



Wood Words

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Program: Krenov Plane with Rob Young.

Sawdust:

The Presidents Corner

With the Independence Day holiday approaching, I have been looking for inspiration for my column this month. I decided to look at some of the more famous quotes by our presidents, through the years. First one to come to mind was FDR telling the country “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself.” There was Ronald Reagan telling the Soviets, “Mr. Gorbachev, Tear down this wall.” The quotes were not always inspirational like George H.W. Bush’s “Read my lips. No new taxes.” Or Bill Clinton’s “I did not have.....” Well, we’ll pass on that one.

I finally came up with one that fit what I was looking for. “Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.” The immortal words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy gave me just what I was looking for, a motivator. See what I want to convey to you this month is “Ask not what your Guild can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Guild.”

My goal this month is to motivate you to get more involved

with the Guild. As we have grown in size, we have taken on new tasks to make the members’ experience a great one. But the one thing missing is often help to finish those tasks. We want you, the member, to enjoy the amenities that the Guild has to offer, but not forget that it takes work to keep everything up to the high standards we’ve become accustomed to.

There are many ways you can be involved and help out the Guild. One of the easiest is to just help pick up after our monthly meetings. It always surprises me when I come in the day after our meetings to find pop cans and napkins left here and there amongst the seats. It only takes a moment to pick it up and throw it away. But I don’t want you to think this is just about housekeeping because it’s not. Like I said there are many ways to get involved

You can always volunteer to help out with any of our functions like Open House, the Christmas Party, or the Woodworking Show. Kara Paris is always looking for help with the programs she sets up,

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Marc Adams, Kelly Mehler, etc.

Helping out can bring you free or discounted entry to these seminars. Another benefit, for sure.

Sometimes, we would like for you to just donate a little time. Our library has grown with donations and new books. Communication Director Bill Johnston is looking for someone to serve as a librarian, someone to organize and catalog our many books and magazines. So if you can help with the library, contact Bill.

That brings us to our community projects. In the past we have built toys, flag boxes, picture frames, and even back strap weaving looms for various charities. In the future, we will be working with the Overland Park Arboretum and the Kansas City Garden Railroad Society to build a replica of old downtown Overland Park. If that's not your thing, we're working on other charitable ideas.

Last but not least, you can always run for elected office with the Guild. This is your way to leave your imprint on the future of the Guild. Yes, it is often a lot of work but the reward is great as well. I've learned more and met more people than I ever thought possible in my short few years with the Leadership Committee. So if you'd like to serve or just don't like the way something is done and want to try and change it, put your name in the hat for the elections next year.

I've heard it said that ten percent of the people do ninety percent of the work. I'd like to think we can do better than that. So give it some thought while you're eating that hot dog this 4th of July. Remember; ask not what the Guild can do for me, what can I do for the Guild.

**So till next month,
I hope you're making sawdust.**

Kevin

**Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild
Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 2010**

ASSETS

Checking account	\$	2,347
Investments		21,645
Shop equipment & tools		24,350
TOTAL	\$	48,342

MEMBER EQUITIES

\$ 48,342

CNC — Special Interest Group

July 6th 2010

We are helping an Eagle Scout candidate with a sign that he is building for the Rotary Youth Camp. Dad and scout arrived with materials and design in hand. This meeting provided an excellent example of "it doesn't matter how many times you see something done, until you do it yourself you don't know what to do". In other words, it was unfortunate that Arnold was not able to attend this meeting. I think that everyone now realizes that there is more to absorb.

I brought in the control system for the MechMate project. It looked pretty much the same as last month except now the motors turn when the keyboard commands. Yeah! Now there is steel cutting in my future to get the framework together.

Respectfully submitted
Chuck Saunders
gooberdog@gmail.com

**KCWG and KCWT
Will have a joint
Auction November 6 2010**

Step up and Get involved!



**4243 South Noland Road
Independence, MO. 64055
816-373-1710
M-F 9:30-6:30 Sat 9-4**

Guild members receive 10% off of their purchases. Power Tools, sale items and close-outs not included. Ask about discounts on power tools, we'll try to work with you on them.

Hand Tool — Special Interest Group

Walter Murphy started the “show and tell” session by passing around several old tools from his collection: a t-handle auger, a soil auger, a tapered bung borer (for boring bung holes in barrels) and a spoon bit. His “piece de resistance,” however, was a boring machine such as would have been used by housewrights in post-and-beam construction. The operator sits on the machine, which would straddle a log or large beam, operating a crank (think of a hand-powered bicycle crank) to drill about a 1 ½-2-inch hole for a peg or mortise.



