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Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild

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OCTOBER SAFETY NEWS

I was really challenged to come up with a topic for this month, then I recalled something that I encountered recently while working in the shop. Like many of you, I get to the shop all revved up and ready to work, only to be delayed by the condition of the saw blades. Condition you ask? By condition, I mean, the teeth of the blade are usually caked pretty heavily with pitch. This isn't going to be a big deal if you are cutting softer woods, but it becomes a VERY big deal when you are planning to rip some denser, harder woods such as maple, birch, cherry, ash or oak. You know the pitch is especially bad

when you leave behind the telltale brown saw marks on the poplar. The pitch, as most of you know, is the natural oil or resin in the wood. As it is heated up, it becomes more liquid and proceeds to fill up the sides of the teeth and the gullet of the saw blade. The key here is the "heat" buildup and what it is doing to the saw blade. The reason I am even bringing this up is because I proceeded to remove a saw blade to clean it the other day and upon doing so, I noticed the laser cut vibration dampener that is cut into each blade, was missing one end of that vibration dampener. Upon further examination, I noticed a very distinct pitch line 2-3" up on the inside of the blade. This occurs when someone is attempting to rip 8/4 or thicker stock. It is not unusual for a thick slab of walnut or cherry or any other hardwood, to have a tremendous amount of tension in the board. When ripping,



it is possible for this tension to be so great, that the rip cut you just made starts to close up and literally pinches the riving knife. I've seen this happen many times before, and this is where the safety issue is brought to bear. When ripping a thick board, two things occur; That tension is being released and the heat is building up in the saw blade. The higher the temp, the more likely it is that the temper is being impacted. Hence, the breaking of those thin little slices in the dampener. We can be very thankful that the downward momentum of

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the saw blade is casting that broken piece of steel into the cabinet or beyond into the dust chutes. When the material is reacting to the point that it is closing down on the riving knife, it is customary to push harder due to the resistance you are encountering. If you see this happening, it is best to stop pushing and turn off the saw. Once the blade stops (which should be pretty fast) lift the stock off of the riving knife and start your rip cut all over again. In some cases, you may need to insert a wooden wedge into the cut past the riving knife in order to lift the material off of the riving knife. By starting your rip cut over again, this will create a wide enough kerf that it shouldn't close down on the riving knife. If it does, repeat the process. You might also want to reconsider using that piece of stock since that tension is so great, it could come back to haunt you by continuing



to bend, curl or twist. This is the unfortunate truth in using material that has been cut at 8/4 or greater thickness. The bigger safety issue is when encountering that resistance, our natural tendency is to continue to push using greater force and that

then becomes a bit risky should your hand slip on top of that board. When you get to the shop with the intention of ripping stock, check those blades for heavy pitch build-up. We have cleaning chemicals in the kitchen and the necessary stiff bristle brushes to aid in removing the pitch. If you aren't comfortable doing it, please ask the Shop Foreman to assist you and show you how it is done. It is best to invest a little time up front cleaning the rip blade or the crosscut blade versus spending quite a bit more time trying to sand out or remove those unsightly brown marks on your project material. It will be time well spent. I look forward to seeing everyone back in the shop.

Mike Jones
Director of Safety



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Renewal Period for 2021 will start Nov 18, 2020 and run thru Feb. 28, 2021

Membership Level	\$/yr
Benefactor	\$150
Woodworker Plus	\$125
Sawdust Maker	\$95
Regular	\$50
Senior	\$35
Student	\$25

Our Guild continues to grow, currently we are closing in on 850 members! Down about 50 from this time last year, but considering everything that has happened in 2020 seeing some additional new faces is encouraging.

The renewal period is drawing near – as we did last year, we will start taking renewals and new members for 2021 at the November meeting. Membership costs will not increase for 2021 Membership.

We will continue the \$5 discount for early renewals (between 11-18-20 and 1-31-21). The overall renewal period will remain the same as last year – you will have until February 28, 2021 to renew your membership. After February 28th, you will be considered a new member and will need to re-qualify for your Green Badge.

