

# Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild

Increase your Woodworking skill and knowledge

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## Wood Words

### President's Corner

**W**hat will you do this year? In the spirit of New Years Resolutions I hope that you have vowed to increase your woodworking skills this year. Instead of promising to go to the gym hungry and leave tired and miserable, let me suggest that you vow to spend more time in your shop, sharpening your skills and leaving your shop tired and content while your skillset grows and grows. The mere act of converting lumber to mulch will improve your understanding of the material, and practicing the joinery and finishing techniques will reduce the amount of mulch that gets produced as you work on your projects.

May I suggest some other activities that can help you meet your resolution

goals? The Guild has many offerings coming up that may well be the cure for what ails you. Starting with the Lie-Nielsen tool show this Friday and Saturday with special Guild Members night on Thursday. Great opportunity to visit with the Lie-Nielsen staff and ask those questions that have been nagging you about various hand tools. Later this month The Woodworking Shows return to KC back at their old location at the Merchandise Mart on Overland Park. Along with the Guild having a booth there, many of your favorite vendors will be there demonstrating their products, definitely a to-do.

But that's just tools, the Guild has many class offerings in the coming months. For the true beginner, the NCI01 Beginning Machine woodworking class is back and

is an excellent place to start. Rob Young has a Shaker box class and is working on a Handtool 101 class. If you're interested in getting past the flat, Anthony Harris will be offering several Intro to Woodturning classes for those wanting to get a better grasp on lathe work. There is even talk that Ron Lomax will be offering his box class again this spring.

That is a pretty full calendar of opportunities and I haven't even mentioned the Guild General Meetings and the SIG (Special Interest Group) meetings that are held every month. I dare say that with the Guild in your toolbox, the likelihood of fulfilling your woodworking New Year's Resolution is high. Which is more than I can say about those other resolutions you've made.  
— Chuck Saunders

### Next General Meeting : January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm KCWG Shop Program: Michael Wickerson and students from the Kansas City Art Institute

**Michael Wickerson** is the Chair of the Sculpture Department at the Kansas City Art Institute. Wickerson is a Canadian artist working in Kansas City, experienced in woodworking and metal casting. He has exhibited throughout North America since 1994 and has displayed artworks overseas in Holland since 2008. Currently, he has completed three adobe, rammed earth and sod buildings at Wickerson Studios, located on his 11-acre property in Kansas City, Kan. He will be talking about his work at his studios which combines timber, iron and sculpture. He will also have at least three students who will contribute their own "show and tell" woodworking

projects. This evening is intended to stretch your imagination of what is possible in the woodworking you do.

**The Last Canadian Man in America:** Absolute Freedom at Wickerson Studios! There is no other way to describe it. Imagine 14 acres of timberland backing onto Lake Wyandotte in the middle of America. A place full of meandering gravel paths with heaps of cut and dried hardwood. What more could test the strength, endurance and imagination of any creative spirit? What do we really know about pioneering our own alternative buildings, forging a life for ourselves and constructing and operating our own kilns and furnaces? In fact,

unless one has ever challenged themselves beyond the realm of theories and ideas and attempted a hands-on approach of demonstration and experimentation, absolute freedom may very well remain impossible to achieve.

Visit his web site:

<http://michaelwickerson.com>

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**Guild History Wanted!**

I am requesting all past Presidents of the KCWG to email me with their dates of service. I wish to contact all for interviews. Any member with KCWG historical information is also encouraged to email or call me.

— Ann Creek, KCWG Historian

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**The Woodworking Show January 23-25 2015**  
**Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-3**  
**Overland Park International Trade Center**  
**6800 W. 115th Street**  
**Overland Park, KS 66211**

The KC Woodworkers Guild will have a 20' by 20' both this year courtesy of the Woodworking Show. The booth is an opportunity to show off the Guild to other area woodworkers, and I think we Guild members have a lot to be proud of. This is an opportunity to display some of the member projects such as the show and tell items we bring to the monthly meetings. Please let [Tim Locke](#) know if you want to display some of your work so we can be sure

that adequate space is available. You can bring your items to the Guild before 1/22/2015 or to the show. The marble maze is certainly going to show at our booth.

