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Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

2021 will be a better year. I'm glad hindsight is now 2020.

The Guild shop remains open, serving up to 20 members plus the shop foreperson. Remember to keep your distance, wear a mask, and use hand sanitizer after working with high-touch items such as machine paddle switches and on/off switches, vise handles, clamp handles, etc.

It is important to sign in at the log book when coming into the Guild not only to work in the shop, but also, when using the library or visiting a SIG meeting. It helps us in contact tracing. Just recently, we were able to inform members of potential COVID-19 exposure by an infected member using the logbook to determine the time frame and who was in the shop at the time.

If you don't feel well, don't come in.

Tappy New Year. I'm hopeful If you test positive to COVID-19 and Remember, to renew your membeen in the shop within 10 days of your first symptoms, please notify us. Your name will not be used in any way as we do the tracing. I don't want to see anyone get sick and possibly spread the virus to their family members who may be more susceptible.

> Wash your hands often, don't touch your face, use the hand sanitizers, and wear a mask!

> Chris McCauley hopes to have the new, improved live-streaming system set up, tested, and ready for the January meeting. If you have any Show and Tell items, please send them to kcwg.meetings@gmail.com and include your name, project name, features, species of wood, finish used, and the challenges encountered during your project. Big or small, we'll take them all!

bership by the end of January and save \$5. Also, if you fail to renew by February 28, you'll need to retake your safety certification. And who wants to do that?

Check your emails and website for upcoming classes.

If you'd like to see a class or a demonstration at the Guild, let us know and we'll work to make it happen.

That's it for this month, see you in the shop a demonstration at the Guild, let us know and we'll work to make it happen.

That's it for this month, see you in the shop.

> Sincerely, Craig Arnold President



THE MEMBERSHIP CLOCK IS TICKING

Membership renewal season is progressing with about 460 renewals (54%) received thru Jan 12. **Thank You!** We've had 34 New Members enroll in Dec. thru the first two weeks in Jan. Welcome Aboard! A reminder enrollment email is scheduled for 1/18/21. Once a member renews they will not receive future reminders. Members can also renew thru the Members Only Area of the kcwg.org website or by mailing a check to the Guild noted, Attention: Membership.

We will continue the \$5 discount for early renewals (now thru 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.



JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

I'm really excued usual this month's program, which I'm really excited again about will be presented by Larry and Cammie of L&K Hardwoods. a sawmill in eastern Jackson County on the historic Blue Mills Grist Mill site. Their property also borders the Little Blue River which gives them access to some wonderful timber.

They built their main building





around their large capacity bandsaw mill. How many places do you know that can handle 5-foot diameter logs? Having plenty of timber, they used timber frame construction methods for the construction of their building, so I'm also looking forward to paying them a visit in person.

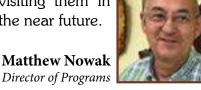
Needless to say, they produce some huge slabs. Larry was telling me about a 4-foot wide walnut slab they cut. I deal with several wood turners when I sell some of my hoard of wood and Larry pointed out that he does quite a bit of custom sawing for wood turners who want those really thick chunks for big bowls and vessels.

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To make their operation complete, they also installed a vacuum dry kiln so that you can bring in your special log, have it custom cut and then dried for quicker use than if you air dried it at one year per inch of thickness. The kiln also kills off those boring insects.

We. love promoting local entrepreneurs that are in the wood business and I'm sure that you will find this program very useful if you are at all interested in finding another source of locally sawn woods. I just bought a pretty nice

lathe so I know that I will be visiting them in the near future.



Matthew Nowak

2021 GUILD ELECTIONS

Pim Locke, Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild Member at Large requests requests volunteers for a nomination committee for Guild Board and Guild Director Positions and new nominees.

