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Guild Meetings at:
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Presbyterian Church,
1617 W. 42nd St., KCMO

December Raffle: Harris Sharpening Jig, Flat nose 5 1/4 Pliers (2), Set of 4 small pliers, 6 inch Dial Caliper, Electric Engraver, 12 Piece set of Jewelers Files (5), Wire Looping pliers, 4 Piece Jewelers file handle set (2), Small Bench Vise, Barrel Diamond Burr and Round Diamond Burr (for Dremmel), & Piece tool set in Pouch.

Please thank associate members; Paxton's and Woodcraft, for supporting our toy project.

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Next Meeting Wed. December 18th, 7 PM
Program: Show & Tell - Bring your Projects!

Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Dave Kraatz

The November program by Don Kruse was more than a chance to look at some unique antique tools. It was a glimpse back in time at a way of life that most of us can only imagine.

The craftsman who owned the tool chest supported his family and possibly enabled the livelihood of one or more helpers with his skill and his well kept tools.

He could build a complete dwelling of the day including the trim and cabinetry as well as the furniture with only the tools in his box, and he could do it without turning on the electricity.



He would have been delighted with our tools and needless to say they would have made his life and work much easier.

Thanks Don, for a very informative program and a

chance to see the roots of our craft.

December is one of my favorite months of Guild membership, because our members are the focus and purpose of our program. I always learn something when we have an extended Show and Tell with time for personal interaction.

Woodworking encompasses a broad range of techniques, and it is impossible for us, as individuals, to learn to do all of them as well as we want.

The opportunity to share experiences in the upcoming program will give each of us the chance to see something that we haven't done and gain some experience from fellow members. Possibly we will be motivated and challenged to try some of the projects for ourselves.

December also gives us the chance to extend our meeting to include spouses, other family members and woodworking friends to share our interest in woodworking. We will have a number of woodworking items to give away in a free

raffle and everyone will have a chance to win.

We invite you to bring a plate of your favorite cookies or snack to share. The Guild will provide coffee, soft drinks and disposable tableware.

December is a time of reflection on what we have done this year and a time of anticipation for what the Guild will be doing in the coming year. Your Executive Board is discussing and planning some new programs and chances to broaden your woodworking experience.

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We have entered two new community help areas, building the grief counseling Shadow Boxes and the building of the memorial flag cases. We will be making some changes to strengthen and improve the toy project. There are also some new ideas on fund raising and a show of our members work.

Please let your officers know your interests and, if you can, help us plan, lead and expand the Guild's value to you. We need your help and, in the coming year, we will be asking each of you to think seriously about getting more involved in the Guild programs.

Finally, December is a time of reflection on our way of life, our beliefs, our family interests and the current special needs of our country. I hope that you can find time in this season to satisfy your most important priorities. On behalf of our Executive Board, I wish each of you a happy, safe and personally fulfilling holiday season.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in our December meeting and DON'T FORGET to bring your show and tell project.

Jim Ramsey will be our Tool Show Coordinator:

Jim Ramsey has agreed to serve as the Guild coordinator for our participation in The Woodworking Shows which will be making their annual stop in Kansas City on February, 15-17 2002 at the Overland Park Trade Center. Jim will be working with you to set up our booth display space and enlist some of you as demonstrators. This is a very important event for the Guild and gives us the opportunity

to meet the woodworking community at large. Please give Jim your assistance to make this the best show ever for us.

Have you seen the Winter issue of Fine Woodworking?

The Fine Woodworking magazine issue #153 titled Tools and Shops is now available at the dealers. This is a very informative issue for those of you setting up or revamping your shop.

There is a comparison report on bandsaws and block planes along with articles on shop planning, building a workbench, building a tool cabinet, building a router table and a guide for selecting the five basic tools. I know that this will be a "keeper" for you to refer to as you set up your place to do woodworking.

