



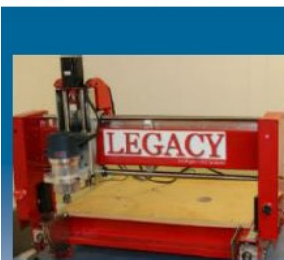
Wood Words

The Newsletter of the Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild

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See Square Riggers in the Shop

This area seems to be blessed with a fascination with miniatures, and making things like tall sailing ships in miniature must certainly present some intriguing challenges for the woodworker.

Tall sailing ships in the real world are really fascinating, but here in Kansas City the only practical way to see them is in their miniature form. The **Kansas City Square Riggers Club** will present our November 15th meeting, and from what I saw at the Makers Faire this year in Union Station, I believe that you, too, will be very impressed.

After visiting over the phone with our guest speaker about building miniature sailing ships, I discovered that there is even more to it than I already expected. For example, just buying a kit may not be the best way to get started in the hobby if you expect accuracy. Just as you should expect to read of a correction to the plans in the next issue of any *Woodworking Magazine*, you should expect that there will be errors in any hobby kit. So, how do you go about building the perfect miniature? Come to the meeting and find out from those who have been there and done it.

Polish your bifocals and get ready to be dazzled by the miniature tall sailing ships and their builders. Oh, if I am not mistaken, they also build ships representing those from the really early days, too, from the early Greeks and Vikings.

Any way you look at it, building sailing vessels in any scale can be very complex and challenging and what they produce is aesthetically pleasing as well. I am looking forward to it, and looking forward to seeing you there, too.

Matt Nowak, Programming Director



Renewal Time Coming Up

Guild membership is up moderately from last year. We currently have 777 members, up from 744 members at the end of 2016.

This year we will start the membership renewal process for existing members at the November meeting. Please note that we will be taking new members for 2018 starting December 1st. As in the past, if you renew before January 31, 2018 you will get a \$5 discount on your membership. And for those members who wish to belong to both the Woodworkers Guild and the Wood Turners club, you will get additional discounts worth \$10 (\$5 from each group). All memberships including those combining with the Wood Turners Club can be renewed online using PayPal or by check or cash at the shop. Sign up in the Members Only section of the web site.

Remember that you need to renew by March 31st to maintain your Green Card (and to keep your spot on the

“board”). Anyone renewing after March 31st will be considered a new member and will have to complete the safety requirements to use the shop.

As in the past, we have a large number of 2017 Membership cards that were never picked up. Remember, these cards will get you a discount at some of our sponsors – this benefit alone can often pay for the cost of the membership. Your new Membership cards will be in the membership office – they can be picked up at the monthly meeting or ask the Foreman on duty during any open shop.

Wayne Peterson, Membership Director



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New Member Profile—Clifton Robbins

Clifton Robbins is a new member of the KC Woodworkers Guild (about 3 months). He is the owner of Precision Elements, LLC, whose motto is: *“Manufacturing Excellence Through Meticulous Engineering”*.

Clifton’s specialty is Global Retail Display Manufacturing. The photo shows one of Clifton’s display units.

The Dremel is his favorite tool for fine adjustments, and basswood is a favorite wood material for hand carving and paintability.



One of Clifton’s favorite project is the Hallmark store in Cherry Creek Co that was built by hand rather than typical CNC manufacturing.

A recent purchase of 5 Craftsman woodworking machines for \$350 for the company prototype shop was considered a great deal.

One of Clifton’s favorite Guild activities is talking to the retired Guild members, hearing their stories, learning from them, and getting their advice.

Clifton’s shop tip: Using the right raw materials and properly machining parts to their exact specifications is the difference between an amateur and professional finished product. Test fit parts to the mating part before moving on the next part or set up. Order more material than you think you will need. Don’t start a project until you can afford all of the materials.

A safety tip from Clifton: Never wear gloves or loose clothing when operating machinery. Always protect your eyes and ears. Never reach your hand near a spinning cutter/blade to save a part that is being sucked in. Power off is your friend when something doesn’t sound or look right. Listen to the sound of the equipment. Use safety guards. Don’t operate equipment when you are distracted. Stop others from doing something stupid. Set up your equipment properly. Use the right equipment for the job or create a jig to make a piece of equipment work. Ask for help. Plan/think ahead.

Clifton Robbins; Owner/CEO

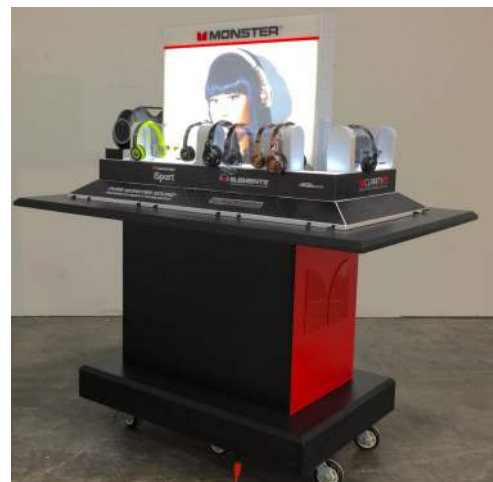
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Tim Locke, Board Member-at-Large



Program Etiquette

I have a request to make of the members at our monthly meetings. Please refrain from conversations once the speaker has started talking. Even sitting up front, I can hear several conversations going on while the speaker is doing his or her presentation. You have to remember that as we get older, we generally speak louder because we need to hear ourselves speaking. You might think that you are speaking softly, but between your need to speak more loudly and the fact that the person to whom you are speaking may also be hard of hearing, your conversations can be heard up front all too well. I seriously doubt that you want to be disrespectful, but that's how it comes across.

