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Guild Meetings: Roanoke
Presbyterian Church,
1617 W. 42nd St.,
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Wood Words

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November Raffle: 126 piece Crescent tool set, 25' Heavy duty retractable Air Hose reel, Craftsman 3 drawer tool chest and more

Please thank associate members; Paxton's, Strasser, Turn-About-Wood and Woodcraft, for supporting our toy project.

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Next Meeting Wed. November 20th, 7 PM

Program: Christmas decorations Round Robin

Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Erl Poulin

The highlight this month was the shop tour, which was held Oct. 26th. Those of us who went on the tour took something of value from every one of the member's workshops we visited. They ran the gamut from new ideas on how to tackle a project, interesting jigs and fixtures, to efficient use of small spaces. Fred Chael, Jim Doyle, and Jim's son Evan traveled with me as we made the rounds of the six shops.

First stop on our tour was Russ Amos' workshop, in western Shawnee. His shop was by far the largest; with separate rooms for wood storage and drying, project design and development, and painting and finishing. Russ even has a separate area for the hand-made kayak he is building - I sure hope for his sake that it floats. I was impressed with his idea of taping the plans for his current projects on roll-up window shades, where they are kept clean and dry, out of the way of the work in progress, yet still available in an instant for review. His painting and finishing room had several good ideas also, including using a

nail bed on a lazy-susan for rotating the project while he sprays the finish on it. Russ is a professional woodworker, and his workshop clearly shows it.

Next was David Roth's workshop. Dave is best known for his Intarsia, and had several pieces on display. He is currently working on the Flag Display Cases for our September 11, 2001 Memorial Project, and had them laid out on his workbench, ready for finishing. Dave's young son Joseph demonstrated how one of his dad's marble games worked, where you drop a marble in the top of the game, and it rings bells and falls through hoops on the way down.

I've seen some of his other board games, including pinball, and I wonder how he comes up with the ideas for them. While we were there, I was able to visit with my old drill press, which Dave has resurrected, and breathed new life into! Dave's workshop is in his basement, and his method of wood storage is rather unique. He has a rack in one corner, attached to a shelf with hinges, and supported on rollers.

The outside of the rack stores smaller sheets of material, and the inside stores full sheets. He can swing the rack out in an arc to get to the cubbyholes inside, for the small pieces of exotic

woods he uses in his Intarsia. Everything is alphabetized, labeled, and sorted by wood type.

We were on to Russell Claus-ing's shop next, and for an example of how best to use a small space, Russell's would be hard to beat. His tools were laid out in the most efficient way possible, to minimize wasted areas. I have never seen a workbench so well organized. If he needed a chisel, it was here; if he needed glue, it was there; etc. It is a mystery how he manages to accomplish anything in such a neat and orderly en-

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Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

As you put together your Christmas wish list consider adding a few safety devices.

I have been a contractor for 25 years and this is the first time I have been cut by a saw. I was cutting plywood on a work platform. I completed my cut and put the saw down. The guard stuck and the saw ran across the plywood and into my left thumb. The cut required 11 stitches and I have cut the nerve in the thumb and it is numb. The doctors say I will probably never get full sensation back in this hand. Never trust the guard on a saw.

As a framer, I use saws daily. You'd think I would have learned by now to be careful, and suppose I have - but all it takes is one time...

I just had to cut 3 inches or so off the end of a stud. I pencil the line. Pick the stud up and hold it with my left hand, worm-drive saw in the right, bend over a little to hold it tight, pull the trigger and saw the stud. Also sawed a 1/2" deep furrow diagonally across the top of my right thigh at the same time, about 6" long. Don't do stupid things with tools that can hurt you.

A friend of mine was with his cousin doing some work on a house. At one point he bent to take a closer look at some of his work and let the air powered nail gun hang at his side. He swears he had the safety on, but somehow the nail gun fired. He was on a ladder at the time so he looked down to find out if it had caused any damage. He noticed his cousin who was just beginning to stand up rather shaken from apparently falling backward a short distance. At about the center of his forehead there was a strange welt that was beginning to bleed. Looking at it closely they found that the nail was imbedded in his forehead. The nails were full size, approx 3". My friend rushed his cousin to the hospital. The hospital found that the nail had embedded itself between the young man's lobes of his brain. They safely extracted it and the last I heard he was doing well. He was extremely lucky, as, if it had been just a little to the left or right and he could be seriously messed up or dead. Be extremely careful with nail guns. Be sure you are familiar with the safety and how to use the gun. And disable them when not in use.

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Member to Member

Interested in Vintage power tools?

Before he died last year, former member Ron McCreash gave me a 1914 (patent date) model W.F. & J. Barnes floor model mortising tool complete with an assortment of bits.

