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December Raffle: Surprise items To be announced at the meeting.

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

Next Meeting Wed. December 18th, 7 PM

Program: Christmas Party

Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Erl Poulin

This month we hold our Annual Christmas Party. Instead of our usual business meeting, tool talk and monthly program, we have what was once known long ago as a *Social*. This is a time for fellowship and goodwill for all members of the Guild. We use this time to visit with the members, family and friends we have come to know (or would like to know better) over the past year, to show our projects we are making for Christmas gifts, and otherwise just have a good time. Everyone is joyfully encouraged to bring your spouse and friends, along with a plate of goodies (easy on the sweets, please...remember our expanding waistlines!), as well as an item you are making for someone special at Christmas, for Show & Tell. From the past Christmas parties, I can guarantee you won't leave either bored or hungry!

Chris Kunzle has done an

excellent job as our Tool Procurement Officer. He has upped the ante, so to speak, by obtaining a greater number of tools for our monthly raffle, as well as increasing the value of the tools. Last month he provided, among other items, a mountable air hose reel, a 100-plus-piece tool set, and a three-drawer toolbox, plus the usual small giveaway items such as leather gloves, and scissor packs. This month he promises even bigger and better items, and also a free gift to each member and guest in attendance. It is through our tool raffle that we fund the Toy Project, so be prepared to purchase one or more (preferably more) raffle tickets for these items. This is a great way to help in such a worthy cause, and also perhaps even get that special tool you've always wanted! I won't spoil the surprise by telling what the big item is this month, but believe me, my life would be soooo complete, if only I had a new.....

Another point Chris has raised, is the location of important Guild documents,

such as the Original Charter, Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of the Guild. Now that we have obtained a larger storage space at the church, we would like to consolidate all of these documents in one place. I have a file box to donate for the safe keeping of these documents in our locked cabinet. So, if you are in possession of any of the above-mentioned documents, please contact one of the officers of the Guild, or bring them with you to the

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meeting. I am aware that this may take some time to collect all of these items together, as we are going back ten years to the time the Guild was incorporated as a not-for-profit entity, and almost twenty years to when the Guild was first founded; however, once everything is in one place, we can then begin to write a comprehensive history of the Guild. There have been many, many people pass through the membership rolls of the Guild in these years, and many very good woodworkers who deserve mention as ones who made significant contributions to the forging of the Guild into a premier group, dedicated to the ideals of fine woodworking.

We will be judging our '2x4 Contest' during the Christmas Party. Each member, spouse and guest in attendance will receive a marble when they sign the check-in list. This is to be used to vote for their favorite project, by placing the marble in the bucket of the participant, and the participant with the most marbles at the end of the evening will win. Prize values are set at **\$100**, **\$50** and **\$25** for first, second and third place winners, respectively, to be paid from the Guild treasury (Careful, George--our treasurer, don't have a heart attack over this). At last count, there were eleven members signed up to participate. But if you did not get a chance to sign the sheet, and still would like to enter an item you have made from a 2x4, give me a call before the meeting, and I will add you to our list. I am looking forward to seeing the creativity of our members shine. This promises to be an exciting event, and we hope to continue it as a regular part of our annual Christmas Party.

Due to the Christmas party, we will not hold an executive meeting this month, but will resume tending to our executive responsibilities in January, when we will once again meet at Fred Chael's home. Any and all members are always 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.

Paul Tredo, one of our members, has a friend, Bob McNabb, who has some cherry wood for sale. It comes from a wild cherry tree that Timber King cut down across from his home about four years ago, and has been stacked and stickered in his basement since then. The boards are roughly 4/4 to 5/4 stock, approximately eight or more inches wide, and up to six feet in length. Due to a recent hospitalization, he is unable to use the wood, and wants to dispose of it. He

is unsure of the number of board feet, but says the stack is about waist-high, 30 inches deep, and more than six feet long. He has priced the entire stack *very* reasonably, just to get rid of it. Bob lives a few blocks from Oak Park High School, near Gladstone. If you are interested, you may contact Bob McNabb directly at 816-436-0872.

