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1617 W. 42nd St., KCMO

June Raffle: DeWalt DW705S heavy-duty 12" Compound Miter Saw .

Please thank our friends at Strasser Hardware, Paxton's and Woodcraft for supporting our toy project by shopping at their stores.

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Next Meeting Wed. June 19th, 7 PM
Program: Hanging doors with Jim Bany

Sawdust:

The Presidents Corner

Erl Poulin

What a great turnout we had in May, in spite of it being my first month as president.

Although you did not accept my resignation as my first official act, I still feel that we accomplished quite a lot. Making the theme of my tenure that of 'Participation' seems to have struck a positive chord, because many of you approached me, and volunteered to help in any way possible.



For that, I am eternally grateful. There are many tasks to be done in an organization such as ours, and we can--and will--use all the help we can get. We had several suggestions for future programs, and a lot of discussion about a Saturday shop tour and another 'Round-Robin'.

For those of you new to our ways, a 'Round-Robin' is a

program where several of our members participate in the display of particular skills they possess. Each would set up a table, and, for example, spend ten or fifteen minutes showing how to sharpen a chisel, or tune a hand plane, or construct a dovetail joint.

We then rotate among the tables, and have the opportunity to learn something from each of the displays. It is a great social event, and a way to participate (there's that word again) and get to know more about our members. We'll keep you posted as plans for these events progress.

My remarks about a Membership drive seem to have been taken to heart, as we had several visitors to our meeting in May. Hopefully, they liked what they saw, and have joined, or are considering joining our Guild. I know of two others who are planning to attend our June meeting. Please introduce yourself to any visitors you happen to see and make them feel comfortable. Who knows, they might just become future officers in the Guild!

The first Saturday Seminar

was attended by fifteen people; everyone went home with sharp chisels, tuned hand planes, and no cut fingers. The next one will be on Finishing Techniques, and will be held at Turn-About Wood, in Kansas City North, but the date has not yet been set.

We'd like to have two or three of our members who are knowledgeable in finishing lead the seminar. See me at the meeting to volunteer for this duty. It is a great way to showcase your talents.

Our program in May was
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	Paxton Woodcrafters 816 483-0659
	Woodcraft Supply 913 599-2800
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provided by Mr. Jim Santilli, of the Kansas City Upholstery Company.

He brought with him an excellent display chair, with clear plastic 'upholstery' so we could see the internal parts, how the joints were constructed, and how the springs are supposed to support the weight. I learned all about eight-way ties, and four-way ties, but the most important thing I learned was, that if you have some upholstery to be done, it is best to take it to a professional. I just hate getting halfway into a project, and discovering it is more than I can handle.

Pay special attention to our Tool Raffle this month. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our treasurer, George Dixon, and Steve Williams at Strasser Hardware, we have obtained, at a "very special" price, a DeWalt DW705S heavy-duty 12" Compound Miter Saw for the lucky ticket purchaser.

George brought the saw by my office recently morning, and I believe it is every bit as good a saw as you could want. This is a professional-grade tool, which I'm sure we all need (my life would be sooo... complete, if only I had a).

I have other DeWalt tools, including their 20" Scroll Saw, and am familiar with their quality. Reading from my DeWalt wish-book (page 48), it bevels 0-45 degrees left, miters 0-48 degrees left or right, has an extra-tall sliding fence to allow 5-1/4" crown moldings to be cut vertically, an easy-to-read stainless-steel miter scale with positive stops for ease and accuracy.

It is light-weight with a built-in carry handle, and also an electric brake and extension slide to sup-

port long work pieces. Remember that the Tool Raffle is how we fund our Toy Project, so see George at the back table when you check in; he will be happy to sell you all the tickets you want. They each cost \$2, or three for \$5, seven for \$10, eleven for \$15, or fifteen for \$20.

Speaking of our Toy Project, we are well on our way. The project this year promises to be exceptional. Bill Webb brought in five workboxes of his transports, and four went out. Many thanks to those of you who took them. He plans on having five more boxes both in June and July. I hope to have the boxes for the Heart-shaped Jewelry Hangers ready this month.

