

Our President has had an article published in Popular Woodworking Magazine. Below is the teaser at <http://www.popularwoodworking.com/articleindex/end-grain-the-addict>. You'll need to purchase the magazine to read the entire article. We have it on reliable authority that Kevin will autograph your magazine for free.



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# Wood Words

The newsletter of the *Kansas City Woodworkers Guild*



**SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR DISCOUNTS FROM OUR SPONSORS**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 2011  
American Bench Planes and Other Tools  
— Don Kruse**

**Sawdust:**

**The Presidents Corner**



Here lately, I've been using this column as a soap-box to better further the agenda that I put forth when I became president. I guess this month won't really be any different. This month I'm searching for volunteers. We need volunteers for a wide variety of projects and events. Maybe I'll put on an Uncle Sam suit and say "I want you to volunteer at the Guild." Uh, maybe not.

Star spangled suit aside, we do have plenty of ways for you to get involved. First option is our upcoming Open House on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Director of Events, Tim Locke, can really use your help. Some of the needs are Show and Tell items, Demonstrators of different skills, or maybe just being an Ambassador for the Guild to show our visitors around. Contact Tim at [events@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:events@kcwoodworkersguild.org) to let him know what you can do to help out.

The next opportunity to volunteer once again involves that Locke fellow. Tim is looking for help of all kinds for the 2011 Joint Auction with the KCWT. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year so your help is needed. The jobs

are varied in their nature. If you have a pick-up truck, you might be put to work picking up donated items from around town. Or maybe you're good on the phone; you could be making calls to various businesses and soliciting donations for the auction. Tim has many needs so send him an email and let him know what you can do.

The next two opportunities are the real meat and potatoes of this month's column. We have a couple of community projects that are right up our alley, building stuff for kids. The first of the two projects is being headed up by former Guild president Mike Jones. Mike, in his travels for Field Turf, met a damsel in distress in Leavenworth, Ks. Kellie Galley runs the Leavenworth Guidance Center and their day care could use our help. We have been asked to build bookcases, step stools, Storage Cubbies, and a Kidney shaped table for the teachers to read to the kids. Due to limited funding from budget cutbacks, she can use our help and Mike is going to see to it that she gets it. If you want to help out on this worthy project, drop Mike an email at either

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[woodjunky.jones2@gmail.com](mailto:woodjunky.jones2@gmail.com) .

The last volunteer opportunity is still somewhat in the planning stages but will be moving forward very soon. With all the devastation in Joplin we might miss out on the point that several schools were destroyed or damaged in that deadly twister. I was approached by Pete Cowdin, of the Reading Reptile bookstore, about helping out. Kristen Dudolski, of the Joplin School District, has put out a plea for help in replacing the lost classroom libraries of these schools. Our job will be to build 24 portable classroom libraries for two of the schools, Emerson Elementary and Irving Elementary. We have been asked to furnish the labor and use of our shop to build these Portable Classroom Libraries. The folks at Hallmark are also involved, and hopefully more local companies to help with materials and funding. I have twisted the arms of Jim Stuart and Chuck Saunders and got them to head up construction. Watch your email box for more updates on this very worthwhile project.

That about does it for this month. Sometimes, I surprise myself when I get started writing on a topic that I think is important. It all just kind of overflows my brain and onto the computer keyboard. Anyway, I hope you'll put some thought into volunteering in one or more of these important projects. I've got to get back to the shop, now. I think I'm about a quart low on sawdust and need to refill.

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

## Kevin



LET THE ROUTING BEGIN  
ROUTER TABLE CLASS AS PRESENTED BY KEN  
SOKOL  
JUNE AND JULY 2011

Weekly for several weeks in June and July 2011, several KCWG members took part in a Router Table class presented by Ken Sokol. If you missed it, you missed a great chance to learn about router tables, how they are built, what goes into the planning and construction of a router table and just a myriad of other things to consider when making your own table.

The class was scheduled for five weeks, but thanks to the kindness and energy of Mr. Sokol, the class continued for a couple of more weeks. This allowed the students to finish and resolve the issues



itself. The size was also important. We had to evaluate the purpose for which we needed the table and how we were going to use it. Some wanted a portable type table while others wanted a more permanent unit that was going to be mounted on a cabinet.

Once these goals were set, we were able to proceed. We first cut the top to size and banded the edges. The banding was cut to size, glued to the edges and secured with screws. All screws were countersunk and wood plugs filled the holes. We also had to decide the location of the miter track. Once decided, the miter track was installed.

