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Wood Words

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November Raffle: Bill Evans will have his usual assortment of items

Next Meeting: Wed. November 19th, 7:00pm
Program: Ron Lomax- Andre's Bench Project "Bench Uprights"

Sawdust: **The Presidents Corner**

Mike Jones

It is hard to believe that it is almost November. Where has the time gone? We have so much going on right now, it is a little mind-boggling to think that Christmas is right around the corner. In a few short weeks, we will be hosting Kelly Mehler here at our new shop, and right now, we are looking pretty good for registrations for that workshop. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you get your reservations in as soon as possible. We have a great class planned for you.



I was able to get into a new shop in the last couple of weeks to produce a gift for my wife for her birthday. She had seen the idea in a cook's magazine, and commented how she would like one. So, I set about getting my material to turn her a "salt well" for holding Kosher salt on the counter for cooking. I found a really nice piece of Spalted curly maple at Metro Hardwoods, and I contacted Anthony Harris for some one-on-one

coaching. In fact, I ended up joining the Woodturners because I was reminded how much I enjoy turning while doing this project.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone in the KCWG to consider joining the KCWT if you haven't already. I so enjoyed turning last Wednesday evening that I was reminded just how cool it is to spend time elbow to elbow with folks who share the same interests.

While turning this piece of wood, I found out how temperamental Spalted wood can be. While turning the final pass to prepare for sanding, the gouge decided to take a different tack, and 2 days worth of work was split right down the middle. If not for the encouragement and knowhow of Bill Kuhlman and Jim Reynolds, I would have trashed it and started over. Oh, the miracle of CA glue and spray catalyst! You can't even see the split, and the project turned out pretty nice.

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While my wife appreciates the beauty of the wood and the function of the salt well, I found my greatest appreciation in those friendships that grew out of getting to work with Anthony, Bill and Jim, and all of the other really great guys that are members of the Woodturners. More importantly, I was able to reacquaint myself with the art of woodturning and do so with one of the best woodturner/teachers I have ever had the pleasure to learn from. Thank you Anthony Harris for taking the time to help me get my turning skills tuned up.

To me, this experience is the greatest testimony to the value one gains in becoming a member of the KCWT or the KCWG. In the interest of helping our roommates maintain their ability to stay in that space with us, we need to do everything we can to help them do just that. Please consider joining the Woodturners.

I also want to remind everyone that our Christmas party is just around the corner, and you might want to start thinking about what you are going to do for the 2x4 contest. Over the years, I have seen some pretty amazing entries in our 2x4 contest, and hopefully, this year won't be a disappointment. We will be announcing the details at our November meeting. By the way, we need lots of volunteers for the Kelly Mehler workshop and even more volunteers for our Christmas party. Please step up and help out wherever you can. I am thrilled with the numbers of folks who have jumped in to help with the decorating and preparation of our new space. I can't thank you all enough for your commitment of time and talent. The finished product is truly great! We are getting closer to having the shop we have always wanted. Hopefully, I will be seeing you all in

The Andre's Table and Bench Diaries

By Shelly Taylor

Progress on the benches has picked up to full speed ahead! Much of the work is being done in our own shop and lots of people are contributing their time to the project. Here's the latest from our project manager, John Johnson:

All uprights for the 2x2, 2x0, 1x0, and 2x1 benches have been glued up, pocket holes have been drilled, and sanding has been completed. They were sprayed with finish early in November.

Backs for the 2x2 benches are coming into the Guild workshop for finish sanding and the final bevel cut. They

will be ready for the spray booth by mid-November.

Backs for the 1x0 and the 2x1 are rough cut and at the Guild workshop. Sheet stock is ready but more banding material is needed. They will be ready for the spray booth by the end of November.

Seats for all of the benches are coming into the Guild workshop for finish sanding and will be ready for the spray booth by the end of November.

Material for the caps are milled and rough cut. They will be ready for the spray booth by the end of November.

