



Wood Words

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**\$10 fee to hold a seat to
Wood Magazine
in October due
at July meeting**

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July Raffle: Chris will have his usual assortment of fine tools!

Please thank sponsoring members; noted below for supporting our Guild.

Next Meeting Wed. July 21st, 7 PM

**Program: Making a Windsor Chair with Cliff Bell
Drill Press tune-up with Bob Settich**

Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Wayne Wainwright



More progress
for the Kansas
City Woodworkers
Guild!

At last months
Town Hall meeting
we discussed our vision and
the future of KCWG. We
shared many new ideas and
answered questions and
hopefully addressed some
concerns. I have received
many phone calls and
emails suggesting we are
on the right track. Of
course, only history will
tell if we have executed
well on our promises.

We did not just "talk" last
month however. We built
50 Flag Display cases for
our military losses. Suc-
cessfully held a Wood
Expo at the Schlagle Li-
brary in Kansas City Kan-
sas and even got some local
press in the Wyandotte
West paper.

We have made progress
toward the fund raising
Auction in August, con-
ducted a Dave Kraatz led
training class at Woodcraft

and began to finalize plans
for external training ses-
sions at the Kansas City
Public Library in October
2004.

We even received and ful-
filled a contract to build
100 small wooden pieces
for Project Eagle, an Early
Head Start program in Wy-
andotte County, earning
\$100 for the Guild (more on
that at the July meeting).

All of this is moving us in
the right direction and
steadfastly toward our 2004
goals. Our new Director
positions are proving fruit-
ful, reinforcing this as a
good concept.

Our Director of Events is
working on a new bus trip
to the Amana Colonies in
Iowa. On that note, we will
collect the normal \$10 fee
to hold a seat for you on the
bus to **Wood Magazine** at
the July meeting. The bal-
ance will be due at the Au-
gust meeting.

Our Director of Member-
ship is working on ways to
improve recruitment of visi-
tors.

The Director of Communi-
cations is about to roll out 2
new contributions to the

Guild. A digital projector
and a new PA sound sys-
tem. Both anonymous do-
nations from an existing
member. These items are
worth over \$2,000 com-
bined. We thank our
anonymous contributors for
an incredible gift to the

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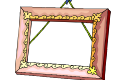
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Guild. Remember, all gifts are welcomed! Our Director of Education is making tremendous headway on formalizing learning activities. Based on your feedback last month, he has already booked our monthly Programs through June 2005, covering the topics “you” asked for the most in the questionnaire handed out last month. The Director of Training has new training on tap that you will see soon. And yes, our Director of Sponsorship is busily approaching new potential sponsors for us.

Our progress has not come by accident. Many of your Directors and members have been working hard for many months to develop momentum and the results are now being seen. I thank all the people who have signed up for “Work Teams” to assist our new Directors in their roles. There are still a couple of slots available, so if you want to get in on the ground floor, now is the time. Your input and service are always needed and welcome.

These volunteers are making a difference in how we perform as a guild. So turn to your neighbor and say thanks!

CRP is on a roll. Your first progress check is coming up on July 21st so I hope you will bring your progress, or pictures of it, to the July meeting.

See the new mentor workshops that are being made available this month on page 6 of this newsletter.

Thanks to the Director of Membership, we are introducing a new “incentive” program. Bring a visitor and receive an extra name tag (blue) raffle ticket. Have someone become a member and receive 2 regular (red) raffle tickets. For every 2 people who become members, receive 2 “big ticket (white) raffle tickets. As you can see, we would like to reward you for contributing to your Guild.

We are making “guild” business cards available to all members to make it easier for you to “share” the benefits with friends and associates. If you are a new member since early 2003, you received some of these in your “welcome” packet. Any member who would like some (or more) needs only send an email or make a call to the President. If you do not specify a quantity, you will receive 10 cards for each request.

To help make better decisions on how we develop training and programs, we will need to know something about where your skills are today. We also need to know more about you so we know who can

be approached to be a future contributor”. We have created a database to house our member information. We are now developing a profile of our membership. To complete that task, we will conduct a number of short surveys in the months to come. Please make sure you fill out the surveys and get them back to us as quickly as possible.