Program:

Bill Webb

Don Kruse showed us his Vermont Tool Chest. The chest had three drawers and it contained many tools, and all, except two were pre-1880. He had acquired this chest from a museum that had a different emphasis but could use his cash. They were mostly cabinet maker's tools.

There were several Weatherby tools, like a carpenter's 3.5' slick, several chisels including flat, mortise and hollow chisels. There were several key-hole saws, an Eagle framing square, try square and a geared hand drill with Morse taper shank drills. He showed us square shank drills and several braces as well as expansion drill bits. There were gauges for marking, centering, bevel and panel marking. There were gimlets, spiral augers and screw driver bits for use in a brace. There were dividers, spoke shaves and a set of lathe tools. Then there were some miscellaneous tools where the

handles provided space inside the handle for more tool storage. There was even a leather covered tape measure.

Don also showed us a pre-civil war rosewood level. Drafting tools including a multi-scale ivory draftsman's scale and a dividing tool as well as a compass.

Then he found a reamer, some bees wax and a Sheffield brace from England that dates to about 1820. There was the wood body plow plane which was made between 1820 and 1950.

We saw a medium sized panel cutting gage, and a mallet. Other planes were a Stanley #2, #4 and block plane. A bead plane, a hallow plane, a round plane, another wood body plane, a molding plane and a wooden block plane with a 5/16" thick blade. This last item dates from the 1830's.

The prize of the tool box was the three Rodier planes with sine Wave grooves on the bottoms and sides.

Then there were some saws, a Diston D8 rip saw, and a cross cut saw dating from 1978, an 1859 Hiram Green patented saw but made by Diston, which had a straight back that can be used as a square and also had storage for marking pins.

Thanks Don for a great program. It is so interesting to note how little our hand tools have changed over the last 120 years. The big advances, it would seem, have been made in the power tools we have and the use of electricity and electric motors to power them.

Our power tools have not greatly improved the quality of the things we make, only the ease and speed with which we can make them. It is also obvious that those of us with mediocre talent and/or little training can still make some pretty nice stuff with our power equipment, even without a long apprenticeship.

Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

As you read this we are within about ten days of Christmas.

Some of us will wake up to squeals of delight as the younger members our family will discover carefully wrapped packages under the tree. Some will have been up late putting together some large item using instructions that make no sense.

No matter how you spend your Christmas day I would like to make the following suggestion. If you receive a new tool it will more than likely contain some instructions. Take a moment and read through them no matter how dull they read or how much you know about using the new shiny tool in your hand.

Woodworking is a great endeavor but not without certain risks. Pause for a few minutes and reflect on the past year and ask yourself; "have I had a close call this past year"? If so what could I have done different to avoid it? If you have not had a close call then be grateful and commit to bringing to the new year the same safety awareness that you had in 2001.

I wish each of you a joyous Holiday season and look forward a great year for our Guild in 2002.

Member to Member

Raised Panels on the Table Saw

A router table makes quick work of cutting raised panels. But an alternative to buying expensive router bits to do this, is to cut them on

your table saw. Here are a couple of tips to make the job go easier, so you'll end up with smooth, clean bevels and square shoulders.

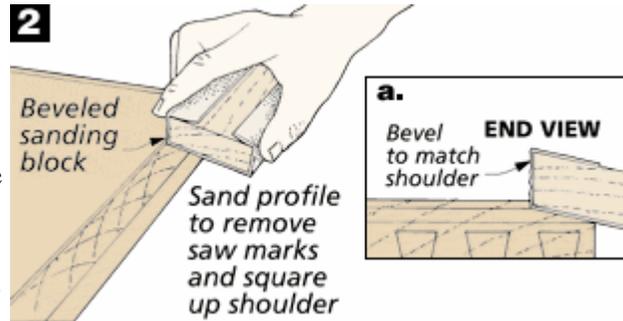
Table Saw Setup:

Cutting the bevels on the long edges of a panel is no problem. But when you stand the pieces on end, it's a good idea to have the extra support.