Someone had previously given it to Ron. I had hoped to clean, restore and repaint the tool. However, now I've got too much on my plate, and I'd like to dispose of it. Call me if you are interested. It's yours for a generous donation to the guild

Fred Chael
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With Floor Stand, extra knives and 110/220
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A special message from Dave Kraatz:

I need your help on a program:

I was very surprised at the last meeting when Jim Bany announced that I would be presenting the January program on Saws in the Workshop. I have not yet decided what that means in terms of program content, so I need your help.

I will have a short questionnaire at the November meeting and I am asking all of you to list the topics and questions that you have about saws. I will use your response to build the program. If you prefer, you may also send me your input by email at kraatzdl@juno.com. Thanks for your help.

vironment! Russell's projects and his workshop show the same careful eye for detail.

Several members mentioned that Jim Bany was called away, and would not be able to entertain us in his shop, but Jim's wife Lois graciously filled in for him. Jim's workshop is in his garage, with everything on wheels (except Lois, of course). I'm sure this is because he uses many of his tools in his profession. He has several projects in the works, one of which is a prototype dining room chair he brought to the Guild meeting this summer. His hand-made air hose reel, which he also demonstrated this past year, occupies a prominent spot overhead. Jim, as you may recall from our last newsletter, is active in the Habitat for Humanity house-building efforts, and his tools are always ready to go on to the job site. I wonder how long before Jim misses the tools that just so happened to roll down the driveway while he was away?

Frank Layne's shop was our next destination. Spotless! Not a speck of sawdust anywhere! I have been to Frank's workshop in the past, and I am always impressed how clean he keeps it. I tease him about spending so much time cleaning, he can't possibly build anything. But his work is always an inspiration. Frank was the proud winner of the DeWalt Compound Miter Saw in our tool raffle last June, and he has built in-feed and out-feed extensions for it, complete with spring-loaded stop blocks. He gave us a short tour of some of the pieces of furniture he had built for his wife over the years, from the four-poster bed, to the dining room sideboard, and the living room tables. And Frank, your coffee and fresh-from-the-oven, warm, chocolate-chip cookies were voted the 'Best' we'd had all day! Your wife surely taught you well.

Last in our travels, but not least, was Don Inbody's place. Don also made excellent use of a small area in his basement. His table saw 'sleds' for maintaining perfect alignment when cutting boards are worthy of particular mention. When we arrived, he was working on some glass-topped 'Tea Bag Storage Boxes' to give to the ladies in his life. Don is a long-term member of the Guild, and has been instrumental in many of our efforts in the past, from chairing our *Treasures in Wood* exhibits, to organizing the KCWG booth at the annual Tool Show. I had never seen a carpeted workshop before, but somehow, Don makes it work. He says the carpet (only in the entrance to the shop, actually) helps minimize the tracking of sawdust and woodchips upstairs. Maybe I should try that in my shop. My dear friend Karen calls them 'Wood Cooties,' and complains that 'they're everywhere!'

Many thanks go to all of our Shop Hosts for graciously giving up a Saturday morning for the rest of us, and providing our refreshments. We also want to send special thanks to George and Karen Rexroad for providing the excellent directions and map to the individual shops. Karen's clever use of woodworker's tools in the design was a novel, appealing and interesting touch. There is a much-varied and

multi-talented group of woodworkers in our Guild, and we are indeed fortunate to have them among us. We are in the planning stages for another shop tour this spring, possibly to visit workshops in the Northland, and are open to any suggestions.

A teacher at St. Stephens Academy, Ms. Mary Lanoue, contacted me last week, concerning her student's need for small pieces of wood for their art projects. Her usual supplier has moved from the area, and she found us through Paxton's Lumber. She said they require small scraps of wood, either from scroll saw or lathe work. The children build collages from the various pieces. Spindles, scroll saw shapes and defective bowl turnings are just what they are searching for. If you can put together a grocery sack of pieces from your scrap box (please, no sawdust, nails, screws or other hardware), bring it to the meeting this month and I will forward them on to her. Mary stated that about a half-dozen bags would be perfect.

Our executive meeting this month will be held at Woodcraft Supply, 87th Street and Bluejacket, in Lenexa on Tuesday evening, the 19th of November, at 7:30 pm. If you are unfamiliar with the location, call one of the board members for directions. Any and all members are welcome to attend. As I mention every month, we encourage the input of the entire membership, and are constantly looking for ways to improve our Guild.

This month's meeting will be your last chance to enter our '2x4 Contest. As explained earlier, this is where you can make anything you want from a 2x4 length of lumber, but only that length. Prize values are set at **\$100**, **\$50** and **\$25** for first, second and third place winners respectively. Judging will be for the best non-construction use of a 2x4 by the entire Guild membership, spouses and guests present at our Christmas Party in December.