This will lead to much better training and programs that help enhance your skills. It will also help us develop programs that better address your needs.

2004 Goal status:

So far, so good. When I took office in May, I outlined 12 goals for 2004. To date, we have accomplished 6 of them and are well on track with 3 more. I am sure the last 3 will fall into place as well. As promised, I will keep you up to date on our progress. We will publish another full status in September and then we will do a year end summary in December. See our website (Members Only/Goals) or the May Newsletter for the complete goals list.

A Personal appeal from the President:

I am making a “request for service” for something I believe is very special and consistent with our commitment to the community. I was contacted by an organization called TRI (The Rehabilitation Institute). They help people with developmental disabilities due to head trauma, to become productive citizens in society once again.

They have a need for woodworking expertise to help them get a “production workshop” off the ground. They need help with tool evaluation, project selection and training.

I am convinced this could be an incredibly worthwhile project for our Guild to sponsor. We have a need for about 6 people to make this project happen. We currently have 3. I am looking for 3 more committed volunteers. Please see me for details and to offer your assistance. I am mostly in need of people who would be willing to conduct **one** of four 1 day training sessions to teach their people how to make a small production item such as a small box, a bird-house, a coat rack, planter etc. This is a very worthwhile project and I hope you will join me in making it happen.

By-Laws:

In addition to this newsletter, you have received a Draft copy of our new By-Laws that will be voted upon this month. You **MUST** be at the July meeting to have your vote counted.

Please review them and come prepared to give your vote. If ratified at the July meeting, a new dated copy of the finalized version will be available at the August meeting. You can also contact any of the Directors or Officers to receive a copy. See you on July 21st!

Program: Town Hall Meeting

David Roth

Our President opened the program by introducing the new Officers and Directors. They all spoke of their new responsibilities and noted there are just a couple of things we are going to try to accomplish in 2004 even though we can do a lot more.

One of our goals is to try and get everyone in Kansas City to Know about the KCWG so we can increase membership.

The President has set a goal to double our size in 2004 and again in 2005. We can make this happen as a Team; a "combined" organization, with community participation events, like the Schlagle Library, The Woodworking show and the Remodeling show and others.

And then of course, there's you our members. We need current guild members to participate in this recruitment effort. You are the key to our success. We have asked you to bring 2 friends to a meeting this year. We need more people so we don't ask the same members to do everything. They too have families, not to mention their own shop projects.

Having a small number of people be the only resource is not productive. We have to spread the wealth. Having more members allows us to grow and gives new and senior members an opportunity to learn from each other.

Learning is a big part of our future and the Craftsmanship Recognition Program is proving we can do it well. 20 percent of our members have signed up for CRP to help give themselves a "target" for good work.

Jim Ramsey entered a juried show and won. How do we as guild members get to that position? Obviously not everyone wants to do that, and that's O.K. But for those who do, we need to provide a varied educational menu to help them achieve their goals. We have to develop the skill set. We need to allow people to grow as woodworkers at their own pace.

Most members indicated this was good and that we should continue on this path. As a guild, we need to do a better job of educating. We would like to see some structure to this process.

The mentor program was introduced, where we can go to members' shops and learn a skill.

When starting the mentor workshops in February, the idea was to simply get the activity going. The next step is to formalize it. It may help you get to a CRP goal, or a personal goal in woodworking.

It allows you to make new bonds of friendship. The Director of Education will make sure this process is formalized each month going forward. This is an exciting program and if you have not taken advantage of it, you are missing something special.

John Morrison went to Jim McCord's' shop to make a quality box, of different woods and then demonstrated it at Show and Tell. We would like to see John build one of those boxes and enter it in a juried show. Wayne asked John "wouldn't it be nice if you won an award on a box you made"? John said "Yes".

Again, we need to continue to develop members' skills. There are lot's of reasons for this. For you, maybe it is just to build something for your kids, grandchildren, and family, or to feel comfortable participating in Show and Tell. For others it is to win a juried show and get their name on the national map.

These are the kinds of things our President is talking about when he says "This is where are we going in terms of growth and community involvement".