Bill Johnston showed an antique brace with a spoon bit, and a clockmaker’s brace.

Lewis Armstrong showed a Kreg jig and assorted bits, augers and hand drills.

Russell Lomax showed several bits, including a spindle tenon cutter.

Jerry Watson showed a couple of braces, a geared drill and several stops.

Bill Ward showed several “estate sale rescues,” including several bits, push drills and tenon cutters.

Stewart Granger showed several countersink bits, tenon cutters, twist drills with square tangs (for use with a brace), a reamer and several adjustable bits.

Rob Young, the facilitator/moderator, made note of the differences in lead screws among auger bits – i.e., fine-threaded screws for hardwoods, coarser threads for soft woods. He also noted that one needs to use special auger files to sharpen these bits; using standard bastard or tapered files will ruin the bits. He also showed some gimlets and Yankee drills. In answer to the question, “why use hand drills,” he noted that the advantages of hand drills are accuracy and control – it is sometimes easier to drill with precision when you can feel and see the action of the bit. He also demonstrated how one can keep a hole square by drilling next to a square, or even two squares.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH JULY 2010

John Beal

My woodworking specialty, such as it is, is making things that almost fit. I’ve been doing that, off and on, for about 40 years, since my first wife’s father, a journeyman carpenter, helped me build some kitchen cabinets.



(Even after all these years, I still make things that almost fit. I guess I’m like a fellow that one of my bosses once described to me, a guy whose skill level didn’t match his experience. He said, “He hasn’t had 10 years’ experience, he’s had one year of experience, 10 times!”)

I guess my favorite hand tool would be my Stanley No. 4 plane. It’s the sharpest of several that I have, and probably works the best – for me, anyway.

My favorite project would have to be my workbench, which I built from plans from Shop Notes, I think. It come pretty close to matching my needs, and it fits. My workshop has to share room with our car in a one-car garage, so space is at a premium. This one folds up against the wall, but it’s still sturdy and stable when it’s in position. The next step will be to retrofit a tail vise.

The best value I’ve gotten on a tool may have been a tool that I don’t have any more. Back about 1980 I was remodeling a house and needed a table saw, so I ordered a \$200 model from the Sears catalog. I was really surprised when I set it up in my basement, because it was a lot more saw than I was expecting. A few days later I got a call from Sears: turns out, they shipped a \$600 saw by mistake. They let me keep it, however, since it was their mistake. (I think they also had a policy that time of, when a tool a customer ordered wasn’t in stock, shipping the next one up the scale. In any case, it was quite a saw.) I also bought a Stanley Model 45 combination plane for about \$80 in an antique store back in the 1980s.

My favorite guild activity, apart from the classes, would have to be the show-and-tell sessions. I’m amazed at the skill level of so many of our members.

My shop tip:

For what it’s worth, would have to be to not hesitate to try things. You may surprise yourself.

As for a safety tip:

I guess it all boils down to situational awareness: make sure you know where your fingers are.

Shakerbox Workshop at the Guild June

A gagle of woodpecks gathered Friday evening June 4, to hear John Wilson's informative lecture concerning the history of the Shakers and their oval boxes. During the lecture he constructed a box... making it look so easy. Later that evening the Saturday hands-on group started work. About 10:00 PM the peckers group gave up the ghost. Veryyyyyy early the next morning the crew started work in earnest. John kept the day moving... no time for the students to dally; 'if you got time to lean you got time to clean.' By late afternoon all participants finished their six boxes... with a little tuning up to be completed at home and of course the sanding. The following day John and his business associate Eric Pintar started all over again with another group of woodpeckers. The lunch, fellowship and work was enjoyed by all.

The lecture and hands on groups got their moneys worth. Now as we make more boxes in our own shops we will have to remember..... how did John and Eric do that???

Best of all, we took home six completed Shaker oval boxes.

tight lines,
Ralph Spurrier (Sedalia)



What I liked about this class was leaving with a set of nearly complete

cherry shaker boxes. We were forced to rush the drying time some in order to finish in a day and a half, but the advantage of repetition in the completion of 5 boxes was apparent. The simple construction techniques and beautiful finished product make them a joy to build. I plan on building another set soon.

Keith Doel

I came down from St. Joseph (55 miles) to learn how to make shaker boxes. I not only learned, hands on, but also learned some history about the shakers and their craft. I could never have asked for a more helpful group of people, or a friendlier atmosphere. Thank you for inviting us.

