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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Program: Building a Longbow with Gary Kepko
Program Starts at 7:00 PM

Sawdust:

The Presidents Corner

Whew! What a month! I have to say that March of 2011 was one of the most eventful months in Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild history. It was quite a month and one I'll not soon forget.

It all started off with Lie-Nielson Toolworks coming to town for their Hand Tool Event. This was our second year working with Lie-Nielson. They put on a mini event for our membership, on Thursday night, highlighting their new #51 Shooting Board Plane. A very nice tool, with a very nice price of \$500 to go with it. They were joined this year on Friday and Saturday by Glen-Drake Toolworks and Elkhead Tools. I can assure you I left, on Saturday, with a slightly lighter wallet.

After the Lie Nielson Event, we were all kicked

in the gut by the passing of our Friend and Vice President Cliff Bell. Cliff lost his battle with the cancer he had been fighting for several years. Cliff was a driving force in the Guild and one that won't be easy to replace. My guess is it will probably take ten people to do all the things that Cliff did for the Guild. Will you step up and be one of the ten?

Though we were grieving, there was no time to stop. We had to begin the move to our new home. The second Saturday of March saw an armada of pickup trucks and trailers descend on our old shop. Under the leadership of Chuck Saunders the move began. That Saturday saw the moving of the bulk of our shop. All the big power tools made their way to the new shop, along with the lathes of our comrades at

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HAWK
Woodworking Tools

the Kansas City Woodturners' Club. Thanks to all of you that pitched in to help.

The next week, we still had a lot going on. That Wednesday marked our last membership meeting at the old shop. We were treated to a slideshow on ornamental turning by member Boyko Varney. Next up was our weekend with *Popular Woodworking Magazine's* Editor Christopher Schwarz. On Friday night, Chris gave us a background on the magazine business, as well as how he got to where he is today. Saturday and Sunday was filled with hand planes, sawing, dovetails, workbenches, and tool chests. It was just a great weekend of learning from one of the best. If you missed it, sorry you'll have to wait a while. Chris announced this week, on his blog, that he is taking 2012 off from teaching. He'll be concentrating of his own wood-working education and that of his daughter, Katy.

It seemed only fitting that the last official event, at the old shop, was a memorial service for Cliff Bell. When it was learned that we were going to have to move, Cliff went right to the work of finding a new home for the Guild. So on Monday evening, we all met to say goodbye to Cliff. We were joined by Cliff's family as everyone told their favorite Cliff story. And I think everyone had one. Even Larry McMillin, of Dean Realty, showed to pay his respects to Cliff, whom he described as a tough negotiator.

That brings us to the last weekend in March. The last of our stuff was moved out of the old shop and into the new. So now comes the fun of unpacking and putting every thing in it's place. There is plenty to do to get ready for our April meeting. So if you haven't helped out yet, my question for you is: **Why not?** Give Chuck Saunders a call or shoot him an email and I'm sure he can find a job for you to do.

Remember that April is our election meeting, so come prepared to vote. I hope you're making sawdust.

Kevin

KCWG Elections of Officers and Directors

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

A slate of officers and directors has been established for the April election.

The slate is as follows:

OFFICERS

Treasurer-Jack Gregg
Secretary-Gary Creek

DIRECTORS

Assets-Chuck Saunders
Events-Open
Programs-Bob Ladue
Sponsorship-Darin Beechner

Your nominating committee wants to thank these folks for their commitment and willingness to serve the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild.

It is important to state that **nominations are still open** should there be any interest by any member. Feel free to contact any nominating committee member with your suggestions.

Respectively submitted,
The nominating committee.

John Tegeler,
Gary Creek,
Chuck Lynn

All Things Education 2011

Orientation Safety Training

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 PM

Not completely sure about April check the website, due to the move. All year listed on the web! Please sign up at

training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

April

Power Miter Saw Tune up Clinic

Power Miter Techniques 101 Clinic

Cutting Crown, Chair Rail, & Molding Clinic

Picture Frame Workshop

May

Intarsia with David Roth

Bandsaw Boxes

June

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

July

Starting up again with home mentoring

Box Clinic & Demo Jim McCord in his shop showing how he makes boxes in Excelsior Springs, MO. 10 AM Limit of 3

Dealing with Small Stock Clinic

Bandsaw Box with John Tegeler

Submitted by: Kara Paris, Director of Training

**Due to the Shop Move ,
please check the Website for updates on your
next SIG Meeting and any additional changes.**

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First Tuesday of each month

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New Shop Update

A lot has happened in the last month concerning the new shop. We have removed walls where we did not want them and added walls where we did with a lot of help from Tim Locke. Everything has been moved from the old shop and the new space does look a tad disorganized. Bud Schenke and Ron Lomax are getting the electrical wiring run to the tools and wall outlets and Bill Evans is getting the dust collection in place. Jim Bany has ensured that the walls have been put up straight and true along with providing valuable construction guidance. Chuck Lynn has been working on our new Library and it will be quite an improvement over what we had before. I must thank David Alexander for luring his friend to the shop to give of his drywall finishing skills. While I cannot name everybody by name, I want to thank all of the members who have contributed their time, vehicles, tools, and expertise towards getting the shop moved and remodeled. We have gotten a lot done in a short amount of time, but there is more to do. It is good to know that the membership of this Guild can be counted upon when the help is needed.