We have an opportunity to do a program at the downtown Library in October. They conduct programs once a month for people to come in and learn something. We will conduct a short "how to" session. A simple project we can come up with for people to build and take home. The workers downtown will do this during their lunch break. We need volunteers for this and other programs

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And while you're there, use your 15% discount on all the plans and techniques in the store.

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we may develop over time.

Our President posted a “sign up sheet” for people to help the directors with their positions. It is called the Leadership Development Program. By participating in a work team you can assist a director and learn what they do.

A year or two later when we replace a director, we will have people with the required leadership skills rather than learning the job anew each time.

Our leadership team said we need to improve the relationship with our Sponsors. Woodcraft gives us space for training and donates material for our projects. Turn About Wood is letting us use their classroom for a future training program. Paxton has donated many things to the guild as well as offered training class space.

We need to keep up a good relationship with all of our sponsors. We need to patronize them because their contributions are worth a lot more than the few pennies we might save buying elsewhere.

Everything we do requires time and money. We, as a Guild are a non-profit organization, and don't generate a lot of revenue today. We will focus on this in 2004. Our President warned us. We are all going to be part of this “guild improvement and growth” one way or another.

The team spoke of the need to have our own training facility. This is being researched to see if it can happen.

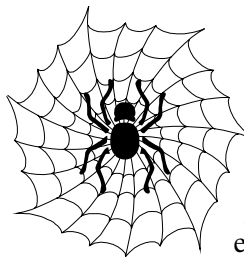
Questions were raised about liability concerns if we have our own workshop space. Our President pointed out that all of our Sponsors conduct training classes and they “deal” with the liability concerns. We will learn from them and do the same things. This is a valid concern, but not an insurmountable one.

Wayne has asked that if anyone has concerns about what we are doing and where we are going, feel free to bring those questions to him or any member of the leadership team. 2004 is shaping up to be a good year for the guild and the feedback from the membership has been really positive.

Now we just need to grow our guild and participate in upcoming events to make ourselves successful!

Web Words

Wayne Wainwright



New Web site: There are more changes to our website. The navigation has changed. I realize it will take a while to get used to it, but I hope you will find it easier to navigate over time.

The new navigation bars correspond to the titles of our directors.

Events, Communication, Training, Sponsorship, Membership and Education.

You will also note there has been a layout change. Especially for “table” sections such as the newsletter and gallery. Again, this is designed to make it easier for you to navigate and find information.

This format should make it easier to find specific information on the web. For example, the newsletter is under “Communication”. Book Reviews are under “Education” etc.

As we learn and grow, some of these may change. You will always find updates here in the newsletter AND on the web.

We are working on a “site map” that will help with future navigation. It will be available in late August.

Members Only (Communication): We have posted the membership roster, the Mentors list and the current “draft” By-laws in the members only section. If you would like access, just drop me an email.

Book Reviews (Education): All of Dave Kraatz's book reviews have made it to the web this month, so if you would like to review a book feel free to do so. A link has been provided for the specific book being reviewed in case you would like to purchase it. The link takes you directly to Barnes & Noble online to make the purchase.

If there are things you would like to see added, or modifications made to existing items on the site, feel free to send an email to the webmaster at:

webmaster@kcwoodworkersguild.org.



Work still in progress

A Question about the Featured Member

Brian Kemp

What is the featured member of the month?

I have been asked this question recently so I thought I would give an update here in the newsletter so everyone can understand.

The featured member of the month started in 2002. It was created to bring attention to members who participate in Guild activities.

It is an aide in getting to know your fellow woodworkers. The current featured member of the month program still incorporates the original ideas; however, starting Jan. 2004, the featured member is "recognized" with a gift certificate for their contributions to the guild.

Contributions include show and tell, putting on a program, community projects, being a toy captain, being a director or director's assistant, a guild mentor, hosting a work shop in your shop, volunteering for guild sponsored events or almost any type of Guild sponsored activity.

In appreciation for the selected member's contributions and hard work in helping to build a better Guild, they will be awarded a gift certificate from one of our sponsoring members.

December is a special month. The 11 featured members of the current year will vote for one of the 11 featured members of the month to become the featured member of year. In case of a tie there will be a run off vote. Only featured members can vote for this honor.