The second week, we made our fences. For the most part, two boards glued together at right angles sufficed. It was critical that each fence be absolutely at ninety degrees to the table top. A simple T-track was installed on the face of the fence to accommodate a wide variety of devices such as router bit guard, stop blocks, feather boards and other devices. A miter track was also installed.

In the third and fourth weeks, we routed, drilled and cut the recess area to accommodate the mounting plate. This was probably the most difficult part of the whole process. We first had to make a template for the mounting plate. This was a two step process that required precise measurements and thanks to Mr. 1/1000 of inch Sokol, we managed to get the recess areas cut. A lot of blood, sweat and tears were lost in this process. The air was blue, the eyes were squinty, and we went home tired, confused and frustrated.

Week five was spent attaching the router to the mounting plate. For some this was difficult as it requires lining up the mounting holes in the router to the mounting plate. Marking, drilling and lining up the holes can be a real challenge. It was a real challenge.

Week six was devoted to filling in the blanks, tidying up loose ends, and standing back and admiring our completed project. We all had some good times and some bad times. Stories will be told and many projects will be built on that router table that we made in June and July of 2011.

LET THE ROUTING BEGIN.

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## Programs 2012

Jan 18 — Annual Safety Program  
 Feb 15 — Wood Working 101: Handtools  
 Mar 21— Wood Working 101: Wood selection for Projects and layout  
 Apr 18 — Wood Working 101: Power Tools  
 May 16 — Round Robin: Dovetails and Box Joints  
 Jun 20 — Nationally known speaker—TBA  
 Jul 18 — Wood Working 101: Joinery  
 Aug 15 — Wood Working 101: Adhesives  
 Sep 19 — Wood Working 101: Finishing, sanding, scraping, sealing, staining.  
 Oct 17 — Commercial presentation: TBA  
 Nov 21 — Benches, jigs and fixtures  
 Dec 19 — Annual holiday party

Note we will be offering six basic woodworking programs for beginning and minimally experienced woodworkers. There will be three projects which can be built, using the skills taught in these programs. First would be a small jewelry box, the second a larger tool box and the last a small table or nightstand. The projects will be mentored by Guild members. The people who complete their projects by at least the December meeting will receive recognition from the Guild. Please see future newsletters for more details.

The joinery program will be a "round robin" type, with benches and tool set-ups around the shop for people to mingle and visit each station to learn more about box and dovetail joints. There are several ways to cut each joint, and we hope to have about 7 to 8 stations, with 10 minute demonstrations repeating about six times.



## July Program—Ball and Claw Feet

Calvin Hobbs, a long time member of the guild as well as a member of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers, gave a quick and informative presentation on carving ball and claw feet at our July meeting. Calvin specializes in period furniture built prior to 1840 – furniture with lots of curves and carvings – that requires especially good hands with chisels and rasps. It normally takes Calvin three to four hours to complete a set, yet he was able to give us a good idea of the steps involved in the process in the 30 minutes allotted to him on this particular evening.

Calvin started with a cabriole leg that he had rough cut on a band saw. Cabriole simply refers to a curved leg with an outcurved knee and an incurved ankle. He smoothed the curves of the leg with a rasp in an "uphill" direction against the grain, working initially on the profile. He then used a drawknife to finish the smoothing of the leg. When the foot of a cabriole leg is a ball and claw, it is synonymous with Chippendale, as opposed to the pad foot of a Queen Anne piece. Regional designs of a ball and claw vary and the differences in the carving of a claw can identify whether a piece is Philadelphia, Newport, or Boston made.

Calvin continued his demonstration with taking us through the steps of carving the ball and foot. First, he roughed and smoothed the layout of the outer and inner ball, then outlined the toes. He used a saw to cut a "V" between the ball and the toe. Next, Calvin went to work forming the cylindrical shape of the ball, first the front and then the back, with his chisel. He then went back and forth, working on the top and bottom of the ball, chiseling the top of the ball front, then the top of the ball back, then the bottom of the ball front, then the back of the ball back, then the tops again, until he could step back from his work and be satisfied that it looked like a ball. Calvin has collected some 30 to 40 chisels over the years but his "go to" chisel for shaping the ball is a #4 Henry Taylor.

Now Calvin was ready to go to work on the claws - or talons, as he most often referred to them. He first rounded the bottom portion of the claws and then chiseled straight down to make the profile. He then worked on the angle of the claw, all the while using a back bent chisel that is best suited to this particular task. Next, Calvin set the leg at a 45 degree angle and began rounding the claws with a rasp and a carving knife. He finished his carving with undercutting a bit where the claw and the ball meet.

