



# Wood Words

The newsletter of the *Kansas City Woodworkers Guild*



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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2011**  
**Holiday buffet, members and guests**



**Sawdust:  
The Presidents  
Corner**

“Tis the Season.” This is a phrase we hear a lot this time of year. It usually has to do with Christmas cheer. Part of that Christmas cheer has to do with helping those in need. That is something our Guild has done well this year. There are several of Santa’s elves amongst us here at the Kansas City Woodworkers’ Guild.

On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, delivery was made of 22 rolling, portable libraries to two elementary schools in Joplin, Missouri. The collaborative effort of our Guild, along with Hallmark, The Reading Reptile, and the Kansas City Public Library made it possible. Guild members Jim Stuart, Gary Creek, and Erwin Kurtz represented the Guild in presenting the libraries to the Principals and teachers of those two schools, Emerson and Irving Elementary Schools.

Jim and Gary passed along their experiences to the Leadership Committee during it’s monthly meeting. They told us that the teachers and principals

were so appreciative that many were on the verge of tears. They were told stories of tragedy and heartache as homes, schools and businesses were destroyed by the EF5 tornado that struck on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Jim said he was told by one of the principals about how she had wanted a rolling library like these many years back, when she was a teacher. Jim said there was joy in her voice when she said, “Now I have eleven.” This is the kind of story that you love to hear about this time of year.

Every one of you who put in time, on this project, deserve a special round of applause. This is the kind of work we’re suppose to be doing this time of year, Helping our fellow man, especially when those men are children. So to all of you, I say, Bravo! A job well done!

Now, back to Christmas cheer. This is the month that we bring our significant others to the shop and show them where we spend all our extra time. That is unless your significant other is a woodworker, too. Our December meeting is our annual Holiday Party. There will be dinner catered by Brancato’s catering, a special raffle of

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donated pieces by Guild members, a special show and tell, and we pat a couple of members on the back with the Contributor of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards. You can make your reservation on our website. The price is \$8.50 for a single or \$17.00 for a couple. This pays for the fine meal from Brancato's. You are also asked to bring a dessert to share with your fellow members. This is always my favorite part. By the way, I'm partial to Chocolate Cake and brownies. Just in case you needed a suggestion.

With that I have come to the end of my last column of 2011. I hope I haven't bored you too much this year. It's been a great year for the Guild and here's to hoping for a better 2012. So Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah or just Seasons Greeting to you and yours. May it be a wonderful season for all. And here's hoping that you're making sawdust.

**Kevin**

### Treasurer Needed

There is an immediate opening for the position of Treasurer on the Guild's Board of Officers. The candidate should have a background in bookkeeping. A CPA is preferable but not necessarily required. If you are interested please contact President Kevin Thomas at [kv1014@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kv1014@sbcglobal.net) or Nominating Committee Chair John Tegeler at [johnteg@hotmail.com](mailto:johnteg@hotmail.com).

### Wood Shop Housekeeping

Sloppy work conditions can lead to unsafe conditions and a lack of pride in the Guild Shop, or your home shop. Each time you work in the Guild shop or your shop, take a few minutes to clean up after you are done working in the shop.

#### Problems caused by poor housekeeping include:

- Slips from slick floor areas and walking on sawdust covered floor surfaces.
- Trips from objects or materials that someone left in walkways and work areas.
- Cuts and bruises caused by poorly stored materials, overhanging or protruding objects, haphazard spotting of pallets, and use of aisles for storing equipment and materials in the shop.

#### Good Housekeeping:

- Eliminates accident or slip and fall causes
- Helps control damage to guild equipment from falling off cluttered benches.
- Encourages safer work habits.

- By cleaning up after each shop session, it reduces the amount of cleanup required.
- Provides the best use of shop space.

Housekeeping is more than just sweeping and cleaning, it is the most critical part of maintaining a safe work environment in the shop. A clean shop is a safe shop!

