



Wood Words

The newsletter of the *Kansas City Woodworkers Guild*



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2010
Program: Banquet and Awards ,
Program Starts at 6:30 PM

Sawdust:

The Presidents Corner

Season's Greetings to all you Woodworkers out there. This is that time of year that can make you feel good and that all is right in the world, one minute. Then the next you're ready to pull your hair out because a certain project that you planned on being done in time for Christmas, is running way behind schedule. Believe me, I know a little about the latter. Then there are the moments that make it all worth while. Bring a smile to a loved ones face or even a complete stranger.

Recently, former Guild President and Secretary Emeritus Fred Chael reintroduced to us a Guild tradition that has been absent for too long, making toys for those less fortunate. Fred, with the help of a few volunteers, just finished up seven hundred "dragsters". There are more to be made, I'm told, as soon as some more wheels are procured. These will be turned over to the United Way or Toys for Tots with the hope that they will bring a smile to some deserving child's little face.

It is my sincere hope that we can bring this tradition back to the forefront in the Guild. Getting

together and building toys for kids, can be nothing but good for our membership. There is the learning of skills by those new to the craft, or just the camaraderie with new and old friends. We have this great shop and it only seems right that we set aside a couple of days in November and December each year to gather and build toys. Let's face it, Christmas is for the kids. And there is no better feeling than seeing the joy the season puts in their eyes.

So thank you, Fred. Thank you for reminding this man and a few others what it's all about. I hope we can continue this on into the future and make it a part of the Guild's holiday season.

Speaking of the Holidays, don't forget our December meeting is our annual holiday party. If you haven't already, be sure you get registered. Just \$5 a person for a great meal and an evening with good friends. Don't forget the "Show and Tell" contest and an opportunity to show off your work for a chance at \$100, \$50, or \$25 in Woodcraft gift cards.

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Annual awards will be given out and fun will be had by all. So bring that significant other, friend or family member and enjoy.

That's all for this month. I've got one of those "not on schedule" projects to get back to. So Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays!. Enjoy the season.

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

Kevin



November Program

Coyote Stencil Shop software

The program portion of the meeting was given by Bob Wilson and Larry Welch of Carving Technologies about their Coyote Stencil Shop software. The software inputs a photograph and converts it to a stencil for use with scroll saws. The software began as a program for carving pumpkins. After sales began, it became obvious that the software was being utilized by scroll saw users. The scrollers began asking for changes to the software to optimize use by scroll saws, which the company was happy to accommodate. However, Bob has no real reason the software was called Coyote Stencil Shop. Bob and Larry demonstrated the software on the overhead screens. It runs on all types of intel-based computers. Wood Craft sells the software for \$79.95
Their web site is: www.carvingtechnologies.com

The quote of the night was :

"the original software title was ***Me on a Pumpkin***"

Hand Tool — Special Interest Group

Next Meeting is Sunday, Jan 23, 2011

Hand Tool Sharpening Clinic
All Guild members are invited

For additional information please contact: **Rob Young**, ryoung@ieee.org 785-218-5636

Scroll Saw — Special Interest Group

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2011

For additional information please contact: **David A. Roth** chefroth@everstkc.net 913-338-2433

Shop Smith — Special Interest Group

Next Meeting is Sunday, January 2 at 2 PM

For additional information please contact: **William Johnston, Director of Communications**, johnston@everstkc.net, 913-492-6942.



CWG Elections of Officers and Directors

Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild Officers and Directors serve a two year term. Half have terms expiring every other year. You have an opportunity to participate and be further involved in you Guild.

In accord with the By-laws (copy available in the Members Only Section) a Nominating Committee has been formed and is accepting nominations for the following positions:

Officers

Treasurer-responsible for fiscal matters of the Guild

Secretary-responsible for keeping the minutes of Guild meetings and activities

Directors

Assets-manage and oversee the equipment in the Guild shop

Events-oversee events such as Woodworking Show, Toy Project, and similar events

Programs-develop and coordinate programs at monthly meetings, manage show and tell and like programs

Sponsorship-identify and sign up sponsors, Guild attire (hats, shirts).