This member will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from one of our sponsoring members.

It is easy to participate in this program! **Get involved!** Become a contributing member, it helps the guild in many ways. It will make the monthly guild meeting more enjoyable for you and others.

Show off your work; help others become better woodworkers.

Each meeting, talk to someone new about their wood working interest, you may find someone who likes the same type of woodworking as you and make a new friend. Make a point to greet new members and offer assistance to them and let them know about the Featured Member program.

Our guild can be a great organization; it all depends on its members. You (the members) have the power to make the guild a place of learning and fellowship, or a place to kill a few hours each month. It's your choice.

I say, get involved, and let's move our Guild to the next level.

2004 Featured Members:

Jim McCord



Russ Amos



Jim Ramsey



David Roth



Russell Clausing



Jim Bany



Shop Safety

Brad Barth

When I was a flight surgeon in the Navy, one of my duties was to investigate aircraft crashes and personnel injuries. We would refer to these as “mishaps” rather than accidents. This is not just semantics, but an important distinction.

An accident implies that nothing could have been done to prevent it, whereas in reality nearly everything that we commonly call an accident has a root cause (or more commonly, several). The goal of the mishap investigation was to determine what we could do to prevent the next mishap. We would then share that information throughout the safety community.

Back in the squadron, one of the most important things I would stress to my pilots and aircrew is that there are almost no accidents. Whether it was not following maintenance, emergency, or other procedures in aviation, or driving too fast for the conditions in an automobile, there was a chain of events that happened in a particular order that led to the mishap.

This same concept applies in our shops. Whenever there is an injury, misadventure, or other “mishap,” it is usually the result of a choice we made somewhere earlier in the process. These choices are not always conscious or monumental.

They can range from not getting your safety glasses out of the drawer, not getting the push sticks ready ahead of time, using the wrong tool for the job, or working when you are distracted. Everyone has their personal list of times they wish they had thought things through better. We know the most important safety tool in your shop is the brain between your ears. Remember to listen when little alarm bells start going off in your head. Be safe.

Contact me at safety@kc.rr.com

Disclaimer: The information in this article is not meant to be medical advice, please discuss any concerns you may have with your physician.

2004 Guild Activities

June Mentor Sessions

- **Jim McCord:** Boxes - July 24
- **Don Inbody:** Tea Caddy - July 31
- **Jerry Jennings:** Lap Joinery - August 7

Flag Cases

- About 50 cases have been completed. They are awaiting glass which has been donated and is being cut by Kryger in the Northland. They should be able to be delivered before our next meeting.

Schlagle Library

- This event was a great success in that we were able to successfully put on an Expo in Wyandotte county Lake Park. The Kansas City Star and the Wyandotte West newspapers both sent photographers to take pictures of the event. Wyandotte did a story on us in their June paper.

Bus Trips

Wood Magazine:

- The \$10 fee to hold your seat for the October trip is due at the July meeting. The final payment will be due at the August meeting
- A trip to the Amana colonies is being planned. Dates and costs will be published in the August newsletter.

Fine Woodworking

- The Assistant Editor of Fine Woodworking was in Kansas City to do a photo shoot for a story in an upcoming magazine article. The KCWG was invited to speak with them about their magazine. About 20 members met with them on July 7th to give input to the magazine.

Tool Auction

- Chris Kunzle is coordinating a Tool Auction in August. We have had several tools donated by Sponsors, area and national

businesses and members. The Wood Turners, Lee's Summit and the Wood Carvers Guilds have also been invited. We anticipate a very successful auction. Remember, any tool you donate, is tax deductible. See Chris if you have questions.

Guild Training Classes

- Our first training class was successfully held at Woodcraft June 19th. Dave Kraatz did an excellent job on the process for constructing a Mountain Dulcimer. The class gave a detailed understanding on what is required to make Dulcimers.
- Keep watching here for other classes that will be scheduled later this year.

Kansas City Library

- The Guild has been invited to put on a "program" at the Kansas City Library downtown branch in the new location on 10th street. The classes will be held in October 2004. They will consist of a 1 hr session on how to build small items such as a bird house, small box etc.