The Guild Director elections for the odd year are as follows:

- "d. These Directors shall be elected by the membership at the annual April meeting and will take office at the May Leadership Committee
- e. The term of office is two (2) years. All Directors may be elected for a second term with a maximum of two consecutive terms holding the same office, unless a quorum vote is taken by the membership to allow a Director to continue in their position.
- f. To ensure continuity of the Guild leadership, no more than 50% of the Director positions will be replaced in the same year. The Assets, Events, Programs, and Sponsorship Directors will be replaced in odd years"

The Guild also has an opening in the next election for two Board positions. After election to the Guild Board the new members of the Board are typically nominated to Guild officer positions of Sectary and Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee will be requested to nominate members to the above open positions. The Nominating committee preformed an excellent job of selecting nominees in past elections.

If interested in serving on the nominating Committee please contact Tim Locke, Member at Large; MemberAtLarge@kcwoodworkersguild.org:tlocke@ lockeami.com; 816 392 9889 cell





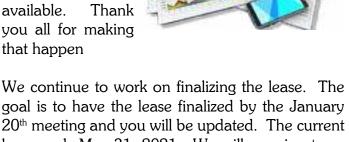
FINANCIAL UPDATE

The financial book for 2020 is closed and the ■ budget for 2021 will be completed by the end of the month. The Guild ended the year in a sound financially position. At year end cash and CD's total a little over \$207 thousand. The annual financial report to members will take place at the January 20th general meeting. The report will provide an overview of 2020 financial activity. The meeting will be virtual livestreamed over YouTube. So be sure to tune in.

If you are interested in financial detail, it's on the website in the "Members Only" section. The section contains monthly financial activity and the year-end financial statement. Please review the material and email me any questions or see me individually I will answer the question at the January 20th meeting.

I need to thank all the individuals who contributed their time and money to make the Guild so

successful. My job is a lot easier and straight forward if the funds to operate the organization are available. Thank you all for making that happen



goal is to have the lease finalized by the January 20th meeting and you will be updated. The current lease ends May 31, 2021. We will remain at our current location, but the length of the lease has not been finalized.

Hope you all had a Happy New Year and that we get back to near normal in 2021.





Greetings from the Safety Desk.

As 2021 begins, I am prompted to write a few words following today's safety orientation. We welcomed 8 new members into the Guild this afternoon. As I was conducting that safety orientation, it occurred to me that the mix of ages and levels of experience represented in that orientation are most certainly a microcosm of our Guild membership, which is hovering somewhere near or over 900 members. Of the folks taking the orientation today, there were 4 who rated themselves at a beginner/novice level, a couple who saw themselves as intermediate and one who probably was at an advanced level having built cabinets for his own home in two different locations. In our orientation, we cover all the basics of our safety program, as many of you know. We do not have nearly the time to cover every minute detail of each machine and the safe operation of that machine. Hopefully, as we develop our safety videos, we can present details that might be missed in our live orientation.

One of the things that was



SAFETY NEWS



discussed todav in our orientation, is the recommended height of the saw blade for safely ripping or crosscutting material on our SawStop table There is a continual saws. argument as to what is the typical or recommended height one should place the saw blade prior to ripping or crosscutting. The **KCWG** recommended height is 1/8" to 1/4" above the material being cut on the saw. I have watched several YouTube videos addressing this question. I have seen or heard discussions claiming as much as 2" above to a height that exposes the entire gullet (the valley in the blade directly behind each tooth). Surprisingly, I learned recently that the blade manufacturers recommend the blade height to be that of exposing the gullet so that all the sawdust is removed. thereby reducing the buildup, and "burning" that we have all experienced on the sides of our work. I am not certain who is right in this argument but let me remind everyone reading this that our Shop policy is to raise the blade so that only $\frac{1}{2}$ the

tooth or the entire tooth of the blade is exposed. This minimizes your exposure to the blade while the saw is on, thereby reducing the risk of you triggering the braking mechanism on our saws. Right or wrong, I need to remind everyone that our policy on this is clear and to please follow our recommendation while using the Guild shop.

