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

Wood Words

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November Raffle: Black & Decker 1/4 sheet sander, Micro Plane starter kit and a drill guide kit

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

Next Meeting Wed. November 21st, 7 PM
Program: Vermont Carpenter Tool Box with Don Kruse

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Sawdust:
The Presidents Corner

Dave Kraatz

The October program on steam bending by George Gries made me want to make something curved like a Windsor chair, a sled or maybe a trout fishing net, Yeah, that's it, a trout fishing net. Thanks for an excellent program, George. You made us all believe that we can do it.

Well, the fall and winter are upon us which means some chances to increase our workshop time. I always have big plans for straightening up my shop and retiring some unused machines as well as using up some of the lumber that I have saved for special projects.



This could also be a chance for learning a new skill like veneering or hand cut dovetails or carving of decorative details or lathe turning or possibly even making a piece in a style that we

haven't done before.

The possibilities are endless to expand our skills by personal study and practice and also by mentoring someone else who would like to achieve your skill. I encourage each of you to take advantage of our depth of skill in the Guild and call on a mentor and also to search for an opportunity to be a mentor yourself. Do you have a Christmas gift project planned or in progress?

I am a poor example for you because I always put off vital steps until the last minute. I remember putting the final coat of finish on a spice chest late on Christmas Eve or building a stair case in a doll house and hoping the glue dried before Santa came by our house. I have found that when I start a project, I can better stay on schedule if I list the necessary steps and then get out my calendar and write a date when each one must be done.

This list becomes a reminder every time I go to the workshop, to not start something new or fluff off

time making shavings with a sharp plane, but to get on with the project that I have started.

Winter is also a good time to tune up your tools and sharpen them so that they are ready when you need them. I think that I can safely say that all of us have probably used a 3/8 inch chisel when we really needed a 1/2 inch one because it was the only sharp one in the drawer.

This habit only results in bad experiences. Use the winter to tune up your tools!

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PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

	Clarence Teed Memorial
	Paxton Woodcrafters 816 483-0659
	Woodcraft Supply 913 599-2800
	Strasser Hardware 913 236-5858

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We also have several opportunities for each of you to get more involved in Guild activities. Our spring professional seminar will be here sooner than we think.

Spend some time thinking of what you would like to learn and possibly volunteer to help Bob LaDue plan and set up the seminar. There will be a lot of work to do.

The annual Woodworking Show will be in February. This is an opportunity to look at all of the new tools. Spend some time before the show planning what you want to look at or buy. Have questions ready to validate your choices to suit the work that you do. We will also have the opportunity to show off our skills and some of our work at the show. Our show coordinator, yet to be appointed, will need a lot of help to plan and handle the Guild activities at the show.

Finally, I think that we must schedule a public showing of our member's work. This type of show has in the past been a distinctive feature of our Guild. We have let this activity slip in importance and we must resume it for the continued Guild vitality and public recognition of our work. This will take a lot of willing and able hands to plan, produce and staff a public show. I encourage each of you to get involved to make our Guild more publicly visible.

I hope that I have challenged you to keep warm this winter by being busy with woodworking. Please let the officers and directors know what you want to do and where you will help make these things happen. I would like us to double the Show and Tell pieces for the November meeting. Please help me by bringing yours.

Clarence Teed Memorial Funded for 2001/2002:

The Guild deeply appreciates the gift of Mrs. Agnes Teed to fund the Clarence Teed Memorial for 2001/2002.

Clarence, one of the founding members of our guild, gave all of us an excellent example of dedication to woodworking and craftsmanship to aspire to. We will use this fund to support the guild ideals that Clarence envisioned.

Toy Project Report:

Our annual toy project wrapped up in fine style on Saturday, November 3rd with a work day at Lawler