

Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild

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President's Corner

Well, it's April - Taxes, Showers, and Guild elections. Luckily by the time our General meeting rolls around, you have either filed your tax statement or filed for your extension, and that leaves the evening free to elect the members that will serve on the Leadership committee and the Board for their two year term.

Every year the membership elects half of the leadership positions and this year we see the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and the Directors of Assets, Programs, Sponsorship, and Events up for election. At present we do not have anyone to serve for Programs (see Cliff Schuette's article in this edition) or Sponsorship, if you would be interested, let Guild

Secretary Sharon Pugh know at the April meeting or earlier. The Guild is growing and we need members willing to serve and give of their time as a member of the Leadership Committee.

The Open Shop sessions are seeing more and more people using the facility and that means that it is more important than ever that we all need to clean up after ourselves. Rumor has it someone responded to a reminder to clean up their mess saying "That's what the foremen are paid for". I certainly hope that that was just a good natured joke, as I hope everyone understands all Guild officers and foremen are volunteers and give of their time to keep the Guild running and the shop availa-

ble an average of 40 hours a week.

The Guild is the sum of it's members and lives through the actions and efforts of the membership. Keeping the Guild running is the responsibility of every member and that responsibility is not diminished by any level of membership, new or charter member, old or young, man or woman. It is the way the members have embraced this responsibility that has built this organization into the premier Woodworkers' Guild in the country.

Thank you for your continued support.

- Chuck Saunders

Next General Meeting : April 15th, 7:00pm KCWG Shop Program: Mastering the Hand-cut Dovetail—Cal Hobbs

One of the marks of fine craftsmanship and personal pride is the ability to master various joinery techniques. The hand-cut dovetail joint is, no doubt, the symbol of that ability and pride.

Our own member, Cal Hobbs, will lead us in this skill-building program. Cal developed his skills

under the direction of his father, Ben Hobbs, a renowned professional woodworker living in North Carolina. With great fatherly patience and high expectations, Cal learned to produce this joint with great precision and efficiency. He will show us the tools, steps and execution of this beautiful joint so that at least you can go to your shop to begin practicing

to create similar results in time

- Cliff Schuette

May Program : Using SketchUp, 3D Modeling Software with Chris Gorney

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Guild Training Notes From the Blackboard

The Training front is a busy one. We have Intro to Scrollsawing sign-ups going gangbusters. This particular class filled up pretty fast since we can only offer 5 slots at a time, but Bill Evans and John Tegeler tell me they can offer more classes as they fill up. If you're interested in taking the Intro to Scrollsawing class, make sure to sign up on the website and you will be put on a waiting list and we will let you know when the next class is ready to go.

If you have ever thought about making a "period-style" piece but wasn't sure how to go about it, your opportunity is here. Cal Hobbs has agreed to teach a

multi-week class on making a classic ball and claw footstool. We will have one of Cal's footstools on display at the shop so that you can see what you are going to learn to build. You will learn:

- Mortise and Tenon Joinery
- Sawing out and shaping cabriole legs, using rasps, spokeshaves, and scrapers.
- Carving ball and claw feet.
- Shell carving (if desired).
- Hand-applied shellac.
- Slip seat construction and basic upholstery.

This class is limited to 10 people and it will run every Tuesday night from 6-10 pm starting May 5 through June 9. The fee for this class will be \$200.00, all materials provided. You will be making your stool out of mahogany.



For questions, please contact Mike Jones at training@kcwoodworkersguild.org

Please keep an eye on the website and your email inbox for other training opportunities that are coming your way this summer.

See you in the shop!

- Mike Jones



Guild History Wanted!

I am requesting all past Presidents of the KCWG to email me with their dates of service. I wish to contact all for interviews. Any member with KCWG historical information is also encouraged to email or call me.

