



# Wood Words

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

**May Raffle:** 40" Stainless Rule, Set of Marples  
Bevel Edge Chisels, Japanese Pull Saw.

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

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**Next Meeting Wed. May 15th, 7 PM**  
**Program: Upholstery with Jim Santilli of Kansas City Upholstery**

### Sawdust:

#### The Presidents Corner

Erl Poulin

First, I want to thank those of you who voted for me to be your new president. It is an honor and a privilege to be so chosen. I will strive to live up to the high standards set by our former officers.

But I also want to stress that I cannot do this alone. When I accepted the nomination, it was with one condition - that I receive help from all who are able. To this end, I want to make the theme of my tenure that of 'Participation.' We all have varying levels of skill, and can all offer some degree of service to the Guild.

I firmly believe that, along with the rights associated with belonging to a particular group or organization, come responsibilities as well.

We must all do our part to ensure the Guild is the best it can possibly be, that it serves the needs of the members, and promotes the ideals of fine woodworking.

If you can provide a program of some skill or technique you possess, if you can help with the coffee, if you can 'scrounge up donations' for our toy project, if you can run the video camera to tape the program, please don't hesitate to volunteer. The simple message is, We need your help, and want to put your abilities to good use.

A couple of items I want to address here are Safety and Membership. We can't have too much Safety, and we can't have too many Members. I'd like to institute a Membership drive, to encourage the attracting of new members to our Guild.

We all have friends and neighbors who could benefit from our programs, and they might have or know

something from which we could benefit. So invite them along; remember, the first two meetings are Free!

The other item is Safety. We all know the rules of Safety, but it doesn't hurt to have a refresher course every now and then. I'd like to devote at least one program each year to the issue of Safety in the Workshop.

In the past, we've had a Fire Marshall discuss fire hazards; a nurse dis-

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PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

	<b>Clarence Teed Memorial</b>
	<b>Paxton Woodcrafters</b> 816 483-0659
	<b>Woodcraft Supply</b> 913 599-2800
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cuss first aid (remember where you dropped that severed finger!); and other professionals give us their take on Safety.

Jim Ramsey provides an excellent column in Woodwords, documenting the perils of woodworking, and I'm sure we each have a story concerning shop safety we could share.

Our Toy Project is off to a resounding start. We held the Workbox Preparation Day Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, at Lawler Gear in conjunction with the Lee's Summit Woodworkers Guild. Despite the heavy rain and thunderstorms, we had over thirty people show up to prepare the stock for the workboxes.

Some members even brought their young sons to help. Ben and Seth, you boys both push a fine broom! I want to extend a special appreciation to each of the Toy Project Captains for their work on this worthwhile project. We will be making the usual trucks, thanks to Dave Kraatz, and the transports, thanks to George Dixon & Bill Webb, and the dragsters, thanks to Fred Chael, and the footstools, thanks to Roy Lutes & Terry Stair.

But we also have some 'Girl Toys' this year, namely a Heart-Shaped Jewelry Hanger. Lee Simmons and Wayne Suter have stepped forward to work on this project. We hope to have some workboxes ready at the May and June meetings, so everyone can be involved in the making of

toys for Christmas. I also want to thank Jerry Jennings for his efforts in obtaining the donations of Popular and Ash for the Toy Project.

Finally, I need someone to step up and take over the Book Library. I have held that position for almost ten years, and hate to let it go, but I can't be in the back of the room checking out books, and at the same time at the front of the room, providing a convenient target for the Guild members.

If you think it is a task you can handle, please see me during the meeting. You will get to visit with just about everyone at the meeting, and be first in line for refreshments!



**Thank You from Dave Kraatz**

The past two years of my term as your President have been the high point of my many years as a Guild member. I enjoyed working with your executive board and representing you in several shows and to our associate members.



I sincerely thank each of you for your help and support during my time as your leader. I am very proud of our Guild and our activities to promote and demonstrate the craft of woodworking. I know that you will give our incoming officers and directors your support as we build and operate our Guild.

**Flag Case Materials Donated**

The project to make twenty flag cases for the families of the September 11<sup>th</sup> act of terrorism is well underway. Wayne Wainwright, project leader, has contacted two local businesses, Paxton's Woodcrafters Store and Harding Glass Co, and has secured

the donation of the wood and glass materials required to complete the project. We thank these contributors for their support of this worthy and patriotic project. Ten of our members have signed up to assist Wayne to build the flag cases. Wayne will be calling you to help him organize and complete the building of these cases.

**Announcing Guild Saturday Workshops**

Great News!!! Thanks to two of our associate members, Paxton's Woodcrafters Store and Turn About Wood, we have been offered the use of their classrooms for Guild Saturday workshops when they do not have a class scheduled. This gives us the opportunity to meet in small focus groups to present hands on topics that are not practical in our regular meetings.