John believes there is a high probability of delivering most of the benches before Christmas. We still have a lot of work to do, though, and need everyone's help. Look in your e-mail for work days and nights. For those of you with day jobs, we'll be working most Wednesday and Thursday nights and for those of you who are retired, any day of the week works for helping out

October's Program: Building Your Own Tools with Bob LaDue

By Shelly Taylor

Bob LaDue gave an interesting presentation on building tools at our October meeting. Lucky for us, Bob's father-in-law got him started in woodworking years and years ago, and building tools was something they did together. Some tools they built just to see if they could do it and, of course, building a tool was cheaper than buying one. It was satisfying and fun work for both Bob and his father-in-law.

Bob began with showing us a belt sander he built that he uses primarily for trim sanding. It features a 1 x 100 inch belt with a unique tensioning device that allows you to take the belt off. Bob compared his sander to a Delta belt sander that he was familiar with, but the Delta wasn't adjustable and the belt would travel back and forth. Bob's self-built belt sander, on the other hand, allows for adjusting and the belt tracks true. Bob's father-in-law went so far as to build his own belts by cutting one inch strips and gluing them together. Bob tried this, too, but the belts would often break and so he highly rec-



ommends Klingspor catalogue that custom makes belts to your specifications. You can choose the width, length, and grit that you want for a fee per inch.



Another sanding tool that Bob and his father-in-law built worked especially well with inside corner sanding jobs. The cylinder that you see on this tool was originally a block of wood through which they drilled a hole, inserted a metal rod, and

then turned on a lathe to the desired size. Bob found a used motor that they mounted on the back of the tool and the speed can be changed by simply changing the two different pulleys. The total cost of making this tool amounted to less than \$15 and was so popular that Bob and his father-in-law made them for all the folks that wanted one.



The third sanding tool that Bob presented is featured in Shopsmith magazine, issue #37. It is a 6 x 48 inch belt sander that comes in very handy when making boxes and small parts. It has all the adjustments you need to keep the belt tracking true and, again, the belts are available from Klingspor catalogue. Bob advised that you hold your project tight when using this high energy sanding tool or it just may end up on the back wall of your shop!

Finally, Bob talked about an overhead pin router he had made but didn't bring with him. The cutting-from-above feature of this router allows you to better see what you're cutting and is especially helpful in making signs and decorative cut-outs.

Bob mentioned, by the way, that parts such as shafts, bearings, and pulleys that are necessary to tool building can be found in the Enco catalogue.

Bob finished his presentation with a generous offer--call him, go over to his shop, take photos and measurements of the many tools he has made, review his plans, and build your own! Thanks, Bob for sharing your skills and ingenuity with us.

New Sponsor Member

The Kansas City Woodworkers Guild would like to welcome a new sponsor to the fold. *American Grinding and Sales* is our newest sponsor.

They have generously donated a Steel City 8 inch variable speed grinder, Model # 15420 for our shop. The same grinder is available to KCWG members at a discounted price. Other membership discounts include **Sharpening 10%**

New Blades 30% excludes Forrest

New Routers Bits 20%

Thanks American Grinding and Sales and welcome to the Guild

TREASURY REPORT

(November 2008)

Beginning Balance- \$19,395.87

Income- \$3,492.38

Expenses- \$4,714.26

Ending Balance- \$18,173.99

Paid Members--

Senior-33

Regular-65

Associate-- 6 , Sponsor-- 6

Total Members-- 110

HELP!!!

We are looking for Guild members that would volunteer to help to make the Kelly Mehler workshop for November 21, 22, & 23 be a big success. We need people to volunteer to help during the event itself and we have many things that need to be done prior to his workshop here at the Guild. Please contact Kara Paris if you would like to help. karaparis@sbcglobal.net or (816) 682-5622.

We are looking for Guild members to volunteer to help to make our annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting, December 17, a festive occasion. If you are interested in helping please contact Bill Evans billvans@aol.com or (816) 847-2318.



The Kansas City Woodworkers Guild Special Presentation...

Kelly Mehler- Building a Side Table



In Person, Direct from Berea, Kentucky and Sold Out Workshops

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Sat. & Sun., Nov. 22, & 23, 9:00 AM \$85.00

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Techniques covered: Puzzling pieces to fit wood

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Jointer Planer Bandsaw

Tablesaw Safety Resaw

Glue joints Clamping What glues to use

Mortise Tenons Taper on Jointer

This class in Berea, KY is \$750.00 for 5 days! What a DEAL!

