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Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Jim Ramsey—Inlay Techniques

Sawdust:

The Presidents Corner



November has come and with it all that it brings. Falling leaves, shorter days, cooler temperatures, and before long the smell of turkey cooking followed by the rush of shoppers on Black Friday. More than any other month, November means change to me. Probably the next closest month would be March, but it doesn't have the holidays going for it. And with the holidays, there is much for a woodworker to do.

Building gifts of all shapes and sizes. Toys, cutting boards, jewelry boxes, and on and on. Sometimes trying to figure out what to build for someone may be a problem. What should you make for Aunt Bertha or Uncle Henry? Did I give them a cutting board last year? These are things you have to remember. You don't want to give the same gift two years in a row.

Me, I've got some decisions to make myself. New grandson, Damien, isn't going to be old enough to be a whole lot of fun, this year. So toy trucks and such will have to wait for next year. One year old granddaughter, Kenley, is still a year or two off from a cradle for her doll. Then there's ten (and a half!) year old granddaughter, Zoe, well let's just say she's hard to buy for. So I think I'm passing on making anything for the grandkids, this year. Don't worry; I've got plenty of time to build for them.

What about other family and friends? I see a trip to my scrap pile to see if I can come up with enough to make a few cutting boards as a possibility. Or, I've got a Shop Fox mini lathe that I've yet to use and a dozen pen kits I bought off Ebay. Maybe I'll go that way. Or maybe I'll unbox, finally, the Delta scroll saw I bought at last year's auction. I could follow David Roth's lead and make some Christmas ornaments. Decisions, decisions. By the way, David has three, two-hour classes coming up this month. Check the website for details.

So as you can see there are lots of options for Christmas presents for woodworkers to make. But woodworkers don't forget to start dropping hints to your spouses and kids for your own gifts. Me, I like to leave the Lee Valley Christmas catalog laying out with the page dog-eared and a big circle drawn around the item of my dreams. I've also been known to email a link to my wish list at Woodcraft. Subtlety, thy name is Kevin. Before I sign off for the month I wanted to remind you all of what I consider one of the most important holidays in this season, Veteran's Day. Just remember that we owe our way of life to the many Veterans through the years. Without their sacrifice, we wouldn't have the freedom to enjoy this great hobby we do. Or much else for that matter.

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I know we have many veterans in our Guild, including a couple that are active duty. To you, I send out a heart felt thank you for all you have done. So remember when you meet a veteran, be sure to shake his hand, tell him thank you and job well done.

Anyway, that brings us to a close for this month. I've got to go chase a little girl out of my easy-chair. So where ever you are, I hope you're making sawdust.

Kevin



Library news

Your Guild's library staff has been having pretty good success raising money at our monthly meetings by selling books and magazines (not to mention buckets and ice chests). The fact that our members are buying the books and magazines means that our members feel they can get some real use out of them. So, if you have some books and mags that are no longer useful to you, please share them. Bring them to the next meeting.

When books are donated we keep any books that will be a useful addition to our library. Many donations are duplicates of books we already own or are not focused primarily on wood-working. Those are the books we offer for sale.

As for magazines, our current goal is to archive complete sets, from issue 1, volume 1, to the most recent issues of Woodsmith, Shop Notes & Fine Woodworking. So, we use some donated magazines to fill any gaps in our collection. Other magazines we may offer for sale or we may clip plans out of them for our library's collection of woodworking plans.

You don't have to wait for a membership meeting to bring in donations. Just put them in the library. We'll find them.



New SIG

The Little Free Library Special Interest Group

I am super excited to announce a new Special Interest Group (SIG). The Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild is about 2 things: Educating and Serving.