Cherie Riddle

St. Joseph Woodworkers Guild



I thoroughly enjoyed the Shakerbox workshop. During the class I learned more about the properties of different wood (bending, growing, expansion) than I have in my 4 years as a novice woodworker. John & Eric were excellent and patient teachers. I felt welcomed by the members of the KCWWG and look forward to participating in other workshops in the future. Thanks for the quality workshop.

Trish Kulak

St Joseph WWG member

John Wilson made the process of making Shaker boxes seem simple. He taught us a process that enables us to make more as we wish. During the class, we made 6 boxes to take home, give away or use. Preparation of the wood to dimensions, tapering the ends of the strips on a belt sander, heating the sides, top bands in a water bath is the bulk of the process. After that, it was a matter of bending the sides around the appropriate form while the wood is hot and flexible, then fastening the ends together with copper rivets. After that, we put the top band over the top, and the sides over the bottom; fastened these together with toothpicks tapped through the top band and sides into the top and bottom pieces. A little sanding of the top and bottom on the belt sander to get a flush fit and then we were done.

It was a great class. I enjoyed learning a new skill, met some more fellow woodworkers and walked out with some finished products.

John Steinhauser



Submitted by: **Kara Paris**, Director of Training



Pictures from the recent Guild Educational Workshop on Cabinet Making



Additional Pictures from the Hand Tool SIG



Working with Small Children Clinic by Bill Johnston Saturday, August 7, 9:00 AM

A group discussion and demonstration targeting current and potential Grandparents (parents are welcome) of small children (walking to 5 years) on Woodworking Hand Tool Play. Woodworking Tool Play is a wonderful way to bond with small children and introduce them to your woodworking hobby that can be built upon and put to use as they grow.

Hand tools introduced include mallets and hammers, pull saws, hand powered drills, planes, froes for splitting, small work benches and vices and, of course, "pieces of wood". All tools introduced are adult tools and fully functional. Safety is important and improved through avoiding distractions by "paying full attention to the child". Children should not be in attendance at this session.

Submitted by:

Kara Paris, Director of Training



Free Clinics

Bandsaw Tune Up by Dave Kraatz

July 17, 9:00 AM Clinic size is limited.

Marquetry Demonstration and Round Robin

by Dave Roth, Ron Lomax & Ken Grainger. July 31, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Cabinetmaking Clinic by Paul Chafin

July 10, 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Hands on Clinic to follow (TBA), building the Kitchen cabinets for the Shop.

Working with small Children Clinic

by Bill Johnston. August 7, 9:00 AM

Krenov Smoothing Plane Class

Class 1

Friday, August 20, 5-9pm and Saturday, August 21, 1-5pm

Class 2

Saturday, August 21, 8 am—12 noon and
Sunday, August 22, 8 am—12 noon
4 people each class!



Coming in the Fall

Old World Finishing Workshop

by Wood Conservator Randy Bohn.
October 16

Wood Guild & Wood Turners Auction

Please sign up with Kara Paris at
training@kcwoodworkersguild.org
for any classes, clinics, workshops,
and/or orientation.

Check the KCWG Website for any
changes or updates
Shop Times

Orientation Safety Training

Get Your "Green Name Tag"

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 PM

Open Shop Times

You must have a "Green Name Tag" to work in the shop

July 13	9-12 AM	Jim Stuart
July 13	12-3 PM	Ron Lomax
July 13	6-9 PM	Tom Dockweiler
July 15	6-9 PM	Kevin Thomas
July 27	9-12 AM	Jim Stuart
July 27	12-3 PM	Ron Lomax
July 27	6-9 PM	Tom Dockweiler

CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATES

We Need Your Help!

It's been a great year at the Guild, with the programs, activities and events. Next year will be even better with more events, workshops and other activities.

Classes

Making a Side Table
Making Cabinets
Hands On, Hand Cut
Dovetails
Scroll Saw Christmas
Ornaments

**Many more with
your ideas!**

Training Clinics

Raise Panel Doors
Basic Finishing
Basic Router Techniques
Hand Cut Dovetails
Basic Wood Joints
Machine Cut Dovetails
Pocket Hole Joinery
Mortise & Tenon Joinery
Basic Scroll Sawing
Hand Planes Tune-Ups
Woodworking with Kids
Basic Marquetry
Basic Intarsia

**New members— a
great way to meet
and get to know
other members.**

We need help with the
following Committees.

Membership

Calling members
Greeting members
Assist in selling memberships

Programs

Organizing and creating future programs
Help schedule weekend programs

Raffle

Communications

Audio Visual Newsletters
Library Web

No judging of Show and Tell items in 2010.

Each month, persons bringing items will participate in a drawing which two persons will win.