Jim Berard
Director of Membership



SANTA'S WORKSHOP AND HOLIDAY SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Last month we announced that there would be a Santa's Workshop where kids could make a toy from scratch and that there would be a Holiday Sale in conjunction with it.

At the time the plans were made, there was hope that a Covid vaccine would be ready by November or that things would be back to somewhat "normal." Guess what? Doesn't look like that is going to happen. (Frowning Face)

Therefore, missing appropriate protocols for dealing with a public that might not be as concerned for the safety and well being of our members, the Guild Leadership has decided to not offer the Santa's Workshop in 2020 but, may look at the idea again in 2021.

Following some discussions with the Woodturner's, missing a draw to get the public to our Holiday Sale we have decided to set it aside for 2020 and revisit it when the World gets back to semi-normal, hopefully in 2021.



*Mike
McCauley*
Secretary

SPONSORSHIP NOTES

Please welcome our new Cherry Level Sponsor, Walrus Oil located in Springfield, MO. Owner Dave Darr has formulated 100% food safe and VOC free oil and wax finishes for cutting board and furniture; 100% natural and dye free oil and wax for leather care; and plant-based waterless skincare products. All products are made in Missouri.

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To contact or place an order for Walrus Oil: <https://walrusoil.com/>

In addition to the sponsor above, we would like to thank Rich Meinens for the donation of magazines, miter box w/saw, Woodcraft hold down safety rollers and assorted wood.



Duane Miller
Director of
Sponsorship

BEN HOBBS TO PRESENT AT MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE KANSAS CITY WOODWORKERS GUILD

Cal Hobbs gave us a great program in September and now we have the pleasure of having his father, Ben Hobbs, to give us a program that I assume is going to be related to the awesome Queen Anne Chair workshop that he is giving for



the guild in October. We are truly lucky to have both Ben and Cal giving these presentations to us, especially considering how well they are known nationally in the fine woodworking world. What I enjoy about listening to them and watching them is that they usually include far more information and background on the subject than what you would expect from a simple class.

More about Ben Hobbs: Ben Hobbs has been building period reproduction furniture for nearly 30 years. After teaching high school math for 10 years, Ben's passion for early American furniture and architecture drew him into the shop in 1982. Since then, Ben has operated as a bespoke custom furniture maker reproducing fine early American pieces, focusing on Southern and local NC examples. After training all three of his sons to be accomplished furniture makers, Ben opened his shop doors in 1996 to train students in his woodworking school.

Ben's work and/or school has been featured in Fine Woodworking, Southern Living, Woodshop News, Woodworkers' Journal, The Virginian Pilot, Coast Watch Magazine, Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild, and OurState Magazine.



In 2011 the Society of American Period Furniture Makers awarded Ben Hobbs with the Cartouche Award in recognition of his high standards of craftsmanship and his efforts in teaching others the trade and sharing the craft with the public.

Then for our November Meeting: We will hear from Patrick Haire, who owns and runs a full-



time woodworking shop in Humboldt, Kansas. His shop is not a museum. It is a completely operational fine furniture production shop. What makes it unique is that all of his equipment are run by belts. As Patrick says, it's the type of equipment in his shop that basically was the reason for the creation of OSHA.



Matthew Nowak
Director of Programs

FROM THE SHOP

Your patience please. Sometimes you get everything together and set off to the shop to work on your project, when you arrive you find that your plans are dashed. Maybe you have arrived at one of the very rare times that there are more than 10 members in the shop. Luckily this happens very rarely and usually only for a short time before a space opens up.

You might find that the shop is closed. What! The schedule says the shop is open until 9:00pm and it's only 8:40. If the shop is empty toward the end of Open Shop, usually in the last hour, and there is no one in the shop, the Foreman may choose to shut down the shop and go on home. Remember the Foreman is volunteering and sitting in an empty shop just in case someone happens to come by sometimes is just not the best use of their time. Likewise in inclement weather the foreman may decide that it is better to go home early to avoid spending the night in their car on the side of the road. Granted that will be the day you arrive by dogsled fully prepared to brave the elements.

