



Roland Mohler

### *From the President*

We had a wonderful Christmas party this year, which was a great chance to get together and get to know each other better. And it was a great time to recognize two people with rewards that exemplify personal and organizational selflessness.

**Chuck Slagle** received the **Life Time Achievement Award**. Chuck has provided leadership for our safety program for over ten years. When the safety program started, we didn't have a shop. Without our safety program in place our insurance company wouldn't even cover us. Chuck has made it so we can function as the Guild that we know today. A heart felt "Thank You, Chuck" for your years of service.



Chuck Slagle

When Erwin Kurtz moved away he left a void around the shop. One area that was left was the Rough-to-Ready program. **Ron Haw** stepped up to not only fill this position but to change it into a system that has developed other instructors. We now have a program that is an ongoing opportunity for many to learn the basics of how to use all of our tools and for some to get their **Green Name Tag**. "Thank You, Ron, you deserve the **Contributor of the Year Award**."

There were several projects entered in the annual **Christmas Show-and-Tell**. All of them showed craftsmanship and pride in the quality of their project. First place went to **David Roth** with his beautiful federal style nightstand - cherry with marquetry on the top and all aprons. David even did a marquetry panel for the bottom of the drawer. If you have seen David's work before you know the quality of his workmanship and the detail of his projects. A very close second place went to **Cal Hobbs** with his Chippendale chair. This chair was exquisite with ball and claw front feet and hand carved splat. This was a museum quality piece. We truly have some master craftsmen in the Guild that we all can learn from.

As we face the New Year may we all find ways to learn new skills and turn wood into beautiful and functional pieces of art.

Roland Mohler  
President

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*Mistakes are a fact of life.  
It is the response to the error that counts.*

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Dr. Miranda Bishara

**January 18 Program**  
**Eye Health/Protecting Our Eyes While Working With Wood**  
With Dr. Miranda Bishara

We are pleased to present Dr. Bishara, Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas Department of Ophthalmology, or KU Eye Center. Dr. Bishara specializes in cataracts, cornea, and refractive surgery.

Since 2012, Dr. Bishara has been co-head ophthalmologist for both the Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals teams.

Passionate about helping those in need, Dr. Bishara served on medical mission trips to Ecuador and Peru during her residency and fellowship, and continues to seek opportunities to provide surgical eye care to underserved populations. Locally, she is active in education and promoting vision care, through the free JayDoc clinics and as a member of the KU Eye Lions Club, which offers quarterly free clinics and surgeries.

I have two experiences which should help convince you and me to protect our eyes whenever we are in the shop, whether at the Guild or at home or at a neighbor's shop.

First, one of my wife's uncles was a carpenter (actually several of the uncles were carpenters). While working at the table saw many years ago, a chunk of wood flew up at struck him in the head in a way as to injure his eye and cause him to lose sight in that eye. (I have sent many a small piece of wood flying on the cross-cut saw while using the sled.) Surely a good pair of protective lenses would have protected his eye sight.

In the second case, a neighbor was helping clean up in the church kitchen when someone dropped a wine glass on the floor. When it broke, a shard of glass penetrated his eye and he spent plenty of time in the VA Hospital in Leavenworth healing that wound. I was surprised that a shard of glass could be propelled from the floor to strike him in the eye from that distance.

Obviously, no one is going to be wearing special glasses while working around the kitchen, but the point is that even if you are not the cause of the object being thrown, that object can still do you damage. That is why there is the rule that you will wear protective lenses for your eyes at all times in the shop and that you should do the same at home or whenever you are near equipment even if it at your neighbor's house.

The protective lenses that my wife bought for us to use in the shop cost less than \$10 each while my prescription frames alone cost \$400 plus another \$300 for the prescription lenses. If nothing else, the cheap ones are good protection for the expensive ones and they have added protection from the sides.



Matt Nowak, Program Director



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David Kraatz

## ***2017 is shaping Up to be a Banner Training Year for Our Guild***

I am very pleased that **Norm Carpenter** has volunteered to be Assistant Training Director for our Guild. Norm is an accomplished woodworker, instructor and eager planner of classes. Please meet him and thank him for his assistance.

I am posing some ponderous New Year questions for Guild members of all levels of experience from beginning to advanced craftsmen.