To bring attention to the booth we also need some demonstrations that attract area woodworkers. We have a couple demonstrations lined up, but any member who would be willing to demonstrate woodworking techniques please contact [Tim Locke](#), Guild Events Director.

Membership representatives will also be on hand to gather and sign up potential and actual new members. We would like to have two members in the booth at all times for talking to show attendees about the Guild. Please drop [Tim Locke](#) an email with times you would be willing to "work" the booth.

We also request assistance in set up and take down of the booth.

— Tim Locke  
[events@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:events@kcwoodworkersguild.org)

We also request assistance in set up and take down of the booth. Please let Tim know if you can be there to:

**Help Setup** – 8:00 a.m. Friday **Tear Down** – Sunday after 3:00 p.m.

**Man (or Woman) the booth:** Friday: Noon – 3:00 p.m., 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Noon – 3:00 p.m., 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

## 2014 Year End

The Guild had another successful year. The bank balance increased over 22% during the year. The gain is due to all the volunteer work of many members. Thanks to all who stepped up. You made my job easy.

The cash flow for each month and a yearend summary are available in the members only section of the web site. Membership income continues to increase and made up 30% of the income, and revenue projects contributed about 28%. Training classes, the auction, the raffle and other revenue stream all contributed to a successful year.

Having a reserve in the bank gave us the confidence and ability to negotiate a long-term lease for our current location. A seven-year lease was signed in June. The lease obligates the Guild to about \$260,000 over the seven years and increased our floor space.

We also improved the shop by adding a third Saw Stop and a tilt mortis along with various Stanley and Black and Decker tools. We also made a bulk purchase of rough cut lumber which is for sale to members at \$2 a board foot at the shop.

The planning for 2015 was completed with the approval of

the budget. Meeting those budget goals will once again require your help and participation.

Thank you again for all the help and participation. If you did not volunteer in 2014, make a resolution to do so in 2015. All you need to do is ask; there is a job for you. Happy New Year! May all your projects be completed on time.

— Gary Mielke

## Member Profile —



### Dan Robidoux

Say hello to new member Dan Robidoux. Dan is retired and joins us after being a woodworker for 35+ years. Dan's specialty is high-end bird carving. He has won awards for his carvings, as the picture to the left shows. Dan's favorite woods to work with are tupelo and butternut. He says they hold details very well. Look for a monthly program by Dan, in March, on carving birds.

Dan offers us a couple of tips. The first is "If you want to do what others can't, you have to be willing to learn what others won't." And for a safer shop, "If you don't think it's safe, it probably isn't."

Very true. Thanks, Dan.

## Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event

Free and Open to the Public!

The Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild is pleased to announce a two-day Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event on Friday and Saturday, January 16th and 17th.

The show will be held at the Guild's shop, 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO.

This event is free and open to the public from 10am to 6pm on Friday and 10am to 5pm on Saturday

Inquiries can be addressed directly to Lie-Nielsen

at [toolworks@lie-nielsen.com](mailto:toolworks@lie-nielsen.com) or by calling 800-327-2520

**Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild Members are invited to a Special Preview Showing, Thursday January 15th from 7pm to 9pm**

More event details on [Lie-Nielsen website](http://Lie-Nielsen website).



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Inventory Reduction Sale Continues! Look for the red tags in store. Over 900 items priced to move!

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## Special Interest Groups – All KCWG Members Are Invited

### Coming up!

Hand Tool SIG : No January Meeting – Returning in February for Hand Plane Tuneup

### Coming up!

Scroll Saw SIG : Wednesday January 14, 7pm

Dan Wilckens of Dan Wilckens' Woodworking will be our presenter and will be available to answer your questions on a wide variety of scroll saw topics.

### Coming up!

Power Tool SIG : Sunday January 18, 3pm

We will getting the Baxter Whitney planer setup for operation.