Thank you for showing respect to our speakers by not holding conversations during the program. (Think about visiting after the program or outside in the refreshing air.)

Matt Nowak, Programs Director



From the President

In my recent trip to Florida I saw some things that inspired me. I saw neighbors that didn't really know each other step forward and help each other. I even saw total strangers stop and help the elderly tarp their roofs to protect their property. Two of the major box store corporations sold all of their stock of OSB and plywood for the entire state of Florida at cost so that people could protect their homes. I saw people pull together and grow stronger.

This year as a Guild we have faced several challenges, I have seen people step up out of their comfort zones and help in ways that they didn't think that they could. We have faced adversity and while it has hurt we as a whole have pulled together and grown stronger. I am proud of the Guild. I see people that truly care about others. The Board has received multiple requests to help others. Some we have been able to meet and some we haven't. It warms my heart to see the foremen and instructors step forward and help members with projects. As a foreman and instructor there is a joy that comes in watching someone else develop new skills. We are an all-volunteer organization. If you have any desire to help in any way please step forward. This Guild has more than doubled in size in the last 5 years and the size of the leadership hasn't. It is very rewarding to work with this group. It inspires me to be a better person.

Roland Mohler, President



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4/4 African Mahogany

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KCWG Open Shop Schedule for Nov 2017

Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Wed, Nov. 01	Roger Bartlett										LC Meeting		
1 Thu, Nov. 02	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
1 Fri, Nov. 03										Andrew Carr			
1 Sat, Nov. 04	Mike Jones							George Rasroad					
1 Sun, Nov. 05		Chuck Saunders					Skill Builder						
							Chris Mccauley						
							Power Tool SIG						
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Mon, Nov. 06						Ron Haw					Gary Strohm		
											Precision Box Construction II		
1 Tue, Nov. 07	Roger Bartlett			Craig Arnold							Kara Paris		
2 Wed, Nov. 08	Bob Caldwell										Scroll Saw SIG		
2 Thu, Nov. 09	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
2 Fri, Nov. 10										David Kraatz			
2 Sat, Nov. 11	David Kraatz				Norm Carpenter								
											Scroll Saw Class		
2 Sun, Nov. 12		Chuck Saunders						Mark Waugh					
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2 Mon, Nov. 13						Ron Haw							
2 Tue, Nov. 14	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Roland Mohler		
											Safety Committee		
3 Wed, Nov. 15	Gary Mielke										General Meeting		
3 Thu, Nov. 16	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
3 Fri, Nov. 17											Brad Swaters		
3 Sat, Nov. 18	Bill Lintner						Orientation No Open Shop		George Rasroad				
3 Sun, Nov. 19		Chuck Saunders						Chris McCauley					
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3 Mon, Nov. 20						Gary Mielke					Precision Box Construction II		
3 Tue, Nov. 21	Matt Nowak			Craig Arnold							Roland Mohler		
4 Wed, Nov. 22	Bob Caldwell										Kevin Thomas		
											CNC SIG - 6:30		
4 Thu, Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving						(No Open Shop)						
4 Fri, Nov. 24					Andrew Carr						David Kraatz		
4 Sat, Nov. 25	David Kraatz												
4 Sun, Nov. 26		Chuck Saunders						Wayne Peterson					
								Handtool SIG					
4 Mon, Nov. 27						Gary Mielke					Precision Box Construction II		
4 Tue, Nov. 28	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Roland Mohler		
											Wood Carvers SIG		
5 Wed, Nov. 29													
5 Thu, Nov. 30	Gary Mielke										Various		
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Tentative
KCWG Open Shop Schedule for December 2017

Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fri, Dec. 01	Ron Haw									Andrew Carr			
Sat, Dec. 02	Mike Jones						Skill Builder		George Paszrod				
Sun, Dec. 03		Chuck Saunders					Chris McCauley						
							Power Tool SIG						
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mon, Dec. 04	Ron Haw									Gary Strohm			
										Project Finishing: 8:30 - 10:00			
Tue, Dec. 05	Matt Nowak			Craig Arnold						Kara Parls			
										Project Finishing: 8:30 - 10:00			
Wed, Dec. 06	Roger Bartlett										LC Meeting		
Thu, Dec. 07	Gary Melka									Various			
Fri, Dec. 08	Ron Haw									David Kraatz			
Sat, Dec. 09	David Kraatz			Norm Carpenter						Project Finishing: 8:30 - 10:00			
	Scroll Saw Class												
Sun, Dec. 10		Chuck Saunders						Mark Waugh					
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mon, Dec. 11	Ron Haw										Wood Turners		
Tue, Dec. 12	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold			Roland Mohler			
										Safety Committee			
Wed, Dec. 13	Bob Caldwell										Scroll Saw SIG		
Thu, Dec. 14	Gary Melka									Various			
Fri, Dec. 15	Ron Haw									Brad Swaters			
Sat, Dec. 16	Bill Lintner							George Paszrod					
	Building Wooden Toys												
Sun, Dec. 17		Chuck Saunders						Chris McCauley					
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mon, Dec. 18	Ron Haw									Gary Strohm			
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Wed, Dec. 20	Roger Bartlett										General Meeting		
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Sat, Dec. 23	David Kraatz												
Sun, Dec. 24		Chuck Saunders						Wayne Peterson					
Hour Beginning	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mon, Dec. 25	Merry Christmas - No Open Shop												
Tue, Dec. 26	Roger Bartlett			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold			Roland Mohler			
										Wood Carvers SIG			
Wed, Dec. 27	Bob Caldwell									Kevin Thomas			
										CNC SIG - 8:30			
Thu, Dec. 28	Gary Melka									Various			
Fri, Dec. 29										Andrew Carr			
Sat, Dec. 30	Mike Jones												
Sun, Dec. 31		Chuck Saunders											
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