- **Where** can you get access to an extensively equipped shop like ours to practice and hone your woodworking skills for the cost our membership?
- **Where** can you meet and associate with 700+ woodworkers of all experiences on a regular basis?
- **Where** can you meet and build you experience with more seasoned mentor woodworkers?
- **Where** can you practice with a more extensive safety program and practice?
- **Where** can you have the opportunity to get training classes at an affordable price, some with nationally known woodworkers and many from very skilled member craftsmen?

The **Answer** is very simple, the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild.

This year we are planning a full range of classes and associated training opportunities for members of the Guild.

If you are a new member or a sojourner from high school shop class or even a sometime maker, we offer the **Basic Woodworking Class**, which is a progressive 10 week class that will give you 30 hours of instruction on the basic operations of woodworking. You will build three projects that lead you in hands on experience with the major machines in our shop. You will also qualify for your Green card to allow you member shop privileges.

We offer monthly **Skill Builder Sessions** conducted by our members. These sessions are generally conducted on the first Saturday of each month and present a technique or process of woodworking. We have presented Mortise and Tenon joinery, re sawing on the band saw, band sawn boxes, dowel joinery, pocket screw joinery, basic cabinet making, using the dado saw, using the router table and hand cut dovetails to recall some recent ones. We will rerun some of these and we will stage new ones as the year progresses. The classes usually do not require a Green card and are open to all members.

We have scheduled two **Expert Level Classes** with nationally known woodworkers. In April, we will host **David Abeel**, a Michigan **Windsor Chair** maker. David's class will present the opportunity to make a stool, a side chair, an arm chair, a rocking chair or a settee. This is an excellent class for the beginner and seasoned woodworker alike to learn this ageless craft. David has conducted many classes. His biography and class description is listed on our web site. His class is currently open for enrollment.

In October, we will again host **Paul Schurch** for a class on making a marquetry jewelry box. If you ever hope or dream of learning this woodworking art, Paul Schurch's class is a rare opportunity to learn from an internationally known master. Paul's skill as an instructor will build your skill and experience quickly.



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In addition to these classes, we are planning a series of **mentored project classes** on intermediate level woodworking projects lead by several of our experienced members. These classes will be for six to ten students and meet over three to five class sessions to build a small piece of furniture like a table, chair, bench, display cabinet or chest that emphasizes a typical style or technique of woodworking. One of these classes will be scheduled in June with **Cal Hobbs** to lead us in making a hall table of walnut. This class will present a mix of traditional hand tool and basic machine tool operations to teach the process of build a piece of furniture.

As you can see, 2017 is shaping up to be a banner year for training. We do need your help to guide us in presenting offerings that meet your woodworking needs. If you have a suggestion for a class or a noted woodworking craftsman that you would like to see at the Guild, please convey your thoughts to Norm Carpenter or Dave Kraatz or send a note to [training@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:training@kcwoodworkersguild.org).

We would like for every visit to the Guild to be a lesson in woodworking.

Happy New Year.

David Kraatz, Training Director

## **Skill Builder Classes – A Great Addition to the Program**

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, The Guild hosted another in its running series of Skill Builder classes, when Marselle Bredemeyer demonstrated hand-crafted half-blind dovetails. About 24 people showed up and we were all enthralled by how quickly she was able to, not only create a 3-pin half-blind dovetail joint, but at the same time explain how to perform the actions needed. Marselle did an excellent job at explaining that half-blind dovetails aren't scary, just need a bit of chisel work.

When it was over, participants said that she did such a good job with the class that they were looking forward to what she might offer next.



The Guild offers these monthly skill building classes to present individual aspects of the woodworking craft to *members* who need to expand their skills in discrete areas. The classes are listed on the Guild's [website](#) and announced regularly through the Guild's email service. The classes are free and require no **Green Name Tags** or SignUps. You just show up and learn.

Other classes currently scheduled include:

February 4<sup>th</sup> – **Cutting Mortise and Tenons** – Instructor: Tim Locke – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

March 4<sup>th</sup> – **Door Making** – Instructor: Roland Mohler – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Suggestions for classes are always welcomed by Assistant Training Director Norm Carpenter at [AsstTraining@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:AsstTraining@kcwoodworkersguild.org).