### Coming up!

CNC SIG : Wednesday January 28th 6:30pm

Jack will have an excellent introduction for starting your CNC project

All SIG's of the Guild are free and open to all members of the Guild and their guests.

Any questions concerning the CNC SIG please contact Chuck Saunders [goober-dog@gmail.com](mailto:goober-dog@gmail.com)

**“Man is a tool-using Animal. Nowhere do you find him without tools; without tools he is nothing, with tools he is all.”**  
**– Thomas Carlyle**

**Have you renewed your membership for 2015? Did you know there is a \$5 discount on renewals until January 31st? Did you also know you can purchase a dual membership with the Kansas City Woodturners?**

## Welcome 40 new members who joined the Guild just prior to the New Year

Cole Abel	Kansas City	MO	Mark Felton	Overland Park	KS	Rich Meyers	Olathe	KS
Bob Abernathy	Blue Springs	MO	Ryan French	Independence	MO	Nathan Myers	Lawrence	KS
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Thomas Deems	Butler	MO	Mengjiao Liu	Kansas City	MO			
Chris Duncan	Kansas City	MO	Ryan McDonald	Kansas City	MO			

## 2015 Membership Renewal - Early Signing Deal

### Renew Before January 31 and get \$5 Off

It's time to renew your membership for 2015. If you renew your membership before Jan 31, 2015 your dues will be reduced by \$5.00. If you want to use PayPal, go to our website and then log into the membership area using the account and password. You can also pay at the shop by check or cash. The Membership Director will be at the shop most Saturday mornings, so you can pay then. You can also send us a check at the shop address (below), Attention: Membership. Starting Feb 1, 2015 you will need to pay the full amount.

		With Woodturners Membership
Benefactor	\$120	\$170
Woodworker Plus	95	145
Sawdust Maker	70	120
Regular	45	95
Senior	30	80
Student	20	70

Non-renewals by April 1, 2015 will be pulled from the membership rolls.

If you have any questions please [email](#) us and we will answer your them as soon as possible.

Thank you

— George Rexroad

### Upcoming Programs

**January 21, 2015** – Michael Wickerson and students from the Kansas City Art Institute

**February 18, 2015** – Safety Program

**March 18, 2015** – Dan Robidoux, Bird Carving Skills and Tools

## From The Shop

**W**e may have started a new tradition at the Guild.

On the Tuesday before New Years I asked the members in the shop at the time how many might be interested in coming to an open shop New Year's Day. Having several positive responses I posted an email declaring an open shop on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 14 members who showed up to work on their projects. We even had a few stop by, I think, maybe just curious to see how many members were in the shop. Next year we will plan a little further ahead and maybe have a little celebration BBQ.

The Guild will be purchasing a central dust collector for the shop with installation in May. We will be asking for help with the installation and removal of the old equipment. With this addition we are contemplating rearrangement of existing equipment to better serve by the new collection system. I would like any suggestions that members have concerning the shop.

In recent months the Guild has had some tools disappear from the shop. This is great concern

as we are an honor shop and tools gone are tools not being available to all the members. Specifically, missing are 6-24" aluminum sash clamps, 1-10" Auriou rasp, several router bits, and a combination square that are not around the shop. The small things can accidentally be picked up in a tote so check if you have used them recently.

— Erwin Kurtz

## On-line Safety Test for KCWG Shop "Green Tag"

**T**oday on-line testing is being used to evaluate skills for job openings at every rung of the career ladder from bank teller to executive level. To join this increasing trend, this month the KCWG is entering a new era with the Safety Orientation program, by moving to on-line testing. The requirements to receive a green safety name tag have not changed; just the manner in which the safety test is administered is changing.

In the last few months, a sub-team of the Safety Committee, headed by Jerry Stanley, has been reviewing companies and developing procedures for this new

on-line safety testing program. This new on-line testing program opens up a number of innovative methods to expand our program. We can add video, pictures, and new machine tests for everyone to take faster than we have in the past. According to Chuck Slagle, Director of Safety, This new testing method provides greater access and a better testing experience for our members. In addition we can expand our capabilities to provide video and pictures in the testing environment, I believe that we will be able to enhance our members learning experience.