Normally, Calvin goes through the steps of the ball and claw carving process leg by leg for consistency, rather than completing one leg before going on to the next, as he did in this presentation.

Thanks, Calvin, for a great demonstration on balls and claws!  
 Submitted by Shelly

## Thirty-Five Thousand Can't Be Wrong ...

About our website by William Johnston, Webmaster and Director of Communication

The Guild's [Website](#) averages about 5,000 visits every month. Eighty percent of the visitors each



month are unique visitors that month. With 400 members it is easy to see that most of our visitors are non-members. The average visitor visits 3 pages on the website.

Would you believe the most popular individual item on the website is the "[Bench Grinder Safety Rules](#)". Well it is! And with almost 2,000 hits this year. The [safety rules](#) have always been, as a group, our most visited topic. The next five most popular machine safety rules have together over 3,500 hits this year to date.



This year 1300 people read about "[Epoxy & Superglue](#)" ... our most popular article. One thousand people read about the "[Workbench Shoulder/Tail Vice](#)" ... the same for the Kevin Thomas' [Holtzapffel Workbench](#) slide-show.



Mike Jones' [Woodriver Plane Review](#) has drawn 690 visits and Rob Young's [Sweetheart Plane Review](#) has drawn almost 500 visits.

The [July Newsletter](#) had 500 visits. The Newsletters are not just visited in the month published either and certainly not by just members as the numbers reflect. The visits increase as the year goes on. January's Newsletter has had to date 726 visits.

Other articles that have had over 500 visits are [Blackening Wood](#) and [Journeyman Cabinetmakers Tool Chest](#).



Would you believe that over 516 people have used our website to find our sister Wichita Sunflower Guild's Newsletter ... for just May.

Five hundred people visited our "[For Sale](#)" page ... finding a notation that we promote member and non-member items via Email. This is an opportunity for them to register on our Guest Page for "Friends of the Guild" email.



The [Frakenside-rabbit Creature](#) has entertained 491.

Our sponsors would be pleased to know that 350 people have visited the "[Sponsors with Discounts](#)" page. [Metro Hardwoods](#) page has 342 visitors ... [America Grinding](#) ... 136. Sponsors, who want their own page on our website ... just send interesting text to [webmaster@kcwwg.com](mailto:webmaster@kcwwg.com).

Our "New" [library](#) page has attracted 334 readers.

We have a light hearted cautionary tale on [Mallets](#) that has been read by 253 this year alone.

We have at most 18-20 members associated with the [Shopsmith SIG](#). This year 243 others interested in the Shopsmith have read the webpage. The [Scroll-saw SIG](#) page has attracted 201 visits. Our SIGs are definitely drawing attention to the Guild.

Bill Johnson, Webmaster.



## New Books and DVDs in Our Library

Guild's library has five new books and two new DVD's, all by Doug Stowe. Here are their titles.

Basic Box Making DVD  
 Rustiv Furniture Basics DVD  
 Making Elegant Custom Tables  
 Rustic Furniture Basics  
 Creating Beautiful Boxes With Inlay Techniques  
 Basic Box Making  
 Box Making

The author, Doug Stowe, is the woodworker from Hot Springs, Arkansas, who recently taught a course in box making at our Guild's shop. A number of members who took Doug's course have since shown off their boxes at Show & Tell.

Members do not have to wait until a membership meeting to check materials out of our library. A self-check system is in place – just look for the white wooden box in the library. You may check out materials whenever you are in the shop.

With regard to our library's electronic media, your library staff realizes that many people no longer play video tapes at home. So, we are working on expanding our collection of DVD's. If you have any DVD's you would like to donate just drop them off in the library the next time you come to the shop.

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### Are You Ingrained

#### Stepping Up

The KC Woodworkers' Guild has been stepping up its game and as a result KCWG members have ever-expanding privileges and a plethora of opportunities to be ingrained into the KCWG community.

We've stepped up our facilities. With the help of Cliff Bell and other Guild visionaries KCWG moved into a bigger location with a bigger shop, 2 classrooms, a library, office space, and kitchen. There's room for more people at monthly meetings. Heck there's even a whole room dedicated to the storage of wood!