Check this out: littelfreelibrary.org

Here is a pretty good summary of what a Little Free Library is from the website, "*This gives me hope*":

The scheme is simple and generous. Plant a small box, kind of like a bird house for books, atop a post. Fill it with about 20 books. Tell friends and neighbors. Stop by again and see what others have left in place of the first 20 books. Drop off the latest good book you've read. Pick up one you haven't. That's a free library, for anyone, anytime, anywhere. Literacy promotion in a box.

- "#136 Plant a Little Library." *This gives me hope*. N.p., 21 Sept. 2011. Web. 31, Oct. 2011. <<http://www.thisgivesmehope.com/2011/09/12/136-plant-a-little-library/>>.

Their mission:

To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.

To build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

To build more than 2,510 libraries around the world--more than Andrew Carnegie!

I met co-founder, Rick Brooks, at a wedding reception a about 2 months back. I mentioned our Joplin Mobile Library Community Service Project and he explained his vision of providing Little Free Libraries to communities across the world. Later I talked to the other co-founder, Todd Bol. They have a problem: too much demand for libraries! They need woodworkers, designers, etc. to help build libraries, kits and folks who can come up with plans and designs. That is where we at the KCWG come in!



Announcing: The KCWG Little Free Library SIG

I hope you can see that there are ALL KINDS of opportunities for the KCWG to partner with littelfreelibrary.org.

As you can tell, I am excited! So much that I was talking with the librarian at my little people's elementary school. It is such an easy thing to talk about. She thought the idea was so cool she sent an email out to ALL THE OLATHE LIBRARIANS! GULP! Yeah, ALL. And guess what? I got a call from an Olathe elementary librarian. They had someone associated with their library who passed away and wanted to place a Little Free Library in their elementary school as a legacy. And we're gonna build it!

We had our initial Little Free Library Special Interest Group meeting on October 26. About 15 people attended. We agreed that the LFL SIG would draw up designs, create kits and build prototypes. Then we will take those designs and involve the rest of the Guild. We will then host a KCWG project where members can volunteer and help create many libraries. And finally the LFL SIG will find owners and homes to place the libraries.

Are you getting excited? I hope so. Here's another opportunity: You will be able to meet Todd Bol and Rick Brooks, the co-founders of littelfreelibrary.org. They will be at our **next Little Free Library SIG meeting on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 pm at the KCWG shop!**

Here's who we need:

Woodworkers-Anyone who wishes to help build (or learn how to build) a Little Free Library

Designers-Anyone who would like to create(or learn how to create) their own set of plans, materials, drawings, instructions for Little Free Libraries

Administrators-Anyone who is interested in helping place these libraries across the Kansas City Metro and other cities in Kansas & Missouri and possibly the world!

Leadership-Don't let this one scare you! I need someone who will help lead the construction of Little Free Libraries and and **If**

you have ANY interest PLEASE come to the next meeting, Friday, November 11th at 7:00 pm at the KCWG shop!

Early 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

Note we will be offering 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.

Are You Ingrained? Renew Your Membership

Have you ever taken a personality test? There are tests that measure how people make decisions or if you get your energy by being in a group or alone. There are “color” tests to tell you what color you are red for the go getter and such. I think I am green, whatever that means. I also took a test that tells you what animal you are; my wife is a lion and I am a golden retriever! A golden retriever is loyal and that definitely describes me! The theme of my article this month is loyalty.

There have been significant changes in the life of the KC Woodworkers' Guild this year. We lost our old shop. We lost a major leader and friend. We've moved to a new location with a bigger shop.

What hasn't changed is the reasons why our Guild exists. The KC Woodworkers' Guild has two primary purposes stated in their by-laws; the primary purpose of the KCWG is to educate woodworkers (even if they don't know they are a woodworker yet). The secondary purpose of the KCWG is to serve the community.

The KCWG needs your loyalty and support. And I'm gonna ask you for it in the most straight forward way I know how to do.