We will alternate between these two facilities to present our workshops. Their space is limited so it will be necessary for us to use a sign up process to enroll in the classes. Our first workshop will be at Paxton's on Saturday May 18 and will focus on tuning up and sharpening your handtools.

We will have several of our Guild mentors on hand to show you how to sharpen, adjust and use your handplanes, chisels, spokeshaves and scrapers. You should bring your dull chisels or cranky handplane and learn how to turn it into a trusty tool. You can get pointers on what sharpening tools to use and what to look for if you want to buy a new tool.

Paxton's carries a fine line of planes, chisels and sharpening supplies if you need to add any to your tool box. The workshop will be from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring a sandwich or a snack and join us in a sharpening session. The attendees will be limited to 20. Please sign-up at the May meeting.

## Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

I was ripping a section of pine for a panel on a small bench. 2 inches from the end of the piece (using a pusher and blade guard), my 4-year-old son fell over his little red wagon behind me.

I whipped around to see to him, and I heard the blade make that lovely spanging sound of hitting an embedded nail. My left hand had come across the piece, my thumb slid under the guard, and I nearly severed the thumb completely at the first joint. Likely the guard kept my hand from being pulled in. It's been nearly a year and I still can't feel the tip of my thumb.

If you must have small children about you when working with power tools, train them to know when it's quiet time. I've taught my son to stand in a particular place, behind a panel in my garage, where I can see him while standing at my saw. He also wears goggles and a hardhat.

I was cutting a small board 6" x 6" x 3/4. After finishing the cut I left the board on the table (very stupid) and reached for the power switch. The blade had caught the edge the board and the wood was ridding on top of the blade.

Picture a major league fastball coming right at you. It ended up hitting me on the back of my hand (very bruised and 6 stitches) and then my stomach (another nice bruise). I couldn't believe the violent force of such a small piece of wood. The blade guard is going back on! I've worked without it for 3 years but I have caught up to me.

I was ripping a short piece of poplar (7" x 3") without a guard. I stood to the right of the fence and hooked my fingers over it to push the board while keeping my hands away from the blade.

The piece pulled away from the fence after I made the rip cut and the blade pulled the piece and my hand over the blade. The piece of wood went through

a drywall covered wall 20' away from the saw and I needed four stitches in my fingertip. I was extremely lucky to only receive a scratch!

Always use your guard. If you don't like the guard, save your money and buy a better one that you will use. Use push sticks every time your hand goes past the saw blade, EVERY TIME! It's just as easy to push a piece through the saw with a push stick as it is with your hand..

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## Masking Tape "Clamp"

Recently, I was building the Craftsman-style clock that was featured in the November 1999 issue of *Workbench*. The long edges on the front and sides of this clock are mitered. So, the trick was trying to clamp up the clock without having the tips of the miters slip out of alignment.

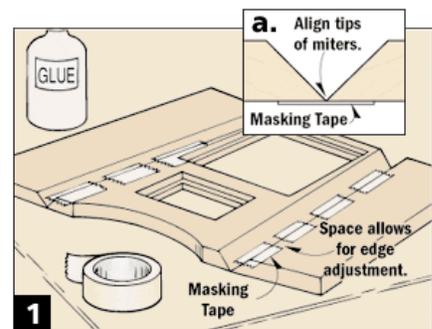
To prevent the pieces from sliding, I "clamped" the clock together with masking tape. (The tape also lets you adjust the fit of the miter joints.)



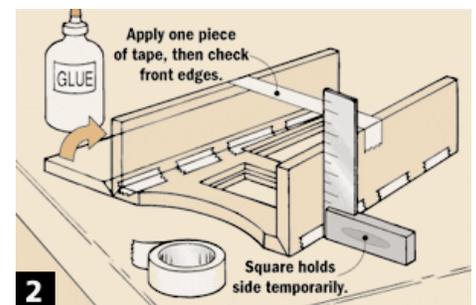
Start with the front and sides of the clock face up on your workbench. After you've carefully aligned the tips of the miters, tape

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the pieces together, leaving a space between each piece of tape. The space will allow you to see whether the tips of the miters are aligned during glue-up (Fig. 1a).



After flipping the pieces over face down, put glue in the valley of the miters (Fig. 1). Then flip up one side and use a small square to hold it in place (Fig.2). Now stand the second side up and tape across the two sides (see photo at top). To adjust the fit of the joint, loosen or tighten the tape.



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**Program:****Wood Finishing With Troy Simonton**

Bill Webb

Troy Simonton presented the program on the subject of finishing. He had many different samples of different finishing materials. His basic premise seems to be to use one or two coats of shellac and then apply another material.

However, since Troy has given such a great presentation with many details, it doesn't seem fair to try to summarize it for the newsletter.