It is a challenge for all of us to remember every little detail of our safety guidelines and when in doubt...." please ask the shop foreman" for guidance. While most of our safety guidelines are mere common sense, it is always a good idea to check the safety



guidelines posted around the shop if you are not completely sure. As we enter a new year, please enter the shop with an attitude toward safety for you and those working around you. And don't forget.... until the policy changes, please wear your mask

and never forget your safety glasses. See you in the shop!





FROM THE SHOP

s the old adage goes, "It's does not have to be dryed poor craftsman that blames his tools, that's what the materials are for". Today my voice will be that of the hardwood evangelist. We will define some terms before we get started. Hardwood -- wood from decidous trees (lose their leaves) Softwood -wood from coniferous trees (cone bearing evergreens). These are very general definitions and I'm sure the more wood savvu among you will have points of contention with my definitions. If that's you please contact Matt Nowak and enjoy your high brow wood discussions. If you're Matt, nobody likes know-it-all career forester

Often members decide to build their projects from softwood construction lumber (spruce, because pine, fir) of the lower cost wood with uniform dimensions and surfaces on all 4 sides (S4S). The wood is measured in inches and comes in predefined lengths, who wouldn't prefer this choice. And don't get me wrong, this is good wood, my house is made of this wood. And that is what this wood is processed for, construction. In construction the lumber is nailed together into a house and in general is not moved much after that. The wood is able to finish drying while being heavily constrained by the surrounding boards, plywood, concrete and fasteners. As a result the wood

to it's stable equilibrium. Less drying time production less cost. Kiln dried construction lumber is generally brought to 17-20% moisture content (MC) compared to hardwoods 6-8%MC. I think pressure treated lumber is somewhere around 115%MC. As the lumber

continues to dry the board changes shape. We call that bow, warp and twist for starters. Bringing in your fresh wood from the BORG (Big Orange Retail Giant) and going through the motions, Joint the face, joint the edge, Plane opposite face, rip to width gives you a very nice square flat board. Tomorrow the board is a different shape as it has dried out a little. Shampoo, rinse, repeat as the label says until the remaining veneer is too thin to use.

So you buy your lumber, take it home, sticker it, weight it and wait until it has dried to proper MC. Now you're ready to start your fine woodworking. Softwood has another feature to consider, the fiber structure results in the wood being, well, softer. As a result sawing tends to tear out as the fibers get pulled apart as opposed to being sliced through. Saws need to be super sharp with the angles more acute. You'll find that the Japanese pull saws



do very well due to the finer tooth profiles. Chisels tend to crush the fibers before they start cutting. Chisels for softwood should be sharpened to 25 degrees compared to 30 degrees normally used for hardwood. Finally sanding. Nothing like sap to clog sandpaper, really a treat for the wide belt sander. On a wood like fir. the early and late woods are so different in hardness that sanding tends to remove the early wood and leaving an uneven surface (especially with plywood).

All in all working in hardwoods can be much more rewarding than the savings of softwood. And when you consider the time you put into your project and how long you will keep it, the difference in material cost

is a minimal consideration. Just my opinion.

> Chuck Saunders Director of Assets



HOW TO UTILIZE WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER

The 2021 Membership drive is underway until the end of February. If you are a new member you may not be in the library patron file yet. If you are not listed as a patron and want to check out a book or dvd, please send an email to librarian@kcwoodworkersguild.org -or- library@kcwg.org with your name, email address, and membership number. We will add you as a patron and notify you when that is done. If you have any questions, please email us.

You can use your web browser to view the library book catalog online by going to the Guild website (kcwg.org) home page and clicking "Resources" from the "About" tab dropdown menu. This will take you to the Library page and you can click "Visit the KCWG Library". The catalog can also be searched through the computer on the desk in the Library. See the icon on the desktop of the computer. The Guild computer is on the desk in front of the dvd storage. The other computer belongs to the Turners. You can search the online catalog by Category, Author, Title, or Call Number.

There is a Library Checkout 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 reshelved.