Elections take place at the April 2011 meeting. Nominations can be made at any time. Contact any of the Nominating Committee members with your nomination or suggestion for nomination or offer yourself as a nominee by contacting;

John Tegeler-Committee Chairman-913-461-9396 (johnateg@hotmail.com)

Gary Creek-913-449-1162 (g.creek@att.net)

Chuck Lynn-913-888-6043 (chasblynn@sbcglobal.net)

Old World Finishing Workshop with Randy Bohn, The Wood Conservator – October 16, 2010



The Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild hosted Randy Bohn for a workshop on French Polishing and French Patching. First and foremost, "French Polishing" is a technique and not a product you buy in a can. The golden age of French Polishing was 1800 until the 1850's, after that time other finishing techniques more compatible with the mass production of furniture brought about by the Industrial Revolution began to

take hold. French Polishing the repeated application of shellac to the wood surface to slowly build a finish with varying levels of gloss and depth. These types of finishes are quite robust and for the most part, easy to repair over time. Complications in repairing such a finish are not with the finish itself but what has been done to the finish in the hundred and fifty years since it was first applied. Randy regaled the audience with thrilling tales of refinishing adventures involving one-of-a-kind antiques and sleepless nights of worry.

Shellac is a refined byproduct from the lac beetle. Randy brought along several varieties of shellac in its flake, seed and button forms. These dried forms of shellac have almost limitless shelf life and are reconstituted with high grade alcohol to form shellac. The best alcohol is 95% (190 proof) or better as any water dissolved in the alcohol bonds with the shellac preventing it from dissolving. As the shellac mixture is applied to the wood, the alcohol evaporates leaving behind a film of shellac. The shellac mixture can be tinted with dyes to alter the color of the wood or in the case of French Patching, help match an existing finish.

The mysteries of French Polishing, mixing of shellac, dye formulations, application and the polishing techniques were closely guarded secrets in the European Guild system. Today they are being rediscovered as many of the most advanced secrets died with their last practitioners. One such polishing secret yielded varying patterns in the finish as the light rakes across in different directions. Intricate patterns could be created



in the finished piece, visible only with the light at the proper angle. Now places such as the National Institute of Wood Finishing in Rosemont Minnesota offer 10 month classes to start new practitioners off on the right foot. Also available are re-prints of receipt books and manual technique instruction manuals such as "The Cabinet Maker's Guide" by George A. Siddons (<http://www.archive.org/details/cabinetmakersgui00sidd>) can be found on-line or as re-prints through various book sellers.

Workshop participants tried their hand at French Polishing using various types of shellac, different styles of "rubber" and finishing off with some talc and more elbow grease to work the finish to a high shine. A few adventurous types experimented with the application of dyes to the shellac to alter the finish color. We hope to see the tips and tricks taught in the workshop put to use in projects by our members. French polishing is not a "once and done" technique but when done properly it has a depth and richness unequaled by modern "I-hate-finishing-and-want-something-quick-no-matter-how-it-looks" products.

Randy Bohn and Associates –
Restoration and Conservation of Fine Antiques
PO Box 575
Hastings, MN 55033
651-437-1785



Rough to Ready Wood Preparation Clinic

This clinic is intended to help the woodworker understand the steps involved in preparing wood for making a project. It begins with the selection of wood, describing the benefits of using rough sawn or already milled stock and include some guidelines about ordering or buying wood. Next, there will be a demonstration on how to arrange project pieces on stock before it is milled. This clinic offers advice on selecting pieces best used for common applications like stiles and rails, for panels and getting the best grain orientation and appearance. Techniques and procedures will be discussed and demonstrated for milling the stock, using the miter saw, bandsaw, jointer, planer, and table saw. Some hand tool methods will also be used to illustrate you don't need to shop full of large equipment. And finally, time permitting, there will be an exercise to properly glue up a panel with particular emphasis on the use of clamps and adhesive.

All things Education!

Orientation Safety Training

Orientation Safety Training is for the members in the Guild that are planning on working in the shop as a Sawdust Marker, Woodworker Plus, or if you just want to work with the machines on a Guild sponsored project. This training is about 2-1/2 hours on specifics of the machines in the KCWG shop.