He has provided a copy of the details of the presentation. For anyone interested, copies will be available at the May meeting, or if you cannot wait (and we will understand why - the presentation was that good), you will find the full version on our web site at:

[Http://www.kcwooworkersguild.org](http://www.kcwooworkersguild.org)

**Paxton's**

**10% Off!** Did you know that Paxton's offers 10% off "all" products EVERY day of the week to Guild members?

For the month of May, Paxton's has a **25% off** sale on all CMT router bits.

Paxton's carries the largest selection of hardwood lumber in Kansas City. You will find exotics, hardwoods, softwoods, plywoods and moldings.

**Visit Paxton's Wood Source at:**

6311 St. John Ave  
Kansas City MO. 64123.  
816 483-0659

**Guild Attire:**

**Don't forget that Erl has shirts and caps with the guild logo available at each meeting. Show your pride in the guild by sporting a Guild Shirt!**

**Just go up and ask at the book stand.**

**Want Ads**

As the newsletter editor, I am often asked if I know someone who wants to buy or sell a particular tool or item. I recently sent out an email to the electronic membership for a Shopsmith Mark V - and I am happy to say, it has found a new home within our membership.

To help get buyers and sellers together, I am adding a section for "want ads" in the newsletter.

If you have an item you think another member might need, or if there is an item you would like to buy, let me know (phone, email, letter are all acceptable), and I will include it in this section.

**Wanted:**

- Thickness Planer
- Scroll Saw

See Daniel Dugan or call him at 913 901-8690

**For Sale:**

- Rockwell 10" Contractor's Saw w/ carbide blade and 8" dado set.
- New Mortise attachment for a Delta Drill Press w/bib.

See Bob Wilson or call him at 816 587-0582.

### Show & Tell Pictures





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### Minutes

Visitors and new members: Visitors were Kevin Mitts, Shaeila Laughlin, Martin Simonton and Bill Kuhlman. Dave Bennett is a new member.

### **News:**

Bob LaDue has reserved space for our seminar next Spring (2003) at Longview College. The dates will be March 14, 15 and 16, Friday through Sunday. The topic may be "Finishing".

Dave announced the results of the Board meeting motion that any and all wood related Guilds will be charged the same as our Guild members pay.

Jim Bany has announced the dates for the next Habitat for Humanity build as the first and second weekend after Labor Day and the last weekend in September.

David Roth will be inviting Mentors, a few at a time, to provide him information for the Mentor Profile he wishes to present.

### **Tool Talk:**

Dowel jigs are not dead! A recent advertisement shows a European made dual spindle drill for installing dowels. A member really likes their carbide tipped band saw blades. They can operate at high speed and last a long time. A member likes their new Jet sander which has a 9" disk and a 6x48 belt. Another member has a new tool chest which he bought at Sam's Club for \$99 and is made of wood and it locks and has many drawers. Someone else really likes their new 12" Makita Miter Saw.

**RAFFLE:** Ken Sokol won the Workforce Drill/Driver set. George Rexroad took the Bessy corner clamp set and Ken Sokol also won the Accuset Stapler. A double win!

The NAME TAG drawing yielded three winners: Damon Edwards took the 3 piece locking clamp set. Russ Amos took the air hose and Jim Bany got the diagonal cutters.

### Show and Tell

**Wayne Suter** had an address plaque made of walnut and oak finished with Danish oil and exterior polyurethane. He also showed a hawk using the same materials and finish.

**John Van Goethem** had a router box made of 1/4" red oak stock and plywood. It is finished with oil stain and Deft semi-gloss. It provides storage for router bits and accessories. It was a particular challenge to make the corner joints and gluing them before cutting off the lip.

**Rick Hetherington** showed a box made of curly maple and walnut and finished with Danish oil.

**Frank Layne** had a small red oak table with black walnut plugs to finish the holes for the legs. He used a Barkley finish.

### 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	January 16th
February 19th	February 20th
March 19th	March 20th
April 16th	April 17th
May 14th	May 15th
June 18th	June 19th
July 16th	July 17th
August 20th	August 21st
September 17th	September 18th
October 15th	October 16th
November 19th	November 20th
December 17th	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.

**Don Inbody** made a boat ladder for a customer from red oak. He had to work out some geometry problems because of some odd angles. He is trusting the customer to paint it.



**Russ Amos** made an organizer from maple and used polyurethane for the finish. He made a secret compartment and provided a leather liner.

His biggest problem was getting the finish inside the compartments. He also had a planer sled which he made from poplar for tapering some steps.

**Jim Helfrich** showed a wheeled yard planter made of rough cedar. He finished it with cedar deck seal. The cutting out of the wheels presented the biggest problem.

**Jerry Jennings** showed us some brass gage blocks he made.

**Gene Caples** showed some photos of recent projects including a work table and some railing. He is very impressed with a new computer aided drawing program that his company has.