



Wood Words

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

**April Raffle: Veritas Wheel Marking gauge,
Countersink Drill Set, 4 piece Blue Chip Chisel Set**

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

**Next Meeting Wed. May 16th, 7 PM
Program: Making a Work Bench - with Jim Bany**

**Wear your name badge,
Win a prize!**

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Hot News:

The Guild website has been updated with new content and you can now receive "Woodwords" in your e-mail if you would prefer. Just send me an e-mail (wwrig@kc.rr.com) or register with the "online sign-up form on the web site. Select "Newsletter Only" on the sign-up form.

Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Dave Kraatz

Wow! Jim McCord certainly demonstrated, in our March meeting, who to call on when we have a box making question. I want to thank Jim for being available on very short notice and presenting a very informative and expert program.

I recall that I made six small, simple, boxes for gifts last year and it took me about two weeks. You can imagine how I felt when I learned that Jim makes more complicated boxes a hundred at a time.



I am pleased with our progress in skill building programs this year and from what I hear from

member feedback, you are enjoying it also. We are continuing to look for members and skilled craftsmen outside of the guild who are willing to demonstrate their skills by presenting a program in one of our monthly meetings.

Presenting a program does take some preparation and you will have to get the material together, but it offers you the opportunity to hone both your specialty skill and your presentation skills. I personally find that getting organized to do a program and setting up the demonstration helps me improve the process of what I am demonstrating.

I can often find a shorter, better, or easier way to do something. Our show and tell time at the meetings is an excellent way to warm up for

giving a meeting program because a program is just a longer show and tell. Please contact one of the guild officers if you would like to present a program at a future meeting.

Presenting a program does take some preparation

I want to encourage every member to be

present in our April meeting for the election

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PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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of officers and directors for the coming year. There are several vacancies that must be filled to ensure the continuity and smooth function of our guild programs. Our nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for your consideration, but nominations from the floor will be in order for all offices and I ask that you volunteer your candidacy if you can help us with guild leadership.

I am happy to see signs of springtime which reminds me that my workshop is warming up also. I have plans to make at least three more craftsman style tables and I am planning to revive my dulcimer making skills soon. I hope that you have some projects urging you to get the saws and drills making chips. Keep us updated on your projects at the meetings and REMEMBER to bring something for show and tell.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our "workbench making meeting" this month.

Program:

Bill Webb

Jim McCord began the presentation by telling us about his way of making boxes. This was a hobby, which turned into a habit and actually makes some money, too.

A typical lot size is 100 of a particular box. His main tools are: a saw, router and double drum sander. He uses J weight sanding belts (220 grit) cloth base. He often buys these from skates supply house. He likes Forrest saw blades. His shop size is a double car garage. He likes Powermatic machines. He uses American Grinding Company on 31st street for most of his sharpening. He buy's much of his wood from B & B hardwoods in bundle size lots and uses mostly cherry, walnut and hard maple.

He uses almost exclusively 45 degree bevel corners and keeps the. Boxes simple. He will laminate pieces of woods together to get

**Jim likes Danish oil
for a finish**

interesting patterns and colors. He will use veneers (minimum 1/32" thick) in the laminate to get contrast. A typical laminated piece will be 24" long from which he can cut the four sides of a box. He usually uses Baltic Birch plywood for the bottoms of the box.

Jim likes Danish oil for a finish, which can be purchased at Paxton Woodcrafters in large quantity. He uses Titebond II as his preferred glue since it does not load the grit on the sander. He uses doeskin cloth as a liner for his boxes. He can get it for \$12 per yard in quantity.

One of his favorite boxes is his business card holder, which folds up to go in ones pocket, or opens up to stand on a desk top.

Some of Jim McCord's Boxes



Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

Accident description:

I was making a series of repetitive rips, after an eight hour day in the shop. About rip number 20, I reached down to pick the board up while it was still on the blade. I actually laid my hand on the spinning blade. They say you will not feel it, but it felt like my fingers were hit with a sledge hammer.

Bad cut, but as the Doc said, "you'll still be able to count to ten". I ended up lacerating the first three digits, cutting off the tip of the second. I was able to save the tip, so all that left is some ugly scars.

I WAS EXTREMELY LUCKY. That was four years ago, and to this day, I close shop when I get tired. But being only 42 years old, I have suddenly been accepted by many of the old timers at the wood shed!

Advice to other Woodworkers

1. Never have your saw blade higher than 1/8" above the surface of the wood. I know there is an argument about torque development within the saw motor, but a cut that is only 1/8" deep will most probably result in only a tissue wound. I feel that this is the best advice anyone can give to a woodworker.

2. Never, Never attempt repetitive cutting procedures when you are tired.

Accident Description

I was cutting a small (too Small) piece of oak using the rip fence and it caught and kicked back the piece, sending it across several of my fingers. In the process removing several layers of skin. It also bent back and probably dislocated my little finger. I can't fully straighten it out.

Advice to other Woodworkers
If it doesn't feel right DON'T do it....