The Toy Project was a resounding success this year, by all measures. We met for the final assembly day on Saturday, November 16th, 2002, at Lawler Gear in Lee's Summit. More than thirty members from both the Lee's Summit Woodworkers Guild and the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild were in attendance, for the final assembling and counting of the toys to be sent to the United Way for distribution. The count for this year was 8,401 toys in all. That brings the total number of toys made in the fifteen years the Toy Project has been in existence to 125,155.

WDAF-TV, Channel 4, aired a short piece showing our toys being delivered. I want to extend a sincere, heartfelt **Thank You** to all of you who participated in this worthy effort. Many children will have a toy for Christmas, who might not otherwise have one, due to your generosity and caring. Plus, we all had fun doing it! Special mention is deserving of our Toy Project captains, Dave Kraatz and Dick Cheney for the mainstay trucks, Fred Chael for the dragsters, Roy Lutes and Terry Stair for the footstools/small benches, Bill Webb and George Dixon for the transports, and Lee Simmons and Wayne Suter for the heart-shaped jewelry hangers. These, by the way, have been very well received, as there is a shortage of toys suitable for girls. We have received queries from other Guilds around the country concerning them, so I'm sure they will be copied. We want to get an early start on the project for next year, so there will be a planning meeting in late January or early February. Start thinking about the kinds of toys you can make, and we'll keep you informed of the plans as they develop.

One last item to mention: Annual membership dues of \$25.00 are due as of the 1st of January, and payable at the meeting. See George Dixon, our treasurer, at the back table when you sign in, to continue your KCWG membership through 2003.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party...be sure to bring your spouses and guests, and don't forget my favorite part, the food!

Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

Earlier today, I decided to remove the 5' tall plastic Frosty the Snowman lawn ornament to his proper storage niche in my shop. (Unfortunately, shop must double as storage area.) As I fumbled to get Frosty arranged in his special corner place, he knocked over a nearly full and uncapped can of ether based starting fluid that I had carelessly left out on a shelf.. Well the can hit the floor behind two large storage boxes and some other junk and started to hiss like a live hand grenade...

After a couple attempts to retrieve only resulted in a face full of ether and a rapidly growing cloud of vapor, I decided that an alternative plan of action was in order...Feeling it unwise to hit the master cut-off switch in my powered up shop....I covered the distance (about 45 yards) from the shop to the master breaker box in my house in about 3.421 seconds...And for a 6'1", 280 LB, 54 year old out of shape guy, that isn't bad...

Amazing what a little fear will do. I was able to turn off the electricity at the main breaker before the vapors reached something with a spark. Fortunately the 'Good Lord' wasn't ready for another woodworker just yet... With the mild weather today, I hadn't lit my kerosene heater this morning as I usually do when it is cold...Or I would have most likely relocated my shop and maybe my butt across several Parishes in LA and over much of East Texas as well...Not to mention what it would have done to my neighbors sanity...

We all learn from our mistakes and I'm fortunate enough to be able to make plans to prevent this from occurring again.

PLAN:

- NEVER store aerosol cans without protective caps in place.
- Store all shop flammables in their own enclosed and properly ventilated cabinet.
- Install Explosion Proof Emergency Power disconnect near door.
- Go to church Sunday and give thanks...

Trying to resaw thick stock to make some wide 3/8" strips of stock. I was using a blade guard, push stick, but no feather board. I used my left hand instead.

At the end of the cut, with the blade guard 2 1/2" above the table saw top, something (don't know what) shifted causing my left hand to go into the blade. The blade went through my index finger lengthwise from the top, through the first 2 joints then traveled across the backside to my thumb, taking the first bone and ripping it out through the pad.