But even when you arrive to find the shop open and available you come in to find that the one machine that you need to use for your project is Out of Order. While that is also a rare occurrence it does happen and often is dependent on ordering



parts and upon their arrival repairing the machine. I bet they don't have that problem in the commercial shops. Well they do though they can justify the inventory of service parts to cut downtime. We don't and pass the savings on to you.

What's my point in all of these excuses? Well basically cut us some slack. The Guild is entirely run by volunteer effort by members like yourself who donate of their time to make the wheels on the Guild go round and round. Turns out that they also have jobs and family and lives that prevents them from being in the shop 24/7. Because of this shortcoming I ask for your patience and understanding when you find your goal being obstructed, it's nothing personal and we are doing what we can to alleviate the issue. Sometimes things just happen.

**By Chuck
Saunders**

Director of Assets



**ATTEND THE
VIRTUAL
SEPTEMBER
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
FROM THE
COMFORT
OF YOUR
HOME**

**Wednesday,
OCTOBER 21,
2020 at 7:00pm**

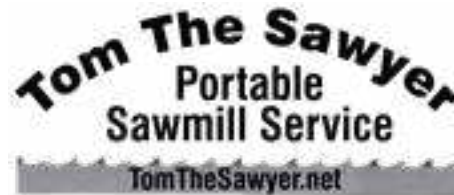
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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Lots of things are happening with communications at the Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild; We are working towards more and more video communications as we move through the COVID-19 issues and all of the rules that are coming from every imaginable direction.

Mark Crowley is investigating the introduction of a 'store' to sell KCWG branded product and possibly other items.

Recently we introduced an auction site to help liquidate surplus machinery and other products and have held two successful auctions.

We are cautiously moving towards setting up a reading area in the library. In conjunction with this effort we also plan to use the area for video production where we will be able create officer reports that can be broadcast to the membership during the virtual membership meetings. In addition to officer reports the area can be used to hold interviews of special guests and other individuals as we build a video library of interviews and projects.

We are seeing signs that video segments will be an expanding service at the guild and I



can assure you that we are both investigating these processes and seeking expertise in these areas from the membership. If you have skills in producing and editing videos please drop me a note if you would like to get involved.

The Communications Committee is working hard to provide the resources that make your membership the best experience that we can provide. We are actively seeking to improve any deficiencies as we discover them and as budget constraints allow.

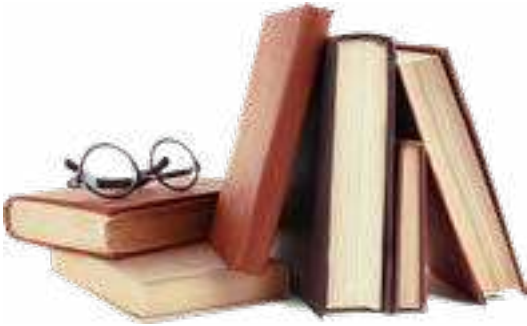
Please don't hesitate to offer suggestions that point us to areas that you feel need attention and improvement. We will do our best to review, correct and implement any changes to those areas that are necessary.

Ron Haw

*Director of Commu-
nications
& Newsletter
Editor*



LIBRARY REPORT



Two new additions by Taunton Books include a book on joinery by Gary Rogowski and a book on jigs and fixtures by Sandor Nagyszalanczy. They will be added to the online catalog.

There is a Library Checkout 3 ring binder on the Library desk if you would prefer to use that instead of using the computer. Items that are returned should be placed in container on the desk marked "Returns" and we will take care of them. There is also a container for items to be reshelfed.

If you have trouble getting a book checked out or any other Library issue please send an email to: librarian@kcwoodworkersguild.org -or- library@kcwg.org. There is container of hand sanitizer on the Library desk if you need to use that.

Don Steele
Librarian



SHOULD THE GUILD HAVE AN ONLINE STORE?

The Guild is pursuing the idea of selling Guild merchandise on our website. We have already initiated Guild Auctions on our website in the past and have sold two items to date.