[Editor's Note: Marselle can also be seen in the Guild's "**Tour the Guild Hall**" video on the Videos page of the About Us section of the website. Check it out at <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/about/videos/>.]

Andrew Carr



### **SKILL SHARPENING AND CAMARADERIE**

It's been turf box season at the Guild again. This month we made 100 of the Briefcase boxes for Field Turf.

Participation in group fund-raising projects such as this is a good way to practice using a piece of machinery or sharpen a skill, as they are generally done in batches, so you get lots of repetitions. For example, in this project we used the chop saw, jointer, planer, table saw, drill press, hand-held router, router table, dado saw, pneumatic nailer, orbital sander and horizontal belt sander. There was hand sanding, filling nail holes, and application of Danish oil, so even those without green badges have had a place to help out.

Besides that, it's a lot of fun working together with others for a common goal. I like meeting new members or people who don't normally come to the shop when I'm there. It's a good time to chat (while you're working, of course) and find out you have common interests or that maybe you only live a few minutes apart.



Yet another perk for helping with these projects, besides keeping the annual dues low, is that you earn "guild shares" for each hour you put in. These shares can be used for purchasing guild merchandise, paying for classes, or applying to your annual dues.

We appreciate those who came out to make the turf boxes, even on snowy days!

[Roger Bartlett, Vice President](#)

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### ***Holiday Celebration***

The Guild's Holiday celebration was a huge success. We had over 140 celebrants come to enjoy great company, food & see all the masterpieces that our members brought to show off. The dinner was catered by Brobecks BBQ.

It was a successful night in part to a large group of Members that lent a hand. I would like to thank the following people, Chuck Saunders for helping with emails & refreshments, John Sloss, David Desimone for running the Raffle tables. Tim Locke for letting us borrow tables. I would also like to thank all the members that helped set up and tear down the tables and chairs.

The raffle table raised \$650 that money will go back in the general fund of the guild and help keep our membership cost down. Thanks to all the members that donated items to be raffled off.

[Bill Lintner, Events Director](#)



### ***Events Director Position***

I am currently seeking someone to help out with and take over this position. I have currently been trying to juggle it along with my daytime job (Which is consuming me). The Events portion has dropped considerably due to my lack of having time to get everything done that needs done. This would be a great opportunity for someone to get involved with the guild and meet a lot of the members that you don't even know. The Events Director is in charge of setting up events such as but not limited to, Holiday Dinner, Makers Fair, Auction, Woodworking Show & Open House. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me @ [Events@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:Events@kcwoodworkersguild.org). Or you can call me @ (913)708-0522.

Bill Lintner, Events Director

### ***Woodworking Show***

The KC Wood working show is Jan. 20-22. It will be held at Kemper arena this year. I will need members to help set up, tear down & man the booth. We will also need members to bring projects that they would like to display at the event. Time to show off your work to the K.C. Area

Your Events Director will be out of town until the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>. So, I would need members to step up and help out. Contact me @ [Events@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:Events@kcwoodworkersguild.org)

Bill Lintner, Events Director

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### ***From the Shop***

This the start of a new year and there are a lot of important changes going on in the shop. Most importantly is **a new safety rule**, which rule is the result of observations and discussion by the Safety Committee while working on the new Safety Handbook. And the new rule is this; "Safety Glasses will be worn at all times during Open Shop times while you are in the shop". Because work is taking place throughout the shop, there is no place devoid of risk from airborne debris. I know that this rule is a big change and everybody hates change, but, these are the rules, and our goal is to keep the shop a safe place even with more members using the shop. I look forward to your cooperation.

While we're on the subject of safety glasses. Safety Glasses are made with impact rated lenses and side shields. They are not your regular glasses. They are not your regular glasses with snap on side shields. If you wear prescription glasses you know if you ordered safety glasses, because you had to special order them.

The foremen will make gentle reminders through January, but come February you will not be allowed to work in the shop without them.

The shop will be seeing some **improvements in the near future**. Improvements include some new dust collectors, a water-cooled spindle for the CNC Router (CNC Spindle?) and some new dust



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collector controls. These additions will help in lowering the ambient noise level in the shop long with providing better air quality and a cleaner shop.

A new resaw bandsaw is also in the works and the addition of a third router table.