By the way, several members brought to my attention an error in last month's article, where I stated 98 inches equals 8 feet. Of course, the correct answer is 96. I will maintain to my grave that this was a test, to see if anyone was paying attention.

The Toy Project workday is coming up quickly, so the time to finish up those workboxes is now. The final assembly day is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th, 2002, beginning at 8:00 am, and will be at the usual place, Lawler Gear, 1320 Hamblen Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri. Bring your completed workbox with you; see your toy project captain if you need help finishing it. As it happens, the workday will occur before our next meeting, so this is the only notice you'll receive. Everyone is encouraged to join us in the final assembling and counting of the toys, before they are shipped off to the United Way for distribution. Each year, seeing the results of our efforts roll out the door on Cal Lawler's big flatbed truck always warms my heart. Knowing that there are children (and adults, too) who might not otherwise have a Christmas, if not for what we accomplish in our toy project, is what really puts me in the holiday spirit.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the assembly day, and at the meeting!

Program:

Bill Webb

The Program consisted of a Power Point photo essay of shops in the Northland.

Jerry Jennings, Lee Simmons and Dick Chaney gave a short presentation of each of their shops.

Dick had the largest shop of the three. Besides an amazing amount of lumber storage space, the thing that stands out are the tools.



Not so much the number of tools - although there are many, it is the quality of the tools, many of which were hand made.

An example of this is the home-made drum sander seen here.

Way to go Dick!



Lee had a 2 car garage filled with wood-working tools and projects in progress. One of the most impressive tools was a Pin Router.

Lee will be more than happy to explain to you how it works and perhaps show you an item or two he made using this unique tool.

An impressive shop Lee



Jerry also had a 2 car garage for his workshop, and although he had fewer tools, this shop does not lack for experienced wood-working.

Jerry has a very nice router table that I think we could all get ideas from.

Thanks for sharing your shops guys!

Raffle Tools:

Here is a picture of the tools that will be in the raffle this month:

126 piece Crescent tool set



25' Heavy duty retractable Air Hose reel

Craftsman 3 drawer tool chest



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Show & Tell Pictures



Jerry Jennings Drop Leaf table



Rick Hetheringtons' Cutting Board of Orange Osage, Mesquite, Curley Maple and Walnut.



Bill Donaldson's Flat Back Mandolin finished with lacquer

More Habitat Pictures





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Minutes

News:

- Erl has Guild hats and shirts. See Erl at the meeting
- Four houses for Habitat for Humanity have been completed and the new owners will move in shortly. Mortgage payments are typically less than rent for the new owners.
- David Roth would like to sign up two additional mentors. Please sign up and offer your expertise.
- Dave reports the display boards are being assembled as members finish their particular parts.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

The November program will be a Round Robin. The December program will be Christmas decorations, showing our latest projects as well as judging the 2x4 contest. Also that's when we bring our favorite Christmas goodies. In January we'll look at sharpening and setting a saw.

Bob LaDue reviewed the possibilities for the Spring Seminar. The room at Longview College is already reserved March 14-16.

Nametag Drawing:

Bill Donaldson got first choice and took the scissors. Dave Roth got second choice and took the Framing Hammer. Manuel Lopez won the Gloves.

Raffle:

David Roth (yes this is the 2nd time for David) got first choice and took the fancy tool belt. Bill Donaldson (yes, the same Bill Donaldson) got 2nd choice and took the 33 foot tape. Lucky Wayne Wainwright took the DeWalt Cordless Driver. Seth Simonton won the Fire Extinguisher. Don Kruse took the Shop Stool. Wayne Suter got the Cord Winder.

Tool Talk:

Someone asked about RotoZip performance. Someone offered that their DeWalt equivalent works great. Someone's new Forrest Dado Set works good. Someone's new Ryobi Oscillating Spindle Sander has early bearing failure. He is very disappointed.

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., To reach us "during the meetings, call: KCMO. (816) 561-8177

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August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

August 21st
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
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 Erl Poulin or Jim Bany is all that is necessary.

Show and Tell:

Kevin Mc Andrew has acquired some antique tools. He is wondering if they can be used. There is a Sheffield Hand Saw and Band Saw. The hand saw needs a new handle. The band saw needs a motor and new tires on the wheels.



Rick Hetherington made a Cutting Board of Orange Osage, Mesquite, Curley Maple and Walnut. He finished it with Danish Oil. (Looks too nice to use)

Jerry Jennings made a Drop Leaf Table using Red Oak. He used a Wipe On Poly for the finish. The table is adjustable in height from 19 to 28 inches. The glue joints were a particular challenge.

Bill Donaldson has made a Flat Back Mandolin finished with lacquer. An amazing creation!