— Ann Creek, KCWG Historian

g.creek@att.net

(913) 449-3377

Exciting News From the Library

The library volunteers (Barry Pennington, CJ Schepers, Larry Settle, Charley Young, and John McKee) have worked tirelessly over the past month completely reorganizing and relabeling the 1500+ resources in the KCWG library. After more than 100 hours of work, we have successfully created a far more thorough index of woodworking topics. The new organization system has 21 topic categories and *will help members spend less time searching for library resources and more time actually woodworking!* All KCWG books have new labels and are arranged on shelves in the numeric groupings listed below. The next time you visit the library you'll find that the KCWG bookshelves are arranged with smallest numeric sequences starting at the leftmost bookshelf and continuing through higher numbers as you move to the right. Please stop by the Guild library and see what we've accomplished!

- John McKee

Book Number	Topic Category (# books/DVDs in category)
1-499	Cabinet Making (28)
500-999	Collections (131)
1000-1499	Hand Tools (87)
1500-1999	Homes (40)
2000-2499	Kids & Toys (126)
2500-2999	Miscellaneous (39)
3000-3499	Plans & Projects (334)
3500-3999	Power Tools (103)
4000-4499	Style (84)
4500-4999	Wood (23)
5000-5499	Workshops (43)
5500-5999	Techniques - General (138)
6000-6499	Techniques - Carving (66)
6500-6999	Techniques - Finishing (113)
7000-7499	Techniques - Jigs (23)
7500-7999	Techniques - Joinery (23)
8000-8499	Techniques - Restoration (45)
8500-8999	Techniques - Sharpening (18)
9000-9499	Techniques - Upholstery (14)
9500-9999	Techniques - Woodturning (26)

From The Shop

March was another busy month at the Guild. The Turf Box project found several of our new members as volunteers along with "old" members for a total of 46 participants. Not only did we do turf boxes, the crew did 25 turf briefcases and assembled 25 plant stand kits to be used in the Beginning Machine Woodworking class. Thank you for the help keeping our dues so low.

The jointer is one of the first machine operations in preparing stock for a woodworking project. We use it to make our material flat and true, turning lumber to usable boards. The defects that we have to remove are BOW, CROOK, KINK, CUP and TWIST.

Bow

Bowing occurs along the length of the *face* of the piece of wood causing the ends to curl towards each other.

Crook

Crooking occurs along the length or the *edge* of a piece of wood causing the

ends to lose parallel and curl towards each other.

Cup

Cupping occurs across the width of the *face* of a piece of wood curling it's edges down or up from the center of the *face*.

Kink

Kinking is usually the result of a knot and causes the wood kink at an angle (like an elbow).

Twist

Twisting often warps an entire board and results from opposite edges that curl in opposite directions and do not settle on the same plane. The board will rock on two opposite corners.

Removing defects from the piece of lumber requires that it be properly placed on the jointer in-feed table prior to running over the cutter head. Bows, cups, and kinks are all run with the defect down on the in-feed table so the convex side or edge is facing up. Twists are another story, as long as it

is not cupped or bowed. Find the two corners that lie the flattest on the table applying equal pressure not to rock the board push it across the cutter head. After a couple passes on the planer the board should start to show a flat face.

A some tips on using the jointer:

- Reduce the length of your stock as much as possible for your project. Shorter pieces are easier to run through the jointer.
- Keep the depth of stock removal to about a 1/16th of an inch. It will push easier through the jointer than trying to make fewer deep cuts.
- Have a good plan to start your project you will be more pleased with the result.

- Erwin Kurtz



Dan Robidoux (picture credit Mike Jones)

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More Sponsors!

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March SPECIALS

8/4 African Mahogany S2SSLR 1-3/4" \$5.99/bf

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Next Safety Orientation

April 25th 2015, 2:30pm at the KCWG shop.

Members, bring your waiver and completed test to get qualified to use the KCWG Shop!

Special Interest Groups – All KCWG Members Are Invited

Coming up!

Hand Tool SIG : April 26th 2pm

Rabbets, Dados & Tenons! Oh My! with Andrew Carr

The Hand Tool SIG will be looking at different approaches for making rabbets, dados and tenons with a limited (beginner) hand tool set. No fancy planes needed. Discussion, demo and practice! Bring your marking gauges, saws and chisels for experimenting. We will also

break out the fancy planes to show off.

Questions email Rob Young rwyoung@ieeee.org or Andrew Carr tandell@gmail.com

Coming up!