The Guild Library has added to the online magazine archive. Fine Woodworking magazine now extends through 2018. Woodsmith magazine is from 1979 to 2019. Steve Good's Scroll Saw Workshop Blog is from 2007 to 2019. These can be found on the Guild Library computer desktop Magazine Archive Icon.

We are planning to add two more bookshelves to store magazines and get the physical magazine copies arranged by title.

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

VIRTUAL JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, JANUARY 20, 2021 at 7:00pm https://youtu.be/1k6H5twlzgw

UPLOAD IMAGES TO THE KCWG WEBSITE

Backin July of 2020 your intrepid Communications Crew added a new feature to our kcwg.org Website. We added the ability to upload images from the membership. The thought was good and if it worked the results would be fantastic. Unfortunately.



it didn't work. The free WordPress plugin we used was only worth what we paid. \$0.00.

So we went back to the drawing board and decided on a new plugin to perform this task. Being a slow learner (and cheap) I found another free plugin that appears to work in tests. The new image upload area is located in the menu under: ABOUT and IMAGE UPLOADS. https://kcwg.org/image-uploads/

The uploads page has two different areas to upload your digital files. The first area is labeled: Show and

Tell Project Uploads. This area has text input areas where you put in your project information related to what you wish to Show and Tell at our virtual meetings. The second area is labeled: Miscellaneous Uploads to the Guild. This area is used to upload anything you would like to share with our membership. You can upload projects you would like to show up on the website, images of your shop or even short videos.

Both upload areas have the same digital restrictions. The limit on the number of files is limited to 10 separate files. Your total upload size of all files cannot exceed 25mb. For instance you can upload 10 2.5mb files, 5 5mb files or 1 25mb file. There are free apps and online services that can resize your images. Some files types such as zip files are not allowed to be uploaded.

We plan on tweaking and upgrading the upload page as we move along. Feel free to provide input on how we can improve this feature in the future.

> Mark Crowley Webmaster & Assistant Directior of Communications





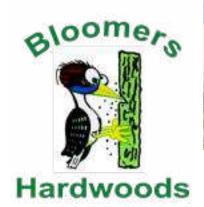
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PLEASE WELCOME THESE 22 NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE GUILD IN THE PAST MONTH

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	HOMETOWN	. STATE	MEMBERSHIP	JOINED
Shawn	Almond	Olathe	. KS	Sawdust	12/31/2020
Georges	Boujakly	TOPEKA, KS	. KS	Benefactor	12/15/2020
Dalton	Brunner	Kansas City	. KS	WW+	01/04/2021
Roger	Commer	Kansas City	MO	WW+	01/01/2021
Sam	Curran	Kansas City	. Missouri	WW+	12/23/2020
Mike	Davis	Shawnee	KS	Sawdust	12/11/2020
Dustin	Florence	Basehor	Ks	Sawdust	12/21/2020
Andrew	Jezak	Roeland Park	. KS	Sawdust	01/03/2021
		Kansas City			
Richard	Lewellen	Grandview	MO	Sawdust	01/03/2021
Wes	Marfield	Kansas City	MO	Sawdust	01/03/2021
James Suresh	Narayan	Kansas City	MO	Benefactor	12/10/2020
Erin	Rodenhausen	Lee's Summit	MO	WW+	12/12/2020
		LENEXA			
William	Rosenberg	Overland Park	KS	Sawdust	01/01/2021
Johannes	Schlatter	Kansas City	MO	Benefactor	12/29/2020
		Topeka			
		Roeland Park			
Justin	Socolofsky	Topeka	KS	WW+	12/20/2020
Paul	Stover	Leawood	KS	WW+	01/02/2021
		Kansas City			
Jeremy	Weis	Mission	KS	WW+	12/24/2020

(January 2021) Current Membership: 887

VIRTUAL JANUARY GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, JANUARY 20, 2021 at 7:00pm

https://youtu.be/1k6H5twlzgw

JANUARY 2021 OPEN SHOP SCHEDULE

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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 backgound that normally indicates an open shop period.

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