Dave Kraatz says his truck workboxes should be ready later this summer, but he could use some help planing the stock. See any of our Toy Project Captains to help on this worthwhile project. They are Dave Kraatz (trucks), George Dixon & Bill Webb (transports), Fred Chael (dragsters), Roy Lutes & Terry Stair (footstools), and Lee Simmons & Wayne Suter (jewelry hangers).

Finally, I want to thank both George Rexroad and Terry Stair for taking over the Book Library. I'm sure they will handle the job well, and with the two of them to cover for each other, you should be able to find the book you need.

Dave Kraatz

We're Looking Sharp!

The first Saturday workshop, held at Paxtons on May 18, was a keen experience for fifteen of our members.

We spent about four hours in "hands on" sharpening of planes, chisels and scrapers. We revived several old hand planes to make clean thin shavings on

oak. I think that everyone was pleased with learning how to sharpen and use a scraper.

Jim Bany established himself as the Tormec king by sharpening planes and chisels, nonstop, for about three hours. Jim commented that one plane iron that he sharpened had so many nicks that you could use it to comb your hair. Jim, thanks for your patience doing a grinding job.

We hope this to be the first of a regular schedule of Saturday workshops. Be on the lookout for the next one on basic finishing. Anyone willing to organize and convene this workshop should please contact Dave Kraatz.

A Book Report - A home office area is a common requirement for those of you who can do your job from home one or more days a week. Some times we make do with "loaned" steel furniture from the office which rarely fits the home decor.

How about building your own home office furniture?

A recent book, Build Your Own Home Office Furniture, by Danny Proulx and published by Popular Woodworking Books is an excellent guide to building a complete office of furniture. The book has 13 step-by-step projects ranging from desks and bookcases to file cabinets. There is a chapter on making a built-in "office in a closet".

You can also build a complete office, including space for a personal computer, in an armoire. My favorites are the writing desk of walnut in chapter 13 and the standup desk of ash in chapter 14. The plans and description of the building processes in this book are very well done and easy to follow.

Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

I was cutting the last of 10 plant holders. I did not have the blade guide down near the work. I finished a cut and moved the piece of wood. Next thing I know 4 of my fingers were in the blade. I immediately grabbed my hand with the other. I grabbed the paper towels and applied pressure. I drove myself to the ER. Where they put in stitches in 2 fingers. I didn't cut any tendons or nerves. It happened so fast!

Always use guards and never let your mind wander. I remember that I was distracted for a second and that's all it took. Use your guards and always be aware of the cut.

I was working with the band saw and I had the safety guard up about 1 inch and was in a rush. I was making relief cuts on a tight curve and I backed out of a relief cut and the non-razor side of the blade came in contact with a big and very loose knot in the walnut.

The knot flew loose and hit a person about 50 yards away from me. I looked up to see if he was okay, and my left hand was in direct path of the blade. All my fingers were sliced off except my pinky. A friend in the shop took me to the hospital and all but my ring finger could be replaced. I now have no movement in any finger on my left hand, except my pinky.

The worst thing was my wedding band, (which was passed on from my Dad), had been sliced into small pieces and got embedded into my ring finger (hence why my ring finger could not be reattached) and never got out.

Always pay attention to your project. Don't cut wood with loose

knots. Don't wear jewelry while working, even rings.

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A Profile of a Mentor Woodworker and His Shop Tip - George Dixon

1. What is your specialty?

I like designing my own projects. I enjoy seeing a problem or idea and solving it by myself. Sometimes I get it right the first time. Other times it takes a little re-engineering to make it work. Jim Bany would suggest the wallpapering table I designed as an example of the first time not being acceptable. Oh well, It gave you all a good laugh. I redesigned it, (so the table didn't sag), and have papered about four or five rooms with it.

2. How many years have you been woodworking?

I have been woodworking about thirty years. I was the only boy in my high school class of 14 boys that didn't take shop. I think I am the only adult male from the class to have woodworking as my number one hobby. My father-in-law perked my interest in power tools and woodworking

3. What is your favorite hand tool and why?

The hand plane is my favorite hand tool. A sharp hand plane makes wood smooth as silk without sawdust.

4. What is your favorite power tool and why?

My Grizzly 10" cabinet table saw is my favorite power tool. I wanted a cabinet table saw for 25 years. My 10" Craftsman radial arm saw and later my 10" Craftsman table saw served me well but neither were as accurate as my new Grizzly 10" cabinet saw.