Scroll Saw SIG : Wednesday

April 8th, 7pm

Coming up!

Power Tool SIG : Sunday April

19th, 3pm Knives are in, on with

the rest of the planer!

Coming up!

CNC SIG : Wednesday April 22nd

6:30pm More with Aspire and CNC Routing www.vectric.com

All SIG's of the Guild are free and open to all members of the Guild and their guests. Any questions concerning the CNC SIG please contact Chuck Saunders gooberdog@gmail.com.

“The greater the difficulty, the more the glory in surmounting it.”

– Epicurus



Smithville Montessori—(picture credit N. Shoger)



Jim Ramsay—(picture credit N. Shoger)

Safety In the Shop

In the Leadership meeting on April 1, the group addressed instances where members, and friends of members, were in the shop working with the machine tools without safety training. Hey! No joke.

Essentially it is policy that only *Sawdust Maker* level members and above may use Guild machine tools on personal projects, and that members must complete their safety training as signified by their Green Tag name badges, which must be worn while using shop tools. During Guild sponsored project work sessions, members of any level with a Green Tag may use the

machine tools as supervised.

The discussion reinforced the role of the Shop Foreman in regard to permitting people to use the Guild's machine tools. In the instance where there is a question, the Shop Foreman will verify the person's membership and safety authorization before allowing them to work in the shop. Remember, in the Open Shop, the Foreman's word is law.

The discussion included a review of administrative tools helpful to the Shop Foremen.

Safety at the Guild's Open Shop is no joking matter. We all know people who have narrowly escaped injury and we know some who weren't so lucky. The end result of access to the Open Shop should only be beautiful creations. Let's keep our focus.

Questions regarding this policy should be forwarded to the Director of Assets or the Director of Safety.

- Chuck Slagle

Member Profile



Kevin Thomas

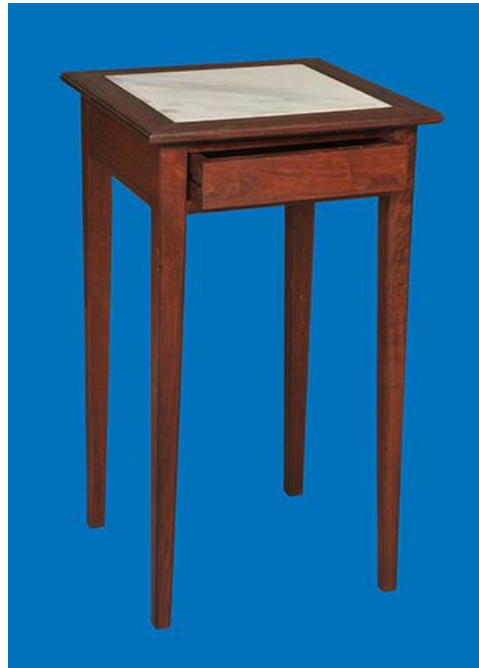
Kevin Thomas has been a member of the Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild for ten years, now. He joined at the March, 2005. Since that time Kevin has held several positions in the Guild's leadership. He has been the Newsletter Editor, Director of Communication, Vice-President, President, Shop Foreman, Safety Committee member, Safety Orientation Coordinator, and Board Member at Large. With elections coming up this month, he wants to stress to members new and old, that this is your Guild. If you want to keep it going, **Get Involved!**

Kevin has no real specialties in his woodworking, though he has built or helped build several workbenches. He enjoys the camaraderie that being a member of the Guild provides and has made many good friends because of it. Education is important to him and there is always something to learn here at the Guild. The best Craftsmen and Craftswomen of the Kansas City area are members and are willing to share their skills.

Kevin offers this safety tip: Never work when you're tired or distracted. You can always work on it another day. Spoken like a true procrastinator.



Sergio Rodriguez—(picture credit N. Shoger)



Roland Mahler—(picture credit N. Shoger)



Tom Webb—(picture credit N. Shoger)



John Tegeler—(picture credit N. Shoger)



Mike Resch—(picture credit N. Shoger)



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Monthly Raffle Special Announcement

The months of March and April will have two special items in the Monthly Raffle. Two WW-II vintage Stanley #4 Smoothing Planes restored by the KCWG Handtool SIG. Member Greg Muller kindly donated two "barn fresh" planes for use by the Handtool SIG restoration session in February. Now those planes are ready to be put to use! Go dump out the change jar and get ready!