The last change I will mention is **Thursday Evening**. Thursday evenings will now be exclusively Training Session Nights reserved for classes and other training activities that our Director of Training may schedule. As a result, Kevin Thomas is moving his Open Shop shift to the 4th Wednesday from 6-9pm.

The shop is a busy place, but with your cooperation I see our workshop also getting better.

Thanks,  
[Chuck Saunders, Assets Director](#)

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## ***2016 a Strong Year Financially***

The Guild had a very busy and financially successful 2016. We continue to maintain our sound financial position with a bank balance of \$153,637 at year end. With a lot of volunteer help and hard work the Guilds financial reserve increased by \$37,636 when compared to the beginning of the year. The increase includes a \$10,478 contribution from the Wood Carvers when they joined our organization.

Monthly cash flow statements are available on the Guild web site in the “Members Only” section under “Financial Statements”. The Treasurer will also be providing a financial update at the January 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

The Guild purchased over \$18,000 in new equipment during 2016. The purchases include two Saw Stop table saws, an Oneida dust collector, a 24” wide belt sander, improved audio equipment for uses during Guild meetings and ten replacement vices and other equipment. The shop expansion which was started in 2015 is now complete but equipment replacement and improvements are in the works for 2017.

Membership renewal is underway. There is a \$5.00 discount if you renew before February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not renew your membership before April 1<sup>st</sup> you will need to retake the safety test and orientation to regain your **Green Tag** and shop privileges. Your level of membership must be a “Sawdust Maker” or above and your safety orientation must be current to use shop equipment.

You can renew your membership by coming to the Guild to make a payment. Checks, cash or credit cards can be used. You can mail in the renewal using a check or you can go to the Guild web site and renew online using PayPal.

If you're interested in becoming more familiar with Guild finances or membership; help is always welcome. Please see me if you would like to volunteer your help.

[Gary Mielke, Treasurer](#)





## **Focus on Safety...**

As I stated in last month's Newsletter, our new comprehensive ***Safety Rules for the KCWG Shop*** handbook, in development by **Bob Edsall's** Safety Sub-Committee, is being finalized for rollout in early 2017 and will replace the existing machine-only safety rule sheets. Let me restate just one of the **shop-wide** rules that warrants more emphasis and has been strengthened in the new handbook:

***Wear safety glasses with side shields when the shop is in operation, wherever you are working, not just when you are using a machine yourself. Glasses should be ANSI Z87.1 rated.***

In the U.S., approximately 2.5 million people injure their eyes every year, mostly in industrial settings, like our Shop. The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) has stated that 90% of these eye injuries could have been prevented if the injured person had been using safety eyewear. Safety glasses can prevent minor eye injuries, such as retinal detachments and corneal abrasions, as well as major traumatic injuries, such as internal eye bleeding and permanent blindness. All it takes is one mishap, even on a machine someone else is using – an exploding grinding wheel or a wood fragment thrown by a table saw or router – to possibly change your life forever.

A few suggested sources for the specified safety eyewear are:

- Prescription (RX-Safety.com or Safevision.net)
- Non-prescription (USSafety.com)
- Reader magnifications (Amazon.com)
- Goggles
- Plastic safety glasses (KCWG)

Be smart. Follow the rules. Respect the Shop Foremen and others who occasionally remind you of the rules that are meant to protect you; and thanks for your continued Focus on Safety!



John Sloss, Safety Director

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***An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.***

- Mahatma Gandhi



## ***Plans for the library in 2017***

Another year over and another year begun. Hard to believe, isn't it? Guild membership has been ballooning over the recent year or two, and, with that, changes are coming to the Library to help support the sheer amount of resources acquired and donated to the Guild over the years by members like you.

Speaking of which, we have three major projects in the works for 2017 and could always use an extra hand or two. Feel free to email me at [Library@kcwoodworkersguild.org](mailto:Library@kcwoodworkersguild.org) or stop by the magazine sales table during meetings if you're interested in helping out.

In no particular order

We are planning to construct two additional bookcases because we have that many books on hand. I'll be announcing firm dates of when we will be constructing them in the February newsletter, so if you want to help - having a **Green Tag** is required - and want to make sure the right weekend or two is chosen, let me know!