WoodWorks

- The Woodworks show has been canceled. Not enough business sponsors signed up for the event and the coordinators were unable to get it going in Kansas City. They hope to be back in 2005.

Project Eagle

- The Guild was asked to produce 100 small wooden blocks for an organization called Project Eagle, a Junior Head Start program in Wyandotte County. We successfully manufactured and delivered the blocks on July 6th 2004.

90th Birthday Sale!



On July 16th, Paxtons will be celebrating 90 years of

servicing the needs of professional and hobbyist woodworkers with food, prizes and specials all throughout the store.

Product vendors will be here and we will have Pen turning and Star10 stripper demos.

We are also having a closeout on certain sandpaper items as low as 10 cents per sheet! You don't have to wait until the 16th for the sandpaper sale.

Come in and help us celebrate!"

Want to help cut guild monthly costs? Consider receiving the newsletter via email. It is faster and comes in color. If you are interested, please send an email to Wayne Wainwright at: wwrig@kc.rr.com, or add your email to the Attendance list at the monthly meetings.

Newsletter Deadline: 1st of the month:

**Please send all submissions for articles, tips, want ads announcements and anything else to Wayne Wainwright:
816 453-1073 email: wwrig@kc.rr.com**

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Member of the Month

Brian Kemp

Mike Jones

What is your specialty in woodworking?

I don't have a particular specialty. Much of my experience came in the cabinet shop making custom cabinets for homeowners

How many years have you been woodworking?

My first experience with woodworking came in Jr. High shop in 1967. I think my first project was a shoe shine kit for my dad. I have been growing my skills ever since

What is your favorite hand tool and why?

My favorite hand tool is the carving gouge. I love to carve and the gouge gives you the ability to create form or texture

What is your favorite power tool and why?

I love my table saw. It was my first major machine purchase over 20 years ago. I actually used to do small cabinet jobs using my worm gear saw, saw guide and my router

What is your favorite wood to use and why?

Walnut! Walnut is a wood that has tremendous character, especially when it is oiled. I also love the smell of walnut when I am working with it

What is the favorite project you have built and why?

It is my most recent project, a 24 foot bell tower for our church. It is my favorite because of what it represents. It was not an easy project, and my timber framing skills were very rusty, but it presented many challenges along the way, not the least of which was being able to handle 10x10 Douglas Fir beams that weighed in at over 150 pounds or more. We ended up using a crane to assemble it and erect it

What is your best deal on a woodworking tool?

I was able to purchase a cordless nailer on Ubid on the internet for about \$75.00

What guild activities have you been involved in?

Since I am relatively new to the guild, I haven't been involved in very many activities. I have participated in the Tool Show, the Remodeling Show and Show and Tell. I have to say though, that I get more from our get-togethers at the Twin City Tavern sharing a beer and a

burger with some of the finest people I have ever met. I really value the friendships I have developed in the short time I have been a member.

I especially want to thank George Dixon for inviting me to join him at a meeting when he did. I still want to take one of Jim McCord's box making classes and one of Dave Kraatz's dulcimer classes. All in good time

What has been your favorite guild activity?

So far, I really enjoyed working the booth at the Woodworking Show and the Remodeling Show. It allowed me to share my experiences of the guild with several new people that ultimately signed up and became members. But honestly, my favorite activity is going to our monthly meeting.

I learn something at every meeting. The wealth of woodworking knowledge that is present in that room each month is staggering. I am especially thankful for the older members who have so much knowledge to share. It is like having my grandfather available anytime to answer my questions

What Shop Tip can you give us?

NEVER cross-cut against the rip fence. It bears repeating, putting up a sign, writing a note to yourself, whatever!!!! My reconstructed thumb bears witness to the importance of that very simple rule.

I still have the block of wood with the curved groove chewed into it to remind me of how stupidity can really BITE!! I can still hear my High School shop teacher explaining why you should never do it.

Here I am 34 years out of High School shop, and I can still hear him in my mind as if it were yesterday. The worst thing is, I could hear him saying it while I was doing it! As usual, I was in a hurry, was behind on my timeline and I knew I could do it and not get hurt. WRONG AGAIN!

Due to publishing deadlines, we were not able to get pictures of Mike's work for the newsletter. We will publish them on the web and make them available in a future publishing.

Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Show & Tell - Show Pictures



Bill Donaldson's Dulcimers



James Childress' Chessboard



John Johnson's Alder Trestle Tables

Jim Ramsey Music Stand parts



Bill Sander's Rocking Chair



John Morrison's Cherry/Walnut box



Terry Stair's Toy Stool

Russ Amos' Sea Kayak



Bill Sander's Scout box



In order: Jerry Jennings, Mel Hudson, Wayne Wainwright and Terry VanDyke making Flag cases.





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Meeting Minutes

New members: Pete Coleman, Nicholas Ragan, Visitors: Bill Graham, Randy Vroom

News:

- Bring any items for the Auction to the July meeting
- Mike Jones: "blow-out" sale on Shirts, Hats and Jackets
- Treasurer Paul Twenter reports we have \$3,232 in the bank
- Bill Evens had a list of tools for sale call Bill at 816-333-3163

Tool Talk:

Someone bought a set of drill bits at the tool show with a life time guarantee and they didn't drill holes very well so he grabbed his Drill Doctor, gave it 5 revolutions and it made curls you wouldn't believe

Someone got a good deal on a 6 inch jointer

Someone bought a General drum sander too heavy to take to his basement so he broke it down into about 20 parts and his wife helped him carry all of the items downstairs. His wife has also helped him bring 3 or 4 other major power tools to the basement. Everyone wants to marry her

Someone bought a Shop Fox 1 horsepower shaper delivered for \$360.00 dollars. It has a height adjustment that did not function properly. He called and they sent him a spacer To raise the table up. HmMMMM!

Someone bought a wooden threading tool at woodcraft and says it worked real well. It doesn't cost as much as the mechanical ones. But you have to get it set up exactly right, which takes a while, but once it is set, you can make a lot of threads in dowels.

Name tag door prizes

Phil Akers took the micro plane, John Johnson took the gloves, Fred Chael, took the scraper, Bill Jilesen took the hammer

Raffle:

Joe Lesko won the Dewalt saw blade, Wayne Suter won the tool chest, Mel Hudson won the large clamps, Bill Evens took the small clamps and Jim Reynolds won a six piece Forstner bit set.

Show and Tell:

Russ Amos brought in a sea kayak of redwood with cedar, walnut, pine and ash accents. It has a fiberglass resin with spar varnish finish. It is 17 foot long and only weighs 51 pounds! 2 years in the making.

Jim Ramsey brought in a walnut music stand parts and explained the procedure of how to make them with his jigs. He will bring the finished project when he gets done.

Bill Sander brought in a red cedar rocking chair. It was the second major project, one of a matching set. It was left with a natural finish. He also brought in a box made from popular and ¼ inch plywood. It will hold the Scouts' books and merit badge books. It has a Minwax Poly-

Calendar

Executive Meetings, 7:00pm Kansas City Public Library 1410 W 10th St. KC MO 64105

Guild meetings, 7:00 p.m., Jacob's Well Church, 1617 W. 42nd St., To reach us "during the meetings, call: KCMO. (816) 561-8177

Executive Meetings

Guild Meetings

2004

January 20th
February 17th
March 16th
April 20th
May 12th
June 9th
July 14th
August 11th
September 8th
October 13th
November 10th
December 8th

January 21st
February 18th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th

All members are welcome at any board meeting. A call to one of the Officers is all that is necessary.

shades finish. It was a challenge to design it "rugged" so the scouts could build it easily and take it with them to scout camp. There was minimal hardware cost - about \$6.00 each.

James Childress brought in a chess-board made from catalpa, walnut, curly maple, mahogany, Masonite, luann plywood, and brass. He used a Tung Oil finish. The points of interest were the individual tiles for the top. And the challenges were getting the tiles down so it came out square.

Bill Donaldson brought in 3 dulcimers that he explained about how he made the different shapes and explained a little how each one sounds differently.

John Morrison brought in a small cherry, walnut, and wenge box made at Jim McCord's mentor workshop. It has an oil finish. The challenge was fitting miters on Inlay. John thanked the KCWG for this opportunity and also thanked Jim McCord for sharing how he constructs his boxes.