Before:



After:



Craig Arnold—(picture credit N. Shoger)



Anthony Harris—(picture credit N. Shoger)

Take the Challenge: Step up to become the KCWG Program Chair

Do you desire to influence the educational direction of the KCWG? Do you have things you want to learn but haven't seen a program that addresses your curiosity? Are you a "veteran" Guild member wanting more depth for your skill development, or are you a newcomer wondering how to get started in becoming a more skillful woodworker?

Our Guild needs some members to step forward to address the learning needs and desires of our growing membership base. The Program Chairperson has four primary responsibilities:

- Develop possible topics for monthly programs;
- Identify individuals in our community to present identified programs topics;

- Write program descriptions in conjunction with presenters for publication in the monthly newsletter.
- Oversee organizing and providing refreshments at monthly meetings;

There is much latitude in how one may go about fulfilling this broad outline of responsibilities. Monthly leadership meetings provide a source of ideas and desires for particular programs. Creating relationships with shop foremen as well as accomplished woodworkers among the general membership is also a rich source of ideas. In addition, it is useful to have a kind of detective mentality as you tune into all the media exposure that is given to unusual artisans, programs, and events in the greater Kansas City community. We have many resources in both the Guild and our greater community.

The Guild is only as good as its membership. We are a volunteer organization that requires individuals to step up to leadership positions. Consider becoming the Program Chair or a program assistant. You will find much satisfaction in expanding your network of woodworkers and you will find much satisfaction in knowing that you contributed to the continuing education of our members.

Contact Cliff Schuette, the outgoing Program Chair, for further information. He can be reached at 816-289-8536, or by email, schuette@mnstate.edu. Most programs for the next 4 months are already nailed down. This will give you some time to develop a committee and do begin scheduling the remaining programs for 2015.

- Cliff Schuette



Smithville Montessori—(picture credit N. Shoger)



JSergio Rodriquez—(picture credit N. Shoger)

KCWG In the Blogosphere!

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/blogs/woodworking-blog/2015/01/26/kansas-city-woodworking-show-2015-another-success/#more-4234>

Thanks to Jim Drummond for bringing this to our attention.

On-line Safety Test for KCWG Shop "Green Tag"

Today on-line testing is being used to evaluate skills for job openings at every rung of the career ladder from bank teller to executive level. To join this increasing trend, this month the KCWG is entering a new era with the Safety Orientation program, by moving to on-line testing. The requirements to receive a green safety name tag have not changed; just the manner in which the safety test is administered is changing.

In the last few months, a sub-team of the Safety Committee, headed by Jerry Stanley, has been reviewing companies and developing

procedures for this new on-line safety testing program. This new on-line testing program opens up a number of innovative methods to expand our program. We can add video, pictures, and new machine tests for everyone to take faster than we have in the past. According to Chuck Slagle, Director of Safety, This new testing method provides greater access and a better testing experience for our members. In addition we can expand our capabilities to provide video and pictures in the testing environment. I believe that we will be able to enhance our members learning experience.

A [Link](#) to the test will be located on the Guild web site, however, to be able to take the test it will require a password. The participant will be able to log on and off of the test over time, and know the results before arriving at the Safety Orientation. They will be able to receive a print-out of their score, and the questions, if they miss some questions, they bring it to the class.

As it is currently done, incorrect questions will be discussed with each participant to correct to one hundred percent.