With the auxiliary fence in place, tilt the saw blade (12°) and raise it to the desired height (Fig. 1). (Mine ended up 3/4".) Then using a test piece, you can sneak up on the position of the fence until the shoulder profile is created (Fig. 1a).

Now that the fence is set, you can begin cutting the bevels. I like to cut across the short, end grain

edges first. This way, if there's any chip out near the tail end of the bevel, it will be removed

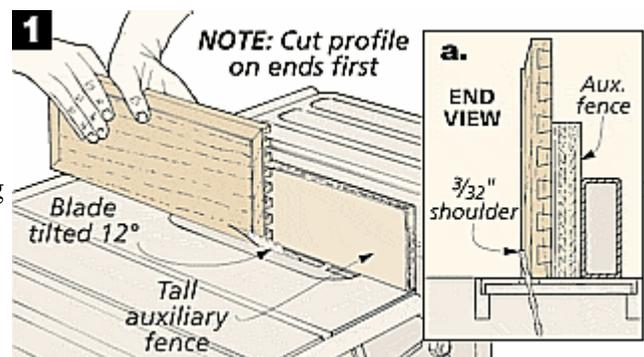


when the bevel is cut on the longer face grain edges.

Sanding:

Even a sharp saw blade will probably leave some swirl marks, so after the raised panels have been cut, the last step is to sand the bevels. But there's one area that needs some extra attention. Since the blade was tilted, the shoulder will be slightly undercut.

To square this up, I made a sanding block that has a bevel



cut on one edge (Figs. 2 and 2a).

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Minutes

New Members & Visitors: Welcome guests; Bob Wixtrom, Dan Bortko, Ray Shoger, Doug Reasler and J. Christopher. Welcome new members; Walter Caplinger and Frank Logan.

News:

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Tool Talk:

Suggestions were sought on Dust Collectors. Someone said American Fabric Filters worked well. There was a question as to how fine the particle selection rating for a filter should be like one, five or even 10 micron. The discussion centered mainly around the bags used on dust collectors.

Someone else likes their new General Dual Drum Sander. It has a 3 hp motor. Another member really likes his Grizzly Oscillating Spindle Sander.

Someone else was quite happy with their stand which they had purchased for their Sliding Compound Miter Saw.

Raffle:

Kevin McAndrew won the palm sander, Harold Sickles took the special and John Van Gothen got the drill guide bushings.

The Name Tag prize winners were: Frank Logan won the bar clamps, Jim Pych took the screwdriver set and Ron Neidlinger got the pliers.

Show and Tell

Dave Kraatz showed us three planes which he purchased at very low prices at garage sales. He reconditioned and sharpened them and provided samples of wood to show how well they worked.

David Roth had two intarsia samples, one new and one old. The clock was made of walnut, cherry, silver maple, red heart and Wenge.

Ray Graham had a slice of a tree trunk which he challenged us to identify. Our guess was no better than his.

Gene Caples had photos of: An industrial duty break table, a recessed cabinet and two book easels, made of red cedar, maple and oak.

Frank Layne showed us an oak table finished with tung oil

Calendar

Executive Meetings, 7:30 pm At Fred Chael's home, 4821 State Line Road, KCMO.

Guild meetings, 7:00 p.m., Roanoke Presbyterian Church, 1617 W. 42nd St., KCMO.

Executive Meetings

Guild Meetings

2002

January 15th

February 19th

March 19th

April 16th

May 14th

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

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December 18th

Fred has agreed to lend his home for the monthly board meetings. All members are welcome at any board meeting. A call to Dave Kraatz or Bob LaDue is all that is necessary.

This table was one of three.

Jerry Jennings had two items, a walnut bowel with brass inlays finished with Minwax and a reindeer made of cedar wood. He said it was a challenge to cut it out on his scroll saw.



George Griess gave us a follow up report on the program from last month. He had a finished chair and curved arm rest so we could see that the steam bending really worked.