The 2011 schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 7 PM

Wednesday, February 23, 7 PM

Friday, March 25, 7 PM

Thursday, April 28, 7 PM

Saturday, May 21, 9 AM

Monday, June 20, 7 PM

Wednesday, July 27, 7 PM

Thursday, August 25, 7 PM

Friday, September 30, 7 PM

Monday, October 24, 7 PM

Tuesday, November 29, 7 PM

Please sign up training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Coming in 2011

Clinics: Clinics are Free, there is NO Tuition. You may bring a guest. There may be a materials fee if the clinic is hands on.

Workshops: Workshops are short in nature, 3 or 4 meeting sessions, there will be a tuition charge for the workshops and a possible materials fee.

Classes: Classes are an on going, 4 or more meeting sessions, there will be a tuition charge for the classes and possible a materials fee.

Woodworker Plus you will get a 20% off of the Tuition for the classes & the Workshops, however no discount on the materials fees.

January is Bandsaw education month!

Bandsaw Box Workshop with John Tegler Friday, January 7, 6-10PM & another Saturday, January 8, 12 noon - 4 PM, One place left in the Friday night class. Tuition is \$50.00 and Materials Fee is \$20.00. pay on line <http://www.kcwoodworkersguild.org/Education/WorkShop/Bandsawbox.htm> or contact training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Bandsaw Tune Up Clinic with Dave Kraatz

Saturday, January 22, 1:00 PM. If you have a bandsaw at home and would like to know more about how to tune it up and make adjustments to it so it will run better, this is the clinic for you!

Sign up with Kara and bring a guest.

training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Tool Tote Workshop with Rob Young

Saturday, January 15, noon -

4 PM & Sunday, January 16,

10 AM - 4 PM. If you plan on

making hand cut dovetails

you need to learn how &/or

practice before the work-

shop, plan on coming to

Open Shop Sunday, January

9, any time between 10 AM & 4 PM to work on

that with Rob. Tuition is \$50.00 and Materials Fee is \$35.00.

Pay on line <http://www.kcwoodworkersguild.org/Education/WorkShop/ToolTote.htm> or contact

training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Rough to Ready Clinic with Ron Lomax

Saturday, January 15 9 AM - 12 noon.

Understand the steps involved in preparing wood

for making a project from rough wood to ready

for a project. Sign up with Kara and bring a

guest. training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Open Shop

Cancellations for the Holidays:

Sunday, December 26, Christmas weekend.

Open Shop 2011

We will continue to have consistent open shops each month in 2011. They are:

1st & 4th Sunday 10 AM- 2 PM

2nd, 3rd, & 5th (if applies) Sun 10 AM- 4 PM

2nd Saturday 12 noon - 4 PM

2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 AM- 3 PM & 6 PM- 9 PM

Thursday after monthly meeting 6 PM- 9 PM

Looking Ahead

February

Tablesaw Techniques Clinic

Saturday, February 5, 9 AM - 12 noon.

Roubo Workbench Clinic Feb 12,13,19 & 20.

Finger Joint Tray Workshop Friday, February 25

Basic Chisel Techniques Sunday February 27



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March

Tool of the Month "Router"

Chris Schwarz Workshop, Popular Woodworking Editor & Author. March 19 & 20, 2011.

April

Tool of the Month Power Miter Saw

May

A Month of Sanding & Shaping

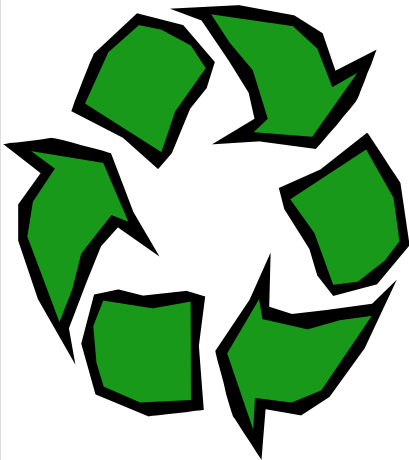
June

Doug Stowe Workshop, Box maker and Author. June 16-19, 2011.

Submitted by: Kara Paris, Director of Training

About the Guild Workshop

We Recycle! If you drink a Soda Pop in a can, please crush your can with the can crusher to the left of the Refrigerator, & drop the crushed can in the blue trash can below the crusher. Thank You!



Wood in the Guild Workshop

Please bring your own wood to the workshop if you plan on making something there. The wood in the workshop is not free, scrap, or trash. This wood has been purchased for the KCWG classes & workshops being offered that may or may not have a materials fee. If you have a project and you are not enrolled in a class at this time the project needs to be removed or lost.