Kelly Mehler's professional woodworking career spans 28 years. Kelly's shop, located on Berea's main street and was featured in *The Workshop Book* (Scott Landis, Taunton Press). Kelly's woodworking business has been devoted to finely crafted custom pieces that emphasize the beauty of the natural color and grain of hardwoods . Kelly's experience as an instructor and his extensive knowledge of joinery and shop techniques make his teaching useful to participants at all levels of woodworking expertise. He is the author of *The Tablesaw Book* (1992/2002, Taunton Press). Kelly is featured in two *Fine Woodworking* videos, *Build a Shaker Table With Kelly Mehler*, and *Mastering Your Tablesaw*.

Check out his website. <http://kellymehler.com>



“Slide Show & Lecture” Friday night, November 21, 7:00 PM \$30.00 Early Bird Special, By October 15, only \$25.00 All sessions - Fri, Sat, & Sun, \$105.00 - Early Bird Special \$90.00

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Lunch will be included on Saturday & Sunday

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Antique Tool of the Month

By Don Kruse

.For this month's tool I have chosen a plane patented by John W. Carleton and George E. Trask of New Britain, Ct. The lever type depth adjustment was patented on Dec 8, 1903 and the patent for the threaded vertical post adjustment was added on June 28, 1904. Union Manufacturing Co. of New Britain, Ct manufactured a series of wood bottom planes with the lever only adjustments and also a series with the threaded posts. They also manufactured a series of iron planes with the threaded post. The numbers on the planes with the threaded posts almost match the planes manufactured by Stanley, except they are preceded by an "X" and the Union equivalent of the Stanley No. 1 is marked "X0". There are a few other differences in that Union made a size "X4 1/4" and a size "X 4 3/8" but nothing equivalent to the Stanley 5 1/4. The wood bottom planes without the threaded post use a completely different numbering system.

In 1920 Stanley bought out Union's plane manufacturing business. Stanley continued to manufacture and sell these planes for a short time because they still appear in Stanley price lists in 1942. I have several of the corrugated planes of this type with a different number of grooves in planes of the same size. This could be because of different jobbers or a difference between the number of grooves used by Stanley and Union.



Newsletter Deadline: 1st of the month:

Please send all submissions for articles, tips, want ads announcements and anything else to Kevin Thomas: 816 941-8865 email:

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The Annual 2 x 4 Contest is Coming Soon

1. The item can be anything the craftsman wants it to be
2. The Item should be made out of any species of wood that the Craftsperson want to use. They are allowed the equivalent of an eight foot 2x4 in materials
3. The voting for the contest will be conducted at the December 17th, 2008 general Guild membership meeting.
4. Each person attending the December meeting will be given one (1) marble and after the presentation of the projects by their makers and during the meeting break, each person, in attendance, will be asked to vote for their favorite piece by placing their marble in the receptacle that is sitting next to that piece.
5. The marbles will be counted after the voting has completed and the winners will be announced.

1st Prize- \$100.00

2nd Prize- \$50.00

3rd Prize- \$25.00

Special Raffle for the Kelly Mehler Weekend

Thanks to the efforts of Kara Paris and Jerry Jennings, we have lined up some special items for our raffle during the Kelly Mehler Workshop Presentation.

From the **Harry Epstein Co.-** A 40" Bar Clamp

From **Taunton Press**, the publisher of *Fine Woodworking*: 2 one year subscriptions to *Fine Woodworking* and the following DVDs featuring Kelly Mehler : *Mastering your Table Saw*, *Build a Shaker Table*, and *The Table Saw Book*.

From **Clark's Tool-** A 4 piece set of Marples Chisels

From **American Woodworker** magazine : 3 one year subscriptions

A Special Thanks to all those donating items for this raffle.

Member of the Month Gary Caldwell



What is your specialty in woodworking? I enjoy making Rocking Horses. I also love cabinet work. But I really enjoy all phases of woodworking.

How many years have you been woodworking? I've been woodworking 32 years. I'm also a carpenter.

What is your favorite hand tool and why? Probably a hand plane. I use them quite a bit and love keeping them in working order.