Bill Evans had a wooden plane.

Jim Ramsey made an out feed roller stand with many ball rollers. He used birch plywood and oak and finished it with Bartley's Gel.

Bill Webb had a miter saw stand made of plywood and cherry. It had casters and leveling screws at each corner.

News:

Wayne Wainwright reports the need for support of a Flag Box Project for the victims of the terrorist bombings. Find more information at www.woodworkersunitedforamerica.org.

There were 8,456 toys delivered to the United Way. A big thanks to everyone who helped and to the Guild membership for its support.

David Roth reported on the Mentor Program and urges people to use it. We now have people conversant with shop design and layout.

The December Guild meeting will be Show and Tell and snacks. Bring your favorites to share. There will also be a free raffle.

Fred Chael brought parts for 30 Grief Boxes which were taken by members for assembly. Fred will have these from time to time and appreciates the cooperation of members who assemble them. Contact Fred at 816-561-9036.

One member had a question about how to install a knife hinge and someone else needed help on cutting some special molding shapes. These were referred to other members for suggestions.

Show & Tell Pictures

Editors Notes:

Flag Box Project:

Several of you have expressed an interest in helping with the Flag Box project. Thanks!

I will be giving out copies of the plans and directions found on the WUFA website at our next meeting. We will also announce the coordinator of this project who will begin to select dates and people to get this project completed.

Update on Brian Kemp

Brian Kemp is the KCWG member who was recalled by the Navy and is now on station in Japan. He has been able to get an email account on base and is still enjoying our newsletter and news about the guild. He appreciates everyone's prayers for him and his wife.

Membership Dues

In the past, there has occasionally been a little confusion on when membership Dues are due to be paid.

To avoid this in the future, beginning this season, we are using a "fiscal" year for when Dues are to be paid. Each year, Dues will be due by the end of January.

After January 31st, dues will be considered "late". After February 28th, you will be considered delinquent. You will receive 2 more copies of the newsletter (March and April) and then removed from membership rolls, and you will need to re-qualify for any member benefits.

As a reminder, our policy for new membership during the year works this way:

If you become a member in:

1st quarter (Jan - Mar) \$25

2nd quarter (Apr - Jun) \$18.75

3rd quarter (Jul - Sep) \$12.50

4th quarter (Oct - Dec) \$6.25

The guild reserves the right to "waive" dues for a new member for a period - for example, if a member signs up at the December meeting, we may only collect the following years dues for \$25.

We hope this avoids any confusion in the future. On that note, 2002 dues can be paid beginning with the December meeting through the end of Jan and will be good through December 31, 2002.

If you have any questions about how much you have paid or when, please contact our Treasurer, George Dixon.

Veneer for Sale

Don't forget, George will have some choice Mahogany veneer for sale at the December meeting for \$5.00 per sheet.

Come prepared to take all that he has available!

Membership Benefits

We thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of the benefits of guild membership.

In addition to the opportunity to fellowship with like minded people, here are some specific benefits available to our members:

We offer:

- Fellowship
- Service to the Community (Toy project, Grief boxes etc).
- Exchange of Knowledge (Monthly discussions)
- Demonstrations (Programs)
- Lectures of master woodworkers
- Hands-on Workshops (Programs)
- Mentor Program
- Tool Reviews
- Monthly Newsletter
- Safety Programs
- Business Cards
- Free listing on our web site

As you can see, there is definite value in being a member of the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild.

December Raffle

As noted on page 1, There will be some special free Items for the December Raffle, so make plans to be there this year!

Show and Tell

Participation in Show and Tell has been great throughout the year and we would like to thank everyone who has participated.

This is no doubt the best way for you to participate in your membership. We are now coming up to our special year end event in December where you, your spouses and friends are all welcome to the meeting.

Let's make Show and Tell it a great one this December. Let's see how close we can get to 100% membership at the last meeting of the year and bring in 2002 well.