Thank you

Chuck Saunders

A weekend with Christopher Schwarz March 28, 2011 By [Al Navas](#)

It was a wonderful weekend (March 18-20) of woodworking talk, seminars, and personal perspective by Christopher Schwarz, Editor of Popular Woodworking Magazine. If your Guild or some other type of organization has an opportunity, invite Schwarz — you and your colleagues will be treated to a wonderful woodworking time!

On Friday night (March 18) Schwarz talked about growing up in Arkansas; and working on the family farm to build a house using hand tools. Despite his early experiences with hand tools on the farm outside Hackett, Arkansas, Chris remains an avid student and advocate of traditional hand tool techniques. His two-hour talk set the stage for the rest of the weekend; I had read bits and pieces of his early years, but had never heard him tell his story in person. It is both fascinating, and captivating. I truly hope all my readers will get a chance to hear Schwarz tell his story. The schedule for Saturday (March 19) and Sunday (March 20) was as follows:

- Hand Plane Essentials
- Sawing Essentials
- Dovetail Joinery
- Workbenches and Tool Chests

It would be impossible to cover the sessions in this space. I will limit my comments to a brief summary and my personal impressions.

In Hand Plane Essentials Schwarz told us we need only nine (9) hand planes. Nine. Of course, this does not include the moulding planes, which are a different story. He explained how joinery, bench, and moulding planes work. By the end of this session I decided that I truly, really, truly need a very basic set of moulding planes. As a result, I am searching...

The Sawing Essential session showed us how to use a saw to dimension stock, for final sizing of casework pieces, and fine cutting for precision joinery. We got to see first-hand the proper stance, the grip, and the body motions that will help us develop our skills quickly.

In the Dovetail Joinery session Schwarz discussed how to approach the dovetail joint, and the different ways to cut the joint depending on the project. He covered through dovetails, and half-blind dovetails, and the saws, chisels, mallets, and the marking and layout tools that help complete the joint.

In the session on Workbenches and Tool Chests I got a peek at the historical record of workbenches Schwarz has been sharing with his readers over the last several years; it included several plates I had never seen at the many sessions I have attended at various conferences. This is a fascinating topic, and still generates hot discussion on the woodworking forums. In the session on tool chests, he showed us photos of the wonderful Anarchist's Tool Chest he will unveil in the near future; he designed it to hold his basic tool set — the forty tools "...required to build just about anything..." So, stand by, and wait for further details on this chest. You will love it!

Rob Young spent most of the weekend manning the video camera that projected the details of Schwarz at the workbench — the images were projected on huge screens throughout the Guild floor.

Please find on the following page some photos of the event: (**Note:** all photos courtesy of the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild).



Above: Rob Young manning the camera while Christopher Schwarz works a dovetail joint.

Below: Kevin Thomas, Guild President and Christopher Schwarz.



Below: Kara Paris and Christopher Schwarz.



Kara Paris is the Training Director of the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild — she spent the entire weekend ensuring all attendees had signed in, and coordinating event happenings with other volunteer Guild members:

My impressions:

I feel lucky to have participated in this 2+ day event organized by the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild. All I can say to Kevin Thomas and the Guild is "THANK YOU!" for the opportunity to attend. The session content was terrific and, in my opinion, the time allotted to each session was just right as an introduction to the topic. I cannot help but think that the interest of other attendees was piqued sufficiently that many will follow through with several of the techniques so aptly demonstrated by Christopher Schwarz. The entire weekend was one I will remember for a long time. I, for one, am searching for a better cross-cut saw, and for moulding planes.

I look forward to your Comments on this type of session. If you prefer, click on my signature below, or if you wish to send me a message via my new Contact Page: <http://sandal-woodsblog.com/2011/03/28/a-weekend-with-christopher-schwarz/>

- [Al Navas](#)



Each month I try to call attention to some materials in the library. Since we're working on moving the library and it's currently in boxes I want to call attention to some of our Internet resources.

Google the following search string: plans ornamental lathes
A new SIG, perhaps?

Two sources of used and new books: abebooks.com and alibris.com

Go to <http://books.google.com/bkshp?hl=en&tab=wp> and in the search box type in the word woodworking.

Happy browsing.
Chuck Lynn, Librarian



Book Stand by Rob Young
See the Popular Woodworking
Feb 2011

Framed Mirror of Walnut with
Draw finished with Poly
By Ken Granger



Band Saw Box and Frame
By John Tegeler





Storage Box for fine wood working tools by Jerry Watson



Wood Nut and Bolt
By James Childless

Renew your KCWG Membership Now

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

See the Web Site for updates.
We have moved to the
New Location. Address below.

Coming Meeting Programs

April Meeting
Waterborn Finishes
with Randy Long

June Meeting
Boxmaking 101
with Doug Stowe

Calendar

Leadership Meetings: 7:00 pm at our new location,
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Guild Meetings: 7:00 pm at our new location,
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Come at 6:15 pm to share and visit.

Executive Meetings 2011 Guild Meetings

Apr 6	Aug 3	Apr 20	Aug 17
May 4	Sept 7	May 18	Sept 21
Jun 1	Oct 5	Jun 15	Oct 19
July 6	Sep 7	July 20	Sep 21

Upcoming Events

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

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