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Sanding Block

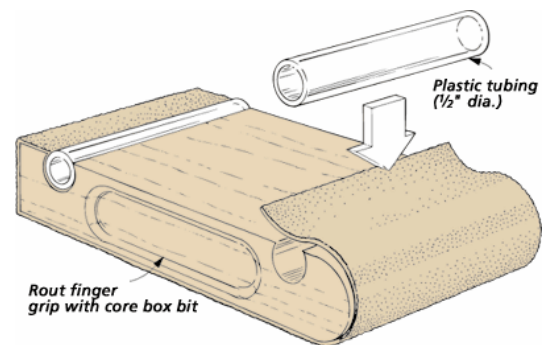
Our esteemed leader (Dave Kraatz) made some really nice sanding blocks at Christmas that he gave as gifts. I found this article in Woodworking Tips and thought I would share it with you.

For the longest time, I used a scrap piece of wood for a sanding block. It was simple and didn't cost much. But it never worked as well as I would've liked - the sandpaper tended to shift around and tear. Recently, though, I came up with a "new" sanding block that works really well. Not only is it sized to fit my hand perfectly; it also holds the paper in place using plastic tubing.

To make the sanding block, first I found a "palm-sized" scrap block and drilled a couple of rounded channels across the top of the block. (To do this, you'll need a 1/2"-

dia. Forstner bit.) Finally, round the nose of the block on a belt sander, and if you want to get really fancy, you can rout a finger grip on each side.

The sandpaper is held in place by two pieces of 1/2"-dia. plastic tubing that are cut to length and pressed into the channels, see photo and drawing. To use the sanding block, simply secure the back end of the sandpaper



with one of the plastic tubes. Then wrap the paper around the block and secure the other end in the same fashion.

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For more tips like this, visit www.WoodworkingTips.com

Items for Sale:

- Someone has a walnut tree available. They will cut it down. - see Wayne Wainwright.
- Delta 10" direct drive Table saw - asking \$150. Contact Keith: 913 962-4886





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Upcoming Programs

April: Basic Wood Joinery
May: Dovetail Joints
June: Making and Fitting Drawers
July: Choosing wood for your projects
August: Saws: Band Saw, Table Saw, Scroll Saw
Sept: Planning designing and making a project

Minutes

New Members & Visitors;

Welcome; Troy Simonson, Roger Abbot, Demont Edwards, Kent Townsend, and Rick Hetherington

News items:

- Erl announced that the tool project captains would be asking people to take toolboxes.
- Fred Chael has some dragster boxes for guild members to work
- Gene Caples knows of someone that needs to have a door made
- Bob LaDue announced the plan to have Mario Rodriguez as our featured speaker next spring at our seminar

Raffle:

Bob Drew won the fastener kit
 Dan Hultgren took the clamps
 Mr. Rexroad took the doweling jig

Tool Talk:

The Bridge City Triangle Rule works great!

Show and Tell

Russell Clausing had an intarsia item made of Cherry, Walnut, Russian olive and Holly built on a Baltic Birch back. Finished with polyurethane.

Jim Bundridge showed a walnut bookshelf and a walnut lamp, with a wax finish. Both items had a special wood feature.

Jim Ramsey made a brass straight edge with a cherry back.

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

2001

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

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.

Ray Graham had a piece of wood for a gazebo, which required a mortise and tenon.

Wayne Wainwright had a picture of a rocking chair made of white oak. The biggest problems were the curved rockers and the legs.



Gene Caples showed a table made of walnut, locust, and oak. It was finished with shellac and water base polyurethane. The points of most interest were the character of the wood, the locust color and figure and the bridal

joint.

Bill Webb showed two Lazy Susans: one 18" diameter with a railing and a 36" diameter, plain. Hard maple was used for the small one with red oak for the rail and hard maple spindles to support the rails.

The large one was made of Baltic Birch plywood with a heat sensitive, self-adhesive birch banding around the outside. The small one had a maple stain and both were then finished with shellac and polyurethane.



Russell Clausings intarsia item made of Cherry, Walnut, Russian olive and Holly built on a Baltic Birch back



Bill Webb's two Lazy Susans: The small one made of Hard Maple with red oak for the rail and hard maple spindles to support the rails. The large one was made of Baltic Birch plywood with a heat sensitive, self-adhesive birch banding around the outside.



Ray grahams piece of wood for a gazebo, which required a mortise and tenon



Jim Bundridges Walnut bookshelf and Walnut lamp



Gene Caples table made of walnut, locust, and oak



Wayne Wainwright's White Oak Rocking Chair



Jim Ramsey's brass straight edge with a cherry back

Editors Notes

Grab bag

Jim is still looking for participation in the Grab bag planned for the June meeting. If you have any items for the grab bag, please contact Jim

We are looking for items from guild members to make this a successful event. We do not have a lot of rules for donated items but please try and follow these guidelines:

- Complete items
- If liquid (stain, glue) the container should be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ full and usable.
- No broken items.

Contact Jim Ramsey (913 764-8983) to make arrangements on where to deliver donated items.

Notice

Woodworkers Show:

Would you be interested in a Woodworkers Show?

Bring your opinions to the next meeting as this will be put to the floor for discussion.

Recall Notice:

DeWalt is recalling twelve inch miter saws models DW704 TY1 and DW705 TY1. Bolts on these saws can loosen and the blade could detach. the saws have date codes from a 9201 to 9340. the model numbers are located on the nameplate to the saws housing.

The data code is stamped into the back of the saws. call 888-771 -4540, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern daylight Time. Or go to <http://support.dewalt.com>