We've stepped up our speakers, presentations and classes. The primary purpose of the KCWG is to educate woodworkers (even if they don't know they are a woodworker yet). We're continuing to bring in national and local speakers and educators. Christopher Schwarz and Doug Stowe are just two national speakers that gave fantastic presentations and workshops! Our own president, Kevin Thomas and vice president, Rob Young are just fin

ishing up a 3-session clinic on Roubo Workbenches that was free to KCWG members. Member Ron Lomax is in the middle of a 10 week Triple Box class.

We've stepped up by providing more opportunities to get involved. The secondary purpose of the KCWG is to serve the community. We're providing opportunities for members to volunteer for projects that help grow the KCWG and opportunities to volunteer to serve the communities around us. We're even planning a future woodworking show.

We've stepped up our sponsors. Specifically we've stepped up by asking one of our highly motivated members to take on the role of Director of Sponsorship. If you haven't met Craig Arnold seek him out! He's got big ideas! All KCWG members receive a Membership Card that is good for discounts with our sponsors. We are constantly searching for new sponsors.

We've stepped up our game, now its time for you to step up your woodworking game!

Step up and become a member. If you are just hearing about the KC Woodworkers' Guild and are not yet a member, come check out a monthly meeting! One of the things that we have noticed is that we have many who continue to visit our monthly meetings but are not yet members or who have not renewed their membership. If you are experiencing the benefits of our monthly meetings, the speakers and presentations, the show & tell and the food and fellowship, but are not yet members here is my challenge to you: Join us! Buy a membership and take advantage of all of the privileges that accompany it. You can join right now by going to our website and following the membership links or you can email me or visit me at the membership office at any monthly meeting. Director of Membership: Derin Beechner, 913-226-8084 [Membership@kcwgg.com](mailto:Membership@kcwgg.com)

Step up and attend monthly meetings. All KCWG members are invited to all monthly membership meetings, if you haven't been to one of our monthly meetings in awhile, come check us out! If you're already attending our monthly meetings, you've already met people who are passionate about woodworking. Come check out our next meeting, we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

Step up and learn a new skill. Remember that thing you've wanted to learn for awhile now? There's never been a better time to start on that next project. All memberships include access to demonstrations, lectures, tool reviews, and presentations. The KCWG's video and print library is freely open to all members, Contact KCWG Librarian, Chuck Lynn ((913) 888-6043), to check out a books, magazines, plans or DVDs. All members can take advantage of the mentoring and safety programs and are welcome to join and participate in special interest groups (SIG). Maybe there is something you want to know more about that we aren't offering a lecture on, LET US KNOW and we'll

find the right folks to teach it. Please contact Kara Paris for more info on educational opportunities. Director of Training: Kara Paris, 816 682-5622, [Training@kcwwg.com](mailto:Training@kcwwg.com))

Step up and step into our shop! Are you lacking a shop, certain tools or space to build that thing you've wanted to build? Maybe you want to build something to surprise a friend or a loved one and wish to keep it a secret? I sure hope you have noticed our shop full of woodworking power tools and hand tools. The shop is open to those that upgrade their membership from the regular membership and who have passed safety requirements and earned a green name tag. There are several open shops throughout a given week, during the day and night, weekdays and weekends. For the latest Open Shop schedule visit our website: <http://kcwwg.com>, click on "workshop" and look for "Open Shop Times".

Step up and serve others. The KCWG has many projects in the works. Two new projects include the Joplin and Leavenworth projects. The Joplin Project is serving the tornado survivors by building mobile libraries for the Joplin, Mo community. The Leavenworth Project is building multiple bookshelves and step-stools for a daycare in Leavenworth, KS. Our shop is open to all members that wish to help with Guild projects and who have passed safety requirements and earned a green name tag.

The KCWG is stepping up! The KC Woodworkers' Guild is no small club, but a full-service organization offering education and service projects. At the time of this writing our membership totals over 385 members with over 100 attending our July monthly meeting including 14 visitors! How will you be ingrained into our community? Become a member, attend our monthly meetings, learn a new skill, step into our shop, and give back by serving others.

Are you ingrained?

Derin Beechner,  
Director of [Membership](#)

**Boxes made during, or as a result of the Doug Stowe Workshop.**

Wow, several of these members had good to excellent skills, but now their skills are in the WOW range!

Jerry Watson, box, quartersawn sycamore and ebony.  
Floating bottom tray.



Dave Randalls, walnut and cherry, mitered keys, Danish oil.