To our existing members, we are in the middle of our membership renewal campaign and we need you to renew your membership. A quick way to do this is online through our website and PayPal: <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/renew/>

For our friends who are not members but attend our meetings or read our newsletter from front to back, or stay in touch through email, please consider becoming a member of our Guild. We need new members. A quick way to do this is online through our website and PayPal: <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/new/>

We have four basic levels of membership. The first is a Regular Membership. Although it is the most basic level, it comes with many privileges. We also offer a discount for regular memberships to seniors and students. Here is a list of Regular Membership Benefits:

- Purchase Discounts (Usually 10% from KCWG Participating Sponsors)
- 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
- Auctions

Our new huge shop is the crowning jewel of our Guild. It consists of dozens of power tools and hand tools, woodworking tables and benches. If you would like to use our shop then the Sawdust membership is for you. In addition to all of the Regular Membership benefits it also allows you to use our shop as your personal shop. After you acquire the required safety training you will be allowed to use the shop whenever there is an Open Shop (which is many times throughout the week).

KCWG takes education very seriously. Various woodworking classes are constantly available and new ones are being formed all the time. If you would like to take a woodworking class then the Woodworker Plus membership is for you. In addition to Regular Membership and Sawdust Membership (the use of our shop) privileges, the Woodworker Plus membership will allow you to save 20% on classes. This usually pays for itself with just one of our major classes.

We've added a new membership this year. If you believe in what the KC Woodworkers' Guild stands for, its purpose and what it represents, then you can express your appreciation and generosity by becoming a Benefactor Member. The Benefactor Membership includes all of the Regular, Sawdust and Woodworkers' Plus mem-

berships benefits and it is a way for you to give a little more to the Guild.

When you renew your KCWG membership or join the KCWG anew you aren't merely giving money to a good cause. The Guild IS a good cause, it exists to keep woodworking alive. But you also receive something back, something tangible, something extremely valuable! That thing is the gift of ability, a skill. You will be able to make something out of nothing, use your hands to mold and fashion tools, to build things that entertain, assemble furniture, put together toys, and provide quality heirlooms that can exist in families for generations.

The Guild offers scores of speakers, clinics, classes, Special Interest Groups and knowledgeable individuals who can teach you to improve your woodworking skills. The Guild offers a safe environment to test out those skills as well as make mistakes and ask questions. And finally the Guild offers projects for you to use your skills to give back to our community.

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 400 members (416) with over 100 attending our monthly meetings! How will you be ingrained into our community?

It's easy to be more ingrained into the KC Woodworkers' Guild:

Renew your membership, (kcwoodworkersguild.org/renew)

Upgrade your membership, (kcwoodworkersguild.org/upgrade)

Become a member, (kcwoodworkersguild.org/new)

Attend our monthly general membership meetings, (Third Wed of every month)

Learn a new skill,

Step into our shop, and

Give back by serving others.

Are you ingrained?

Derin Beechner,
Director of [Membership](#)

Choose the Hearing Protection that is Right for You

Are you confused about the right type of hearing protection for yourself? There are many types of hearing protectors, but each type offers a slightly different fit, performance and cost. The following provides the most common types of protectors and the advantages of each. Two noise related fact sheets are available on the guild web site for more information on controlling noise in the wood shop.

Expandable foam plugs

Expandable plugs are made of a formable material designed to expand and conform to the shape of each person's ear canal. To install these plugs, you roll the expandable plugs into a thin, crease-free cylinder. Whether you roll plugs with thumb and fingers or across your palm doesn't matter. What's critical is the final result—a smooth tube thin enough so that about half the length will fit easily into your ear canal. Some individuals, especially women with small ear canals, have difficulty rolling typical plugs small enough to make them fit. The main advantage of foam plugs is that they are inexpensive and readily available from many retail sources.

Pre-molded, reusable plugs

Pre-molded plugs are made from silicone, plastic or rubber and are manufactured as either "one-size-fits-most" or are available in several sizes. Many pre-molded plugs are available in sizes for small, medium or large ear canals. Advantages of pre-molded plugs are that they are relatively inexpensive, reusable, washable, convenient to carry, and come in a variety of sizes. Nearly everyone can find a plug that will be comfortable and effective. In dirty or dusty environments, you don't need to handle or roll the tips.