What is your favorite wood to use and why? I don't really have a favorite wood. But I like oak, cherry, ash, and walnut

What is the most favorite project you have built and why? I built an entertainment center for my mom and she didn't get to see it under the woodworking show.

What is the best deal you have gotten on a woodworking tool? I guess my Contractor's Saw. I've gotten quite a few deals over the years at Cargo.

What has been your favorite guild activity? I really miss having the woodworking shows. I really enjoyed those and seeing the other guys work.

What shop tip can you give us? If you're using a shaper or router table, make all the templates you can. It's much safer and easier.

What safety tips can you share with us? Take your time and never get in a big rush when you're working with any power tool. Keeping tools sharp makes it a lot safer.



Show and Tell October 2008



John Johnson- Cross-cut sled



Kevin McAndrew- Sharp files and Puzzle Box



Ron Lomax-Donation Box



Jim Bany- Shop Stool



Bill Johnston- Tannic Acid to ebonize wood



Ken Grainger- Bamboo Fly Rod



Anthony Harris- Turned Bowls



David Roth- Intarsia Shell



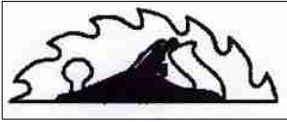
B. Varney- Scroll sawn horse



Kevin Thomas- Holtzapffel Workbench



Mary Ripka- Plywood Sculpture



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Meeting Minutes October 15th, 2008

News/Business:

Mike Jones acknowledged the many volunteers who helped with sheet rock, painting, and the electrical work necessary to make our Guild workshop a reality. The electrical expertise of both **Bud Schenke** and **Ron Lomax** especially saved us a lot of money. Everything is now wired and hooked up and we're well on our way to having our workshop ready for the Kelly Mehler presentation in November. We still need at least two workbenches by then, however, so IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME, PLEASE HELP!

And, if you haven't yet signed up for the Mehler workshop, you can access information on our website or you can contact **Kara Paris**. Kara needs you, too, if you can help out in any way with this workshop.

Mike spoke about last month's incredible presentation of segmented bowl making and proposed that we start producing videos for our library of the various skills that our members possess. We have many wonderfully skilled woodworkers. **Dave Kraatz**, for example, is a luthier - an expert in the fine art of making musical instruments. **Dave Roth**, meanwhile, is a master of Intarsia. It's time we start videotaping Guild members at work in their particular area of expertise and so produce an archive of valuable information. We need a committee of people to start this project -- anyone who is interested, contact Mike to volunteer and get this show on the road!

By the way, we now have a CD Rom of the segmented bowl presentation available in our library. Thank you, Jay Helland

Visitors:

Jack Dotzman brought **Phil Goth** and **Don Crump** who are from the Springfield, Missouri, area. Phil has been "tinkering" for years and Don is getting back into woodworking.

Diane Lopez, who works with Kevin McAndrew, is a novice wanting to learn more about woodworking.

Jerry Jennings introduced **Phil Todd**, a sheetmetal worker, interested in making sawdust.

Jay Hansen, an experienced woodworker, and **Dave Blasiar**, who is learning from Jay, are ready to join the Guild.

Craig Cottingham is learning from his dad who recently retired and now spends time woodworking. Craig brought a few of his grandfather's hand planers to share with the Guild

Calendar

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

Guild meetings, 7:00 pm 9701 W 67th St Merriam, Kansas 66203 In the Basement

Executive Meetings

Guild Meetings

2008

January 2nd
February 6th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
June 4th
July 2nd
August 6th
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd

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

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

Raffle:

Jack Dotzman - Chisel Set

Mike Jones - Square Box/Frame Clamp

Danny Sanders - Bar Clamp Pads

Dave Blasier - Miter Slider

Don Crump - 16 foot Pro-Carpenter Tape Measure

Richard Davis - Stand Up Clamp Pads

Bud Schenke - Scraper Blades

Jay Hansen - Sub fence Hold Clamp

Don Kruse - Little Wizard II metal detector

Jason Newland - H Series Pipe Clamps

Mike Cottengim - Red Oak Wood board

Show and Tell:

Due to the large number of show and tell items brought in this month and so much going on at the Guild, Descriptions of Show and Tell items is limited to page 7 with the photos. Keep up the great work!