— Chuck Slagle

2015 SAFETY ORIENTATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Instructor	Test Grader
Sunday, January 18	2:30 pm	Rob Young	Kevin Thomas
Saturday, February 21	2:30 pm	Chuck Slagle	Roland Mohler
Saturday, March 21	2:30 pm	Roland Mohler	Chuck Slagle
Saturday, April 25	2:30 pm	John E. Johnson	Kevin Thomas
Sunday, May 17	2:30 pm	TBA	Erwin Kurtz
Saturday, June 20	2:30 pm	TBA	Jerry Stanley
Saturday, July 18	2:30 pm	John Johnson	Erwin Kurtz
Saturday, August, 22	2:30 pm	Roland Mohler	Jerry Stanley
Sunday, September 20	2:30 pm	Mike Jones	Erwin Kurtz
Sunday, October 25	2:30 pm	Mike Jones	Roland Mohler
Saturday, November 21	2:30 pm	Chuck Slagle	Kevin Thomas

Transitions in Communications

It is a rule of thumb that associations such as the Guild live and die by the efforts of their volunteers who manage their day-to-day business as well as set the basic policies that guarantee their existence in the first place. When members step up in moments of need and take a turn at filling the various niches that need filling, organizations are secure and their members profit.

When we advertised to fill Rob's position we were pleased to have a number of talented individuals respond, making us feel really blessed. Perhaps it's the season.

Brandon Mason, a young man who joined with his father in January said that he was very interested in shepherding Wood Words. We are pleased to welcome him, his interest and his talents to the task. This is Rob's last edition; Brandon begins with the May edition. He will be reachable at editor@kcwoodworkingguild.org.



Brandon is a second year law student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He also works as a law clerk

in Kansas City, Missouri, where his duties include drafting and editing client correspondence, legal documents, and internal memorandums.

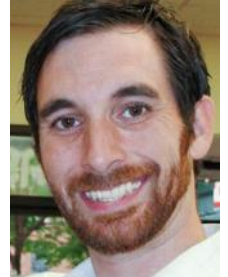
The web site is currently under redesign by Jon Harding, who joined last year and was recruited by Mike Jones to assist with the project. Jon is a web developer with his own company, webedgemedias.com.

Jeff Potts, who also joined last year, is assisting and will act as backup to the webmaster after the redesign. Jeff was my good neighbor for several years and has his own marketing company, 2020 Creative. His company is a -service design company engaged in print, web and new media providing "big-agency quality creative at indy studio prices." When I needed immediate support with the web site his was the first name that came to mind. He came, and then he stayed.



As the redesign is finished we will transition to our new webmaster, Andy Warren, who has been a member for only the past year. Andy initially volunteered

for the newsletter position, but jumped to the web as soon as the position opened. He works for a company called DEG as a Business Analyst working on e-commerce projects with Purina, so web stuff is "definitely in my wheelhouse." He has extensive knowledge of WordPress from both the hardware/hosting and software side of things and so is ideal for both ongoing design and maintenance over time.



With all of the chaos this entails at the current moment, Rob Young ironically agreed to be the temporary webmaster until things settle down.

This transition has been a best model for how a volunteer association can and should work. We are grateful to those past and future volunteers who have stepped up keep things going.

- Dick Kammer

Dan Robidoux March 18 Presentation – More Information

On March 18, woodcarver and KCWG member Dan Robidoux made a comprehensive presentation to the March meeting on Bird Carving Skills and Tools. Here are a few photos of his work, courtesy of Mike Jones.

As he discussed the carving process, Dan gave us several basic concepts, including:

"If you don't know where you are going, that is exactly where you will end up."

"Carve what you see, not what you think you see."

"Practice makes perfect!" (If you can tolerate the frustration)

"If it is in the bird, it needs to be in the habitat."

"See what others don't. Do what others won't. Paint what others can't"

"Be confident, do not let your fear paralyze your will to try"

In encouraging newcomers to the skill set, Dan urges: "Come prepared with a positive attitude, willing to learn and have fun, because you are going to take a huge step into the world of woodcarving. You will produce better carvings and enjoy carving more."

In advertising his classes on his [website](#), Dan posts this unique pledge:

"As your instructor for these classes. I pledge to come prepared to give my undivided attention to teaching during class time. I will not work on private projects that are unrelated to the topic of study during the class time. I will treat all students equally despite experience or skill level. I will also provide contact information and respond to phone calls if students have additional questions outside of class."

- Dick Kammer



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Have a suggestion for the Guild? Idea for a program, clinic, workshop? Contact us using the emails to the right.



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Sept 25-27 2015
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**"The power of imagination makes us infinite."
— John Muir**

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