5. What is your favorite wood / why?

Member to Member

My favorite wood is black walnut. I have made my best projects out of walnut, such as: a grandfathers' clock, a regulator clock, a baby cradle, coffee tables, a sofa table, end tables, puzzles, display cabinets, curio cabinets etc. I also love to work with oak.

6. What is your favorite project / why.

I won't say this is my favorite project but it is the one I remember the best. Back in 1975 I needed a couple of dental bridges. My neighbor and good friend and a dentist needed a wall of oak book cases with raised panel doors. I took on the job with only a 10" Craftsman radial arm saw.

I had never built a raised panel door before, but things like that never stopped me. I made three two piece cabinets (six parts in all). It took me most of the winter, and almost ruined a marriage but they got their bookcases and I got my bridges. When our friends built a new home a few years later, the family room was designed to use the bookcases.

6. What is your best tool deal ?

That's easy; I won a 10" Ryobi cut off saw at the KCWWG meeting. I bought \$10.00 worth of tickets and won it at the December woodworking meeting the week before Christmas in 1993.

7. What Shop Tip can you give us?

- a.) Put band saw blades in one gallon zip lock bags to prevent rust.
- b.) Rubbing alcohol removes pencil marks from wood.
- c.) Empty plastic cake frosting cans make great touch up paint storage cans.
- d.) Empty check boxes make great small tool dividers in your tool cabinet.
- e.) When you need to stop your paint or stain project for lunch, put the plastic glove you were wearing over the top of the quart can you were using.

Program:

Bill Webb

The topic was Upholstery. The presenter was Jim Santilli from Kansas City Upholstery. Re-upholstery is big but he will also upholster your new piece of furniture. If you want him to do one for you, he suggests you call him and actually go to his shop (at 29th and Main, 816-753-4003) and talk over the project before you start.

He says quality upholstery uses springs tied eight ways with proper padding and high quality materials. Springs are supported on tightly stretched material. It takes special tools and techniques to install these spring supports.

There are also special clips and other items that make the job quicker and easier. Leather is also used; it is just more expensive.

Thanks Jim, for a great presentation.

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!

Special Notice

Please give your prayers to 2 of our most prominent members. Our new president Erl Poulin has been hospitalized with a case of pneumonia and Fred Chael was also hospitalized with what is believed to be heat stroke.

By the time of this writing, Fred is back at home resting well and Erl is out of intensive care but still in the hospital.

Please keep them in your prayers over the next few weeks

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.
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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.



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Minutes

Visitors and new members: Bill Poulman and Ken Sokol were welcomed as new members and Pete Belcher is welcomed as a visitor.

News:

- Toy Project reports were given by Dave Kraatz, Fred Chael, Bill Webb and Roy Lutes.
- Members took four of the five boxes of transports that Bill Webb brought
- The Spring Seminar is scheduled and the room reserved. All we need now is a topic and a presenter.
- Jim Doyle of "The Framery" in Westport is planning a Summer Art Fair and invites Guild members to show some of their work. Call him at 913-831-9411.
- Bryan Tedder has donated a book for our Guild Library.
- Fred Chael gave a report on his shadow box project.

Tool Talk:

We enjoyed the enthusiastic comments of Guild members in Tool Talk Time about a saw, a big magnet, a Ryobi Biscuit Cutter, a Makita Sliding Compound Miter Saw, some big Suction Cups and a Lie Nielsen Block Plane.

RAFFLE:

The Marples Chisel set was won by Jim McCord, the razor saw by Bryan Tedder and the straight edge and scale went to Dave Roth. The Grizzly Shirts were chosen by Jay Nichols and Bill Donaldson.



The NAME TAG drawing For the Name Tag Drawing, the air hose went to John Atkins, the drill set went to Norm and the needle nose pliers went to Bill Schechinger.

Show and Tell

Jim McCord showed a neat and beautiful Box made of Cherry and Bubinga.

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

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January 15th	January 16th
February 19th	February 20th
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June 18th	June 19th
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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.



Jim McCords' decorative box



Jim Santillis' Upholstery chair