A Link to the test will be located on the Guild web site, however, to be able to take the test it will require a password. The participant will be able to log on and off of the test over time, and know the results before arriving at the Safety Orientation. They will be able to receive a print-out of their score, and the questions, if they miss some questions, they bring it to the class.

As it is currently done, incorrect questions will be discussed with each participant to correct to one hundred percent.

— Chuck Slagle

### 2015 SAFETY ORIENTATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Instructor	Test Grader
Sunday, January 18	2:30 pm	Rob Young	Kevin Thomas
Saturday, February 21	2:30 pm	Chuck Slagle	Roland Mohler
Saturday, March 21	2:30 pm	Roland Mohler	Chuck Slagle
Saturday, April 25	2:30 pm	John E. Johnson	J.D.Swaffar
Sunday, May 17	2:30 pm	J.D.Swaffar	Erwin Kurtz
Saturday, June 20	2:30 pm	J.D.Swaffar	Jerry Stanley
Saturday, July 18	2:30 pm	John Johnson	Erwin Kurtz
Saturday, August, 22	2:30 pm	Roland Mohler	Jerry Stanley
Sunday, September 20	2:30 pm		Erwin Kurtz
Sunday, October 25	2:30 pm		Roland Mohler
Saturday, November 21	2:30 pm	Chuck Slagle	Kevin Thomas

**An Early American Museum Workshop  
(or what I did on my summer vacation)  
Photos and Text by William Johnston**

**W**oodworking shops at your favorite museum can be quite interesting and informative. They provide, not only ideas for setting up your own traditional hand tool shop but also provide ideas for tools, jigs, and patterns that you might wish to make or acquire. I make sure, on vacations, to visit these museum shops whenever possible and take lots of pictures.

One common characteristic is that you can usually find aspects of the setup that is either wrong or just out of place as these shops usually have far more items to display that would be found visible in even the most cluttered shop. Note the big difference, for example, between Roy Underhill's cluttered Woodwrights Shop TV set and his own tidy personal shop at his home when you have the chance.



The shop below might well be an example of an overcrowded display. Or maybe this woodworker actually performed a number of unrelated tasks in his chop like we all do.

Noted in the foreground is a typical shaving horse. This model would be simple to make just from the photo. Note the a drawknife under the horse head.

The can under the bench probably contained coal oil or kerosene (paraffin oil) if after about 1850, mostly used for lamps but could be used as a solvent much as we use it today.

While the repair of a horse collar would be out of place in a wood shop business, we can see nearby a shoe last and may presume some leatherwork in the shop as one would expect in a farm workshop where all kinds of repairs took place. There remain a number of uses for leatherwork skill in a woodshop. I'd bet the small green box contained leatherworking

tools. I particularly liked the device for holding the axe handle for shaping in the round. Behind it are two other axe handles.

In early American workshops good light was essential. A window behind the workbench provides light where it counts.



A tool box near the working end of the bench is typical and essential (CS would be pleased) with additional tools on shelves.

Under the bench is a tool for boring beams prior to chopping mortises. This tool would not likely be used in the shop but storage under the bench is feasible. Also under the bench is a form for steam bent items. A steam bent pair of snowshoes hangs on the wall and several bent items stand against the right leg of the bench.

We can see in the right hand corner a blacksmith's leg vice. The left photo shows more of the "blacksmithing area". No

forge is in sight but we can find the hand cranked forge blower, anvil, and a number of blacksmith tools. Below the saws is a folding, floor standing, wooden saw vice for saw sharpening. On the left of the shop is a harness makers vice and a wagon jack.

As usual, questions and comments are welcome and may be addressed to William Johnston, 913-492-6942, johnston@everestkc.net.









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"The two most powerful warriors are patience and time."

— Leo Tolstoy

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