We have placed the proposed KCWG Store and Auctions online in demo mode so our members can see what we are thinking at this time. Since we are in demo mode please feel free to browse and try out the features. You can simulate selecting merchandise, placing it in your cart and viewing the result in the checkout window. Please note that Paypal is in sandbox mode so you will not be able to simulate a Paypal purchase.

To access the store and auctions you just need to log into the Members Only area of our main website at kcwg.org. After logging in you will see KCWG Store/Auctions as one of the selections available in the Members Only menu pull down. If you are asked to login again just use the same members only ID and password. Let us know if you have any questions, something doesn't work, corrections, can't access, etc.

Also please provide feedback on your thoughts on the store in general, additional merchandise, merchandise options, shipping, local pickup, packaging, etc. If the store moves forward we will also need volunteers to help select and order new merchandise, package and shipping.

Mark Crowley
Webmaster &
Assistant Director of
Communications



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PLEASE WELCOME THESE 26 NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE GUILD IN THE PAST MONTH

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	HOMETOWN	STATE	MEMBERSHIP	JOINED
Theresa	Coyle	Lansing	KS	WW+	8/16/2020
Terry	Johnston	Lansing	Ks	WW+	8/16/2020
Derek	Niemann	Weston	Mo	Sawdust	8/18/2020
Randy	Chapman	Fairway	KS	Sawdust	8/19/2020
Daniel	Hull	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	8/19/2020
Patrick	Gleason	Gladstone	MO	Sawdust	8/20/2020
Michael	Sarber	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	8/21/2020
Scott	Shelton	Raymore	MO	Senior	8/29/2020
Jordan	Johnson	Kansas City	Missouri	Sawdust	8/30/2020
Koleton	Krueger	Overland Park	Kansas	WW+	8/31/2020
Steven	Hoover	Liberty	Missouri	Benefactor	9/8/2020
Yann	Aguirre	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	9/9/2020
Anders	Meyer	Leawood	KS	WW+	9/11/2020
Christopher	Dowdy	Leawood	KS	WW+	9/14/2020
Samuel	Hund	Mission	KS	Sawdust	9/14/2020
Mark	Leetch	Lee's Summit	MO	WW+	9/15/2020
Michael	Martin	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	9/15/2020
Dennis	Velasquez	Overland Park	KS	Sawdust	9/19/2020
Jesse	Williams	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	9/19/2020
Brendan	McCann	Overland Park	KS	WW+	9/23/2020
Mark	Buhl	Leavenworth	KS	WW+	9/24/2020
Brian	Rorabaugh	Overland Park	KS	Sawdust	9/25/2020
Allyson	Doyle	Freeman	MO	WW+	9/29/2020
Anthony	Harris	Overland Park	Kansas	Sawdust	9/29/2020
Preston	Hawkins	Lawrence	KS	Sawdust	9/29/2020
Dave	Darr	Springfield	MO	WW+	9/29/2020

Current Membership: **845**

OCTOBER 2020 OPEN SHOP SCHEDULE

day	October	Date	9am	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9pm	
Thursday	October	1	Gary Mielke									Basic Woodworking				
Friday	October	2							David Bleier							
Saturday	October	3	Mike Jones						George Rexroad							
Sunday	October	4		Chuck Saunders					Chris McCauley Powertool SIG							
Monday	October	5						Ron Haw				Gary Strohm				
Tuesday	October	6	Gary Creek			Craig Arnold							Kara Paris			
Vednesda	October	7	Roger Bartlett				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30			LC Meeting				
Thursday	October	8	Gary Mielke									Basic Woodworking				
Friday	October	9						Ed Stewart				Barb Hinton				
Saturday	October	10	Dave Kraatz				Norm Carpenter									
Sunday	October	11		Rob Young						Mark Waugh						
Monday	October	12	John Johnson				Ron Haw					Woodturners General Meeting				
Tuesday	October	13	Matt Nowak			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold			Mike Falkner		Safety Comm Mtg		
Vednesda	October	14	Bob Caldwell				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30			Scrollsaw SIG				
Thursday	October	15	Gary Mielke									Basic Woodworking				
Friday	October	16						Mike McCauley				Marselle Bredemeyer				
Saturday	October	17	Dave Kraatz					George Rexroad								
Sunday	October	18		Chuck Saunders						Chris McCauley						
Monday	October	19	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class -- No Open Shop										Gary Strohm			
Tuesday	October	20	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class -- No Open Shop										Craig Arnold			
Vednesda	October	21	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class -- No Open Shop										General Meeting			
Thursday	October	22	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class -- No Open Shop										Basic Woodworking			
Friday	October	23	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class -- No Open Shop										Rick Chandler			
Saturday	October	24	Ben Hobbs Queen Anne Chair Class No Open Shop					Ron Haw			David Bleier					
Sunday	October	25		Rob Young				Handtool SIG Safety Orientation		Wayne Peterson						
Monday	October	26						Ron Haw								
Tuesday	October	27	Matt Nowak			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold			Mike Falkner		Carving SIG		
Vednesda	October	28	Bob Caldwell				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30			Kevin Thomas		CNC SIG		
Thursday	October	29	Gary Mielke									Basic Woodworking				
Friday	October	30										Norm Carpenter				
Saturday	October	31	Mike Jones													