Canal caps

Canal caps often resemble earplugs on a flexible plastic or metal band. The earplug tips of a canal cap may be a formable or pre-molded material. Some have headbands that can be worn over the head, behind the neck or under the chin. Newer models have jointed bands increasing the ability to properly seal the earplug.

The main advantage canal caps offer is convenience. When it's quiet, employees can leave the band hanging around their necks. They can quickly insert the plug tips when hazardous noise starts again. Some people find the pressure from the bands uncomfortable. Not all canal caps have tips that adequately block all types of noise.

Earmuffs

Earmuffs come in many models designed to fit most people. They work to block out noise by completely covering the outer ear. Muffs can be "low profile" with small ear cups or large to hold extra materials for use in extreme noise.

Workers who have heavy beards or sideburns or who wear glasses may find it difficult to get good protection from earmuffs. The hair and the temples of the glasses break the seal that the earmuff cushions make around the ear. For these workers, earplugs are best. Other potential drawbacks of earmuffs are that some people feel they can be hot and heavy in some environments. Earmuffs are available from the Guild shop for a nominal fee if you wish to use earmuffs in the shop.

Whichever type of hearing protection you use, ear protection will pay dividends down the road for you!

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Bill Rivett—Disston hand saws, tung oil, cistrus solvent, wax. Age and utility.



Bill Nagle—scroll saw eagle, oak and birch plywood

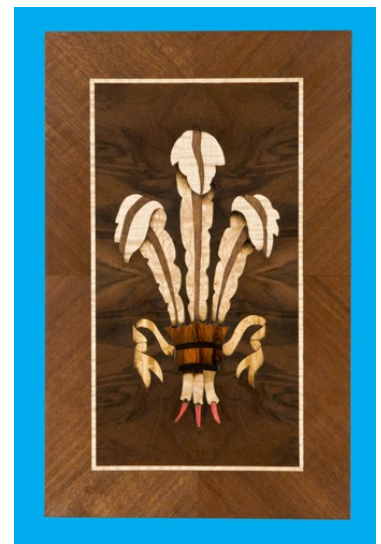


Steve Buehne—flag cases, note different spline patterns on corners.



Ron Lomax—three humidors, curly maple, mansonia, sedsua, Finished with lacquer. Specially selected non-flammable veneer.

David Roth—marquetry fleur de lis, burl walnut, olive, ash, maple, finished with shellac.



David Roth—Decorative table top (veneer pattern on both sides), sand shading, burl walnut, maple, dyed green poplar, mahogany, shellac finish, project from Marc Adams school, Paul Schurch teacher.



General Meeting Programs

Nov 16th – James Ramsey – Inlay techniques
Dec 21 – Holiday Party
Jan 18 – Annual Safety Program
Feb 15 – Wood Working 101: Handtools
Mar 21 – Wood Working 101: Wood selection for projects and layout

Coming Programs and events

We have a many special events planned this year!
Too many to list here, so stay “tuned”.
November – Christmas Scroll Saw Ornaments, David Roth, Nov 10, Nov 12, make your reservation early. Classes limited to 4 per session.
Queen Anne Foot Stool with Calvin Hobbs
Raised Panel Small Blanket Chest with Scott Englemann
End Grain Cutting Board with Scott Engleman

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

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

Dec 7	May 2	Nov 16	Apr 18
Jan 4	Jun 5	Dec 14	May 16
Feb 1	Jul	Jan 18	Jun 20
Mar 7	Aug 1	Feb 15	Jul 18
Apr 4	Sep 5	Mar 21	Aug 15
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New Members

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Patrick McDonnell
Lachella Ross
Ralph Sytkowski
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