Chuck Slagle, Safety Committee



### Joplin Mobile Libraries Service Project

The Guild recently delivered 22 portable libraries on wheels to schools in the Joplin area, so devastated by the tornado. Each library stood 42 inches tall, contained 65 new books and were hand crafted and each painted with a unique design. Hallmark Corporation and Reading Reptile were represented respectively by Mark Spencer and Pete Cowdin. April Roy, a children's librarian from the Kansas City Public Library led the project. Mr. Stinky Feet and Dino O'Dell also made appearances during the presentation to the Joplin schools, to the delight of the students. Jim Stuart, from the Woodworkers Guild noted that this is just the type of community project the Guild enjoys making as part of its mission is to engage in community service projects. It is estimated that the libraries took about 500 hours to build, and used 60 sheets of plywood and 300 board feet of popular.

### Programs 2012

Jan 18 — Annual Safety Program  
Feb 15 — Wood Working 101: Handtools  
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Apr 18 — Wood Working 101: Power Tools  
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Note we will be offering six basic wood-working 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.

### Free Little Library



This is one of the Free Little Library book repositories built by one of our members. The people who have started this project have received some national attention for their efforts to increase literacy in our nation. Join the special interest group that is supporting this project. Good way to build your woodworking skills and do some community service at the same time. Look forward to seeing you there.



Show and Tell, November 2011

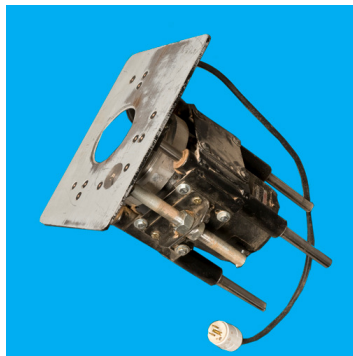
We restore tools, such as John Hashimoto and his Diston saws,



Make things to carry tools, such as John Van Gowtham's tool tote box made of red oak,



Larry Steinbach's version of a tool to lift a router, it's substantial,



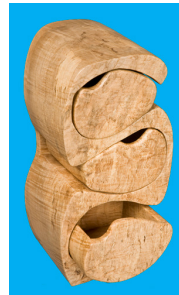
Or just having fun with woodworking, such as John Tegeler's coaster set.



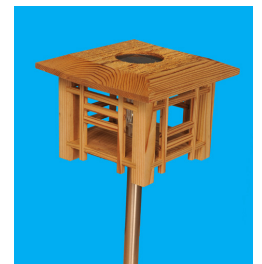
Shaker step stools, Cliff Schuette on left, Gary Creek on right



Stuart Pallen, band saw box and duck.



Scott Engleman, bandsaw box, cherry.



Russ Amos, one of 20 cedar solar yard lights, 640 pieces in all.

Russ Amos, boxes from Wood Magazine, September 2011 article, noted they are a lot harder to do than it appears.



Photography by Neal Shoger, White Crane Images.



Scroll saw work by Bill Nagle, tow truck and snowmen with clocks, nice scrollsaw techniques.

Harold Sickles, two clocks made by his grandsons of walnut, nice scrollsaw techniques.



Lunar landing, John Hendrickson, found materials.



Ken and Kenyon Greene, tumbling block puzzles, three variations and at least 36200 ways to get it wrong.



Cliff Schuette, cherry, walnut and maple clock.



Dan Gregurich, fingerjoint box with sliding lid

Craig Arnold, tool tote, pine, reclaimed pine, cherry handle, ebony wedges, square cut nails.



**General Meeting Programs**

Dec 21 – Holiday Party

**Coming Programs and events**

We have some exciting events planned for 2012 planned to develop your woodworking skills. You will learn more tips to work safely while making beautiful and useful items. Come join us !

Keep checking the Guild web page at [www.kcwwg.com](http://www.kcwwg.com) for more details.

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**Calendar**

Leadership Meetings, 7:00pm, 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111-3631—map at [www.kcwwg.org](http://www.kcwwg.org)

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

<b>Executive Meetings</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>Guild Meetings</b>	
<b>Jan 4</b>			<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>May 16</b>
<b>Feb 1</b>		<b>Jun 5</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Jun 20</b>
<b>Mar 7</b>		<b>Jul</b>	<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Jul 18</b>
<b>Apr 4</b>		<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>
<b>May 2</b>		<b>Sep 5</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Sep19</b>

**NEW MEMBERS**

- Charles Keller**
- Elaine Miller**
- Rick Kooser**
- Helen Ann Caples**
- Richard Sidwell**

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