Boyko Varney, cherry, purple heart and walnut, lacquer with chess pieces applied on outside

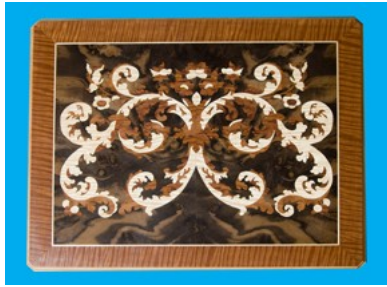
John Tegeler, walnut, birch, cherry, Danish oil, birch front and back



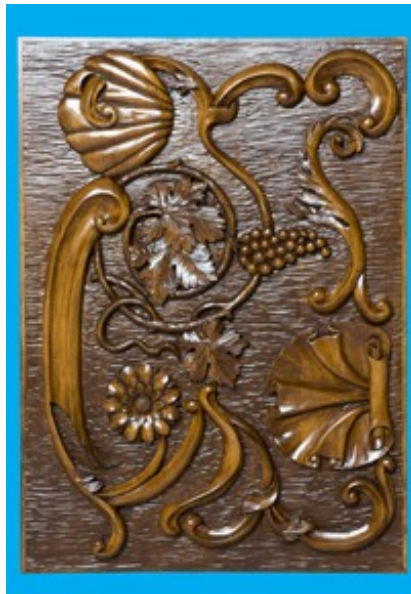
Jim McCord, pattern in top carved by Mac Dressler, walnut, wenge and maple, Danish oil finish



Photos provided Neal Shoger, White Crane Images



David Roth, Marquetry table tops, burl walnut, maple and mahogany



Tom Smoller, carving in basswood

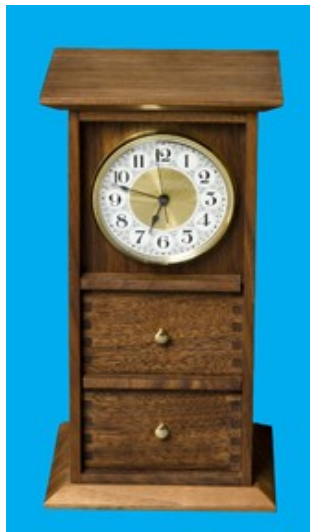


Bill Johnston, infill mitre plane, bronze, brass, carbon steel, cocobola, adjustable mouth

Ron Lomax, veneered table, poplar and sapele with cabriole legs



Dave Clark, Walnut clock



Bill Rivett, black locust coat rack, tung oil

Jim Cessna, ticket tumbler, pine, poplar and plywood scraps, unfinished



Bill Nagle, corner brace, folding drawknife



Fred Jones, side table from worm eaten oak



Cliff Schuette, walnut bench, interesting tenons, Danish oil



**General Meeting Programs**

August 17 – Antique Tools – Don Kruse  
 Sep 21 – Woodmaster Tools – Barry Bland  
 Oct 19th – To Be Determined  
 Nov 16th – Inlay projects – Jim Ramsey  
 Dec 21 – Holiday Party

**Coming Programs and events**

We have many special events planned!  
 More details inside.

**2011 NC101** — Beginning Machine Woodworking night class. 3 hours per night, 13 weeks, starting Thursday, September 8 thru December 8 (skipping Thanks Giving!) 7:00 PM — 10:00 PM Tuition \$215.00 Plus \$45 materials fee.

**“AV-Audio Visual” Clinic September 24, 10:00 AM** Come and learn how to run the Audio Visual cameras, and TV’s at the Guild .

**Christmas in October Scroll Saw Ornaments** with David Roth.

**Queen Anne Foot Stool** class with Calvin Hobbs.

**Raised Panel Small Blanket Chest** class with Scott Engelmann.

**End Grain Cutting Board workshop** - Scott Engelmann.

**Calendar**

Leadership Meetings, 7:00pm, 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111-3631—map at www.kcwwg.com

Guild meetings, 7:00 pm 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111-3631, come at 6:15 to share and visit.

**Executive Meetings 2011 Guild Meetings**

Sep 7	Jan 4	Aug 17	Jan 18
Oct 5	Feb 1	Sep 21	Feb 15
Nov 2	Mar 7	Oct 19	Mar 21
Dec 7	Apr 4	Nov 16	Apr 18
		Dec 14	

**Safety Training**

Thursday, August 25, 7:00 PM  
 Friday, September 30, 7:00 PM  
 Monday, October 24, 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 PM

Get your green card.  
 It’s fun to make sawdust in the shop!

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