End result: index finger--splinter of the first bone left, 2 shattered joints, broken 2nd bone, nerve cut, artery cut, all tendons cut, all flesh missing on inside of finger. Thumb, well I still had my nail above the first joint, that was it. They had to amputate both fingers. Way too much damage for any reconstruction.

THINK about the proper tools to use for the job. I should've used the bandsaw for resawing 2 1/2" stock.

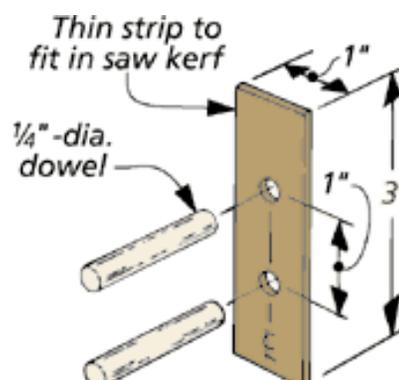
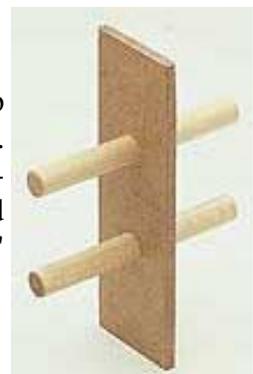
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Member to Member

Plywood Ripping Support

I like to use my circular saw to rip down sheets of plywood. But if the cut-off piece is unsupported, it can sag -- sometimes even breaking off and tearing the veneer before I finish the cut.

So to prevent this problem, I came up with the support shown in the photo. As you can see, it's pretty simple -- just a thin strip of 1/8" hardboard with a couple 1/4" dowels spaced 1" apart.



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Program: A Round Robin.

Bill Webb



Chris Kunzle opened the demonstration showing his expert turning skills. Chris showed how to make a "lot" of sawdust, and in between managed to get out a very nicely turned piece



David Roth had his scroll saw and sander to demonstrate the making of pieces for Intarsia. He cuts each piece out using the scroll saw and then finishes with a non-oscillating spindle sander using coarse paper first and graduating to finer and finer paper.

If one judges from the work he does, it must be a pretty good system. He likes the Olsen Fret saw blades.



Fred Chael had a scroll Saw Demonstration where he first used a Forstner bit to make two holes and then used the scroll saw to cut the pattern he wanted.

Bill Webb had a Shop Safety Demonstration with fence from his table saw. He had drilled and tapped holes in the top sheet metal of the fence to mount a wood mounting plate which could be used to secure the vertically oriented feather boards.

Feather boards are needed to prevent kickback, especially of small pieces of wood. A feather board needs to be mounted both in front of the saw blade and just behind the blade. These help keep the work on the table. Another feather board needs to be mounted horizontally, just in front of the blade to keep the work piece against the fence. This is often secured in a Tee slot.

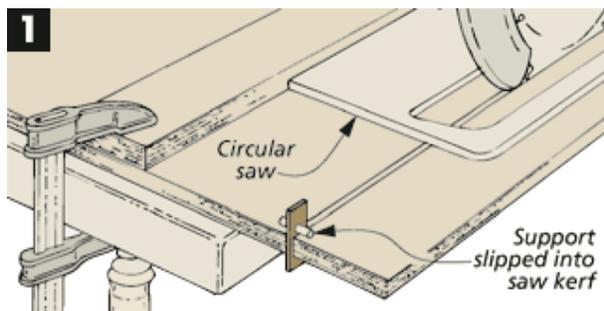
Also pusher sticks are needed to push the work through the saw. All these help keep the operators fingers away from the saw blade. A hand out was available showing designs for pushers sticks and feather boards.

Wayne Suter also showed some scroll saw work on a Christmas project.

Bill Evans also showed some reindeer he is making.

Thanks for sharing your ideas gentlemen!

Member to Member contd.



After starting the cut, I slip the support into the saw kerf, and it keeps the cut-off piece of plywood from sagging (Fig. 1).