Let's be like the Boy Scouts!

If you attend a meeting, a SIG, an open shop, a class, a clinic, a workshop, a guild project, a guild community event, or even a regular meeting... We all need to take ownership in keeping the Guild facility clean, neat, and ready for the next event. 2011 is shaping up to be a very busy year at the Guild so if we all do a little to keep it nice and neat it will not be a big deal for any one person. There will be doz-

ens of things to do at the guild facility each month. If you are getting out tables or moving chairs you need to put them back before your group leaves. If you change to a different attachment on a machine or something other than the normal set up, please return the machine & attachments to the way it belongs, if you see that a trash can is getting full, pull the bag & replace it with a new one, consolidate a couple of cans that are half full so we can get the trash out of the building weekly. This is how we can be like the Boy Scouts: by leaving the KCWG facility better than the way we found it each time we are there.

HELP US TAKE CARE OF THE SHOP!!!

Submitted by: Kara Paris

CNC — Special Interest Group

Rob Young used a template made with the CNC Router to make a nice candy dish out of cherry. You may have seen ads for different bowl templates being offered from the mail-order houses. Rob shows that you don't have to buy ready made templates when you can make your own. The CNC router makes short work of cutting out templates be they simple or complex.



At the meeting we discussed how to make wooden nickels at the woodworking show the end of January. The January meeting will be spent getting the blanks prepared. The next meeting is Tuesday January 4, 2011.

For additional information please contact:

Chuck Saunders, gooberdog@gmail.com

It's Membership renewal time again !

Woodworker Plus \$75 Best Value

This replaces last year's Associate membership.

Benefits :

- 20% discount on Guild Activities (trips, seminars, training & workshops)
- 20% discount on Guild Merchandise (hats , shirts etc...)
- Open Shop privileges
- All Regular Member Benefits

Senior (Over 65) - \$25

Benefits :

- All Regular Member Benefits

Student - \$15

Any Full-Time High School or College Student

Benefits :

- All Regular Member Benefits

Sawdust Maker \$55

Benefits :

- Open Shop privileges
- All Regular Member Benefits

Regular Membership - \$35

Benefits :

- Demonstrations
- Exchange of Knowledge
- Fellowship
- Free access to the Guild's Video & Print Library
- Lectures and/or Demonstrations from Master Woodworkers
- Mentoring Program
- Monthly Newsletter
- Tool Reviews
- Safety Programs
- Community Service Programs
- Purchase Discounts
- Auctions

The Guild spent an average of \$300 per month on shop expenses last year. The Woodworker Plus and Sawdust Maker additional memberships fees will be used in maintaining the cost of running the shop.

Renew now!

<http://www.kcwoodworkersguild.org/Membership/memberform2011renewal.htm>

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING SHOW AND TELL



Boxes by Jim Ramsey



Cutting Board Shaped like the
state of Montana by LaDonna
Southland



Spokeshave by Dave Roth



Framed Marquetry by Dave Roth



Tree Ornament, birdhouses
by Anthony Harris



Puzzle Box By John Tegeler



Box of Spalted Poplar with
Bubina Top by Jerry Watson



Renew your KCWG Membership Now

Be sure to meet some our
New to You
members at each meeting

Watch for the Guild Show Case at
the Woodworking Show

Coming Programs and events

December Meeting:
Banquet and Awards

This Program Starts at 6:30 PM
Come Early to Enjoy

January Meeting:
Safety in the Workshop

Calendar

Leadership Meetings, 7:00 pm, 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 2010/2011 Guild Meetings

Dec 1	Apr 6	Dec 15	Apr 20
Jan 5	May 4	Jan 19	May 18
Feb 1	Jun 1	Feb 16	Jun 15
Mar 2	July 6	Mar 16	July 20

Upcoming Programs

Bandsaw Box Workshop with John Tegler
2 sessions January 7 & 8, 2011

Rough to Ready Clinic with Ron Lomax
Saturday, January 15, 2011

Tool Tote Workshop with Rob Young
January 15, & 16, 2011

Bandsaw Tune Up Clinic with Dave Kraatz
Saturday, January 22, 2011

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