A new library catalog system is, still, in the works. I feel confident in stating that we will switch over in April, after the name tag board is rearranged. (Have you renewed your membership yet?) More information to follow in the later months but don't worry, we'll have guides available and information sessions to introduce the system.

The final large project for the year will be an inventory of the many plans that the Guild has available squirreled away in the filing cabinets in the Library and hand tool room. We're still working on the details of how to do so - so if you have ideas, we'd love to hear them.

With the new year, please look over your shelves and see if you have a Library book or two that needs returning that you might have forgotten about. Remember, the Library is open whenever the front doors are open\* but the library door is usually closed to keep sawdust off the books.

\*Note: sometimes there are classes and meetings taking place, either come back later or sneak around quietly if that's the case. *People often come in and sneak around quietly.*

[Andrew Carr, Librarian](#)





## ***2017 KC Elegance in Wood - Show and Sale***

Our Woodcarvers SIG is hosting the annual Kansas City woodcarving show, "Elegance in Wood", March 24-25 at the John Knox pavilion, in Lee's Summit, MO.

This show includes many forms of carving and attracts wood enthusiasts from five states. The show involves a competition for prize monies of up to \$350 and has categories for scroll saw, turnings, boxes, intarsia and pyrography.

There will be a raffle of quality items every hour for the duration of the show.

Admission is \$5 and includes two free raffle tickets. This is a great time to buy wood and supplies. Exhibitor space is limited and preregistration of all work for judging must be submitted before March 1. Follow this [link](#) To the SIG page on the KCWG website for details. Register and pay online or print the application and send it in direct.

The show has been in the planning stages for several months, and we have made major changes in the format of the show. We look forward to expanding the format in coming years to encompass a larger variety of artistic expressions.

This is the SIG's first major effort since joining the Guild, and we hope to see lots of our new Guild friends at the event.

[Dan Robidoux, Show Chair](#)





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## KCWG Open Shop Schedule for January 2017

Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Sun, Jan 01		Rob Young							Happy New Year!				
1 Mon, Jan 02						Ron Haw				Gary Strohm			
1 Tue, Jan 03	Jerry Thompson			Craig Arnold							Kara Paris		
1 Wed, Jan 04	Roger Bartlett										Leadership Committee		
1 Thu, Jan 05	Gary Mielke										David Kraatz		
												Training Session	
1 Fri, Jan 06											Andrew Carr		
1 Sat, Jan 07	Bill Lintner							George Rexroad					
"						Skill Builder							
2 Sun, Jan 08		Rob Young						Mark Waugh					
2 Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2 Mon, Jan 09					Ron Haw							Wood Turners	
2 Tue, Jan 10	Jerry Thompson			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Roland Mohler		
2 Wed, Jan 11	Bob Caldwell											Scroll Saw SIG	
2 Thu, Jan 12	Gary Mielke											Lie-Nielsen KCWG Only 6:30 - 9	
2 Fri, Jan 13		Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event - Open to the Public									David Kraatz		
2 Sat, Jan 14		Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event - Open to the Public											
3 Sun, Jan 15		Chuck Saunders					Safety Orientation						
3 Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3 Mon, Jan 16						Ron Haw				Gary Strohm			
3 Tue, Jan 17	Jerry Thompson			Craig Arnold									
3 Wed, Jan 18	Roger Bartlett											General Meeting	
3 Thu, Jan 19	Gary Mielke											Basic Woodworking	
3 Fri, Jan 20											Brad Swaters		
3 Sat, Jan 21	Bill Lintner							George Rexroad					
"		Scroll Saw Class											
4 Sun, Jan 22		Rob Young					Hand Tool SIG						
4 Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4 Mon, Jan 23						Ron Haw							
4 Tue, Jan 24	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Roland Mohler		
"											Wood Carvers SIG		
4 Wed, Jan 25	Bob Caldwell										Kevin Thomas		
"											CNC SIG - 6:30		
4 Thu, Jan 26	Gary Mielke											Basic Woodworking	
4 Fri, Jan 27											David Kraatz		
4 Sat, Jan 28	David Kraatz												
5 Sun, Jan 29		Chuck Saunders											
5 Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5 Mon, Jan 30						Ron Haw							
5 Tue, Jan 31	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Roland Mohler		

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***“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.”***  
— Paulo Coelho