TENTATIVE

NOVEMBER 2020 OPEN SHOP SCHEDULE

day	November	Date	9am	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9pm
Sunday	November	1		Chuck Saunders					Chris McCauley Powertool SIG						
Monday	November	2						Ron Haw					Gary Strohm		
Tuesday	November	3	Gary Creek			Craig Arnold							Kara Paris		
Wednesday	November	4	Roger Bartlett				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30				LC Meeting		
Thursday	November	5	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
Friday	November	6							David Bleier						
Saturday	November	7	Mike Jones						Basic Skills Class		George Rexroad				
Sunday	November	8		Rob Young						Mark Waugh					
Monday	November	9	John Johnson				Ron Haw						Woodturners General Meeting		
Tuesday	November	10	Matt Nowak			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Mike Falkner Safety Comm Mtg		
Wednesday	November	11	Bob Caldwell				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30				Scrollsaw SIG		
Thursday	November	12	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
Friday	November	13						Ed Stewart					Barb Hinton		
Saturday	November	14	Dave Kraatz				Norm Carpenter								
Sunday	November	15		Chuck Saunders						Chris McCauley					
Monday	November	16	Jerry Thompson					Ron Haw					Gary Strohm		
Tuesday	November	17	Gary Creek			Craig Arnold									
Wednesday	November	18	Roger Bartlett										General Meeting		
Thursday	November	19	Gary Mielke										Basic Woodworking		
Friday	November	20							Mike McCauley				Marselle Bredemeyer		
Saturday	November	21	Dave Kraatz						George Rexroad						
Sunday	November	22		Rob Young					Handtool SIG Safety Orientation	Wayne Peterson					
Monday	November	23						Ron Haw							
Tuesday	November	24	Matt Nowak			Ron Lomax			Craig Arnold				Mike Falkner Carving SIG		
Wednesday	November	25	Bob Caldwell				Roland Mohler		Scott Engelmann 3:30				Kevin Thomas CNC SIG		
Thursday	November	26	Thanksgiving Shop Closed			Thanksgiving Shop Closed			Thanksgiving Shop Closed			Thanksgiving Shop Closed			
Friday	November	27							Ed Stewart				Rick Chandler		
Saturday	November	28	Dave Kraatz				Ron Haw			David Bleier					
Sunday	November	29		Chuck Saunders						Mike McCauley					
Monday	November	30						Ron Haw							

GUILD ACTIVITIES AT THE SHOP:

Classes have resumed on a limited basis & open shop sessions resumed on June 1, with modified rules. Always check the guild website before leaving home to be sure that a scheduled event is actually taking place.

There will also be times when the shop will be closed to open shop periods due to a special meeting, class or event. These closures will be clearly noted on the monthly open shop schedule and are typically highlighted by a color other than the green background that normally indicates an open shop period.

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Guild Training and Available Classes	http://kcwg.org/classes/
Members Only Section (Password Rqd).....	http://kcwg.org/member-only-area/
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