Pencil Box By Robert Young
From the May Show & Tell



Cherry Saw by Ken Grainger
From the May Show & Tell

PICTURES FROM THE JUNE SHOW & TELL





Making A Krenov Style Wood Body Smoothing Plane

A Kansas City Woodworkers Guild Workshop

In two ½ day sessions you will make a Krenov-style wooden body smoothing planes with a high quality carbon steel blade. These planes can be your gateway to using more hand tools in your work, open the door to creative expressions in customized tools and learn about precision shaping and fitting of small pieces in a woodworking project. The workshop will cover the selection of woods for hand planes, selecting and acquiring blades, customizing a plane for special jobs, construction, shaping the body and tuning the plane for that elusive whispy shaving. The finished plane will have a blade width of 1-1/2" and a body length of approximately 9".

Who : The beginner woodworker looking to step up their game and intermediate woodworkers ready to start making their own tools. KCWG members must have their "green badge" and be in good standing to use the shop power tools.

Skills Presented :

**4-square stock preparation.
Precision shaping of stock using hand tools and power tools.
Basics of hand plane blade sharpening.
Setting up and using a wooden hand plane.**

Class Size : A total of 10 participants. Five participants per class, with two classes per weekend.

Where : The Kansas City Woodworkers Guild Shop

When : Group I – August 20th 5pm to 9pm and August 21st 1pm to 5pm.

Group II – August 21st 8am to 12pm and August 22nd 8am to 12pm.

Prerequisites :

It is helpful but not required that the workshop participants are familiar with the use of the following tools:

Tablesaw	Rasp & Files
Bandsaw	Drill press
Jointer	Scrapper
Planer	
Router handheld or in table	

KCWG General Meeting 6/16/2010

The program portion of the meeting consisted of members showing and telling about woodworking jigs they had made.

Rob Young showed several jigs, including a router ski, mortising jig for a router, and a bench hook.

Brad Swatters showed an adjustable mortising jig.

Russ Amos showed several cabinet-making jigs for adjusting hinges, drilling shelf pin holes, and building drawers.

John Tegeler showed a strip cutting jig, designed to keep his fingers away from his table saw blade.

Ron Lomax displayed several jigs he has used for making furniture, including a sliding miter cutter, a stool seat carving jig for use with a router, a 5 degree leg mortise cutter, a leg taper jig, and a tabletop chamfer jig. He also showed a picture frame miter cutting jig.

Ed Darlington described his bandsaw wheel cutting jig, which he used to restore an antique bandsaw which used a wooden tire.

Jim Bany showed a belt sander jig for sanding chair legs, along with jigs for cutting a table top inlay for the Andre's project.

Lynn Potter showed a special drill for recessing and counter-boring T-nuts.

The quote of the night was :

“And you don't have to put a finish on the jigs!”

Cost : \$85 per person. This includes the wood (cherry and purpleheart) for the plane body, wedge and cross-pin woods as well as a high quality (Hock brand) blade and chipbreaker set. Participants will need to supply some hand tools and construction materials themselves. A detailed list will be made available.

Facilitator: Rob Young
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Signup: Kara Paris
(training@kewoodworkersguild.org)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to promote the Guild at WoodCraft July 23 & 24.
Email Dave Roth to Sign Up for a slot or
two .Membership@kcwoodworkersguild

Bob LaDue

Would like the guild membership please save the pop
tops on all there pop cans. There will be a box for them at
the membership desk.

KCWG MEMBERSHIP 336

Calendar

Leadership Meetings, 7:00pm, 9701 W 67th St,
Merriam, Kansas 66203

Guild meetings, 7:00 pm 9701 W 67th St Merriam,
Kansas 66203, Enter from west , go downstairs,
come at 6:15 to share and visit.

Executive Meetings 2010 Guild Meetings

Jul 7	Nov 3	Jul 21	Nov 17
Aug 4	Dec 1	Aug 18	Dec 15
Sep 1	Jan 5	Sep 15	Jan 19
Oct 6	Feb 2	Oct 20	Feb 16

Coming Programs and events

July Meeting:
Krenov Plane with Rob Young.

August Meeting:
Acacia Koa, The Wood of Royalty in Hawaii.
An introduction to endangered species.

September Meeting:
Toy Maker Press with Cynthia and John Lewman.

October Meeting:
Miniature Woodworking with Bill Robertson.

Workshops

Check back for other exciting
workshops coming soon!

Bandsaw Tune Up
July 17
Marquetry Demonstration and Round Robin
July 31
Cabinetmaking Clinic
July 10,
Working with small Children Clinic
August 7

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