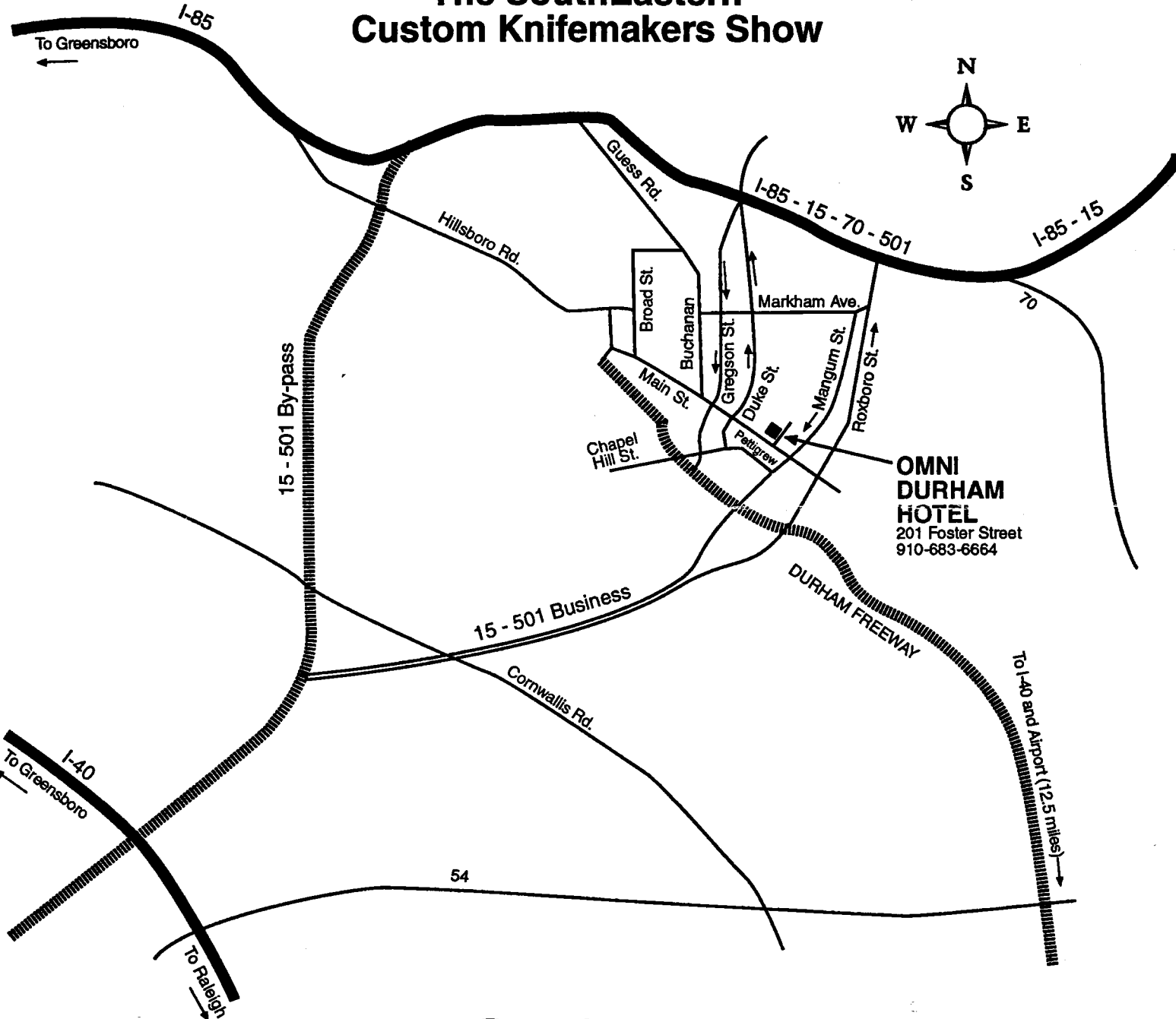
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Total for Banquet Tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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In which category would you be interested in applying: Knifemaker \_\_\_\_\_

(How long have you been making knives?) \_\_\_\_\_

Collector \_\_\_\_\_ Just Interested \_\_\_\_\_