Want to help cut guild monthly costs? Consider receiving the newsletter via email. It is faster and comes in color. If you are interested, please send an email to Wayne Wainwright at: wrig@kc.rr.com, or add your email to the Attendance list at the monthly meetings.

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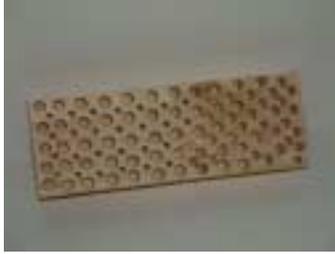
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Show & Tell Pictures



Tim Helfrich's Ark Cradle



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Frank Layne's book rack



Almost finished Guild flag cases



Jim Doyle / Bill Kuhlman display case



Bob LaDue's picture frames



Wayne Wainwright's Trivet



Russ Amos' Japanese style Solar yard light



Don Kruse' 1884 Scroll Saw



Frank Layne's logging truck

Bill Webb's wooden axle & wheels





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Minutes

Visitors: Tom Conroy, Albert Bertholet, and Shaun Amos

News:

- The toy report was good. In cooperation with the Lee's Summit Guild, we had almost 9000 toys to deliver to the United Way
- The 2 X 4 project is fully underway. The finished products are to be shown at the December Meeting. Prizes will be given for the three best as judged by those present
- The tool show in 2003 will be February 14-16 at the New Overland Park Trade Center. There will be a closed, secure area for display of some of our choice projects. We want to provide continuous demonstrations. This is our best way of getting noticed and publicizing our Guild to potential new members.
- Erl has hats and Shirts with the Guild Logo and name available.
- Frank Layne has a Delta Mortise tool with accessories for sale. Someone else has a Delta Scroll Saw for sale.
- The Seminar for next spring at Longview College has been cancelled because the cost of insurance is too high for the Guild to pay.
- David Roth is working on a new mentors list for publication. He would like some additional mentors, especially a Shop smith mentor.
- Flag cases are still in process. Wayne wants to make a new batch for shipment in February.

Nametag Drawing:

Jim McCarty won the scissor set. Frances Logan got second prize. Bill Webb took the gloves

Raffle:

Bill Evans won the 25' heavy duty retractable air hose reel. Mike Jones won the three drawer tool chest. Ken Sokol got the 126 piece Crescent tool set. Ken Eisler got the rotary file. Seth Simonton took the shop rag bundle.

Tool Talk:

A new invention was called to our attention: a table saw equipped with an instant stop device. It has a sensor circuit that is supposed to save fingers, thumbs and hands. You can see it on www.sawstop.com.

Show and Tell:

Tim Helfrich showed a Cradle/Toy Box made of pine and plywood. He plans an oak finish and immediate shipment to England.

Don Kruse showed another old, old tool, a 1884 scroll saw.

Gene Caples had a Dog Bowl made of cherry and finished with tung oil. It must be a very special dog.

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

Executive Meetings 2002 Guild Meetings

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 Erl Poulin or Jim Bany is all that is necessary.

Wayne Wainwright showed a Trivet made of maple and walnut, finished in lacquer. He made 35 trivets in four hours but the real challenge was the 45 degree angles. Wow!

Russ Amos made a Solar Japanese Lamp of cedar finished with Thompson's. Of greatest interest was the fine detail but the biggest problem was fitting the solar lamp.

Bob LaDue had some picture frames made of oak and cherry, he thinks, finished with polyurethane.

The biggest problems were the meters and fitting the moldings.

Frank Layne made a book rack of quarter sawn whit oak and a logging truck made of walnut.

Seth Simonton showed a bee block which he made of 2x4 pine. His challenge was making the holes.

Jim Doyle/ Bill Kuhlman showed a display case. The frame was made of cherry.

Bill Webb showed some wheels, hubs and Axles he had made on his lathe. The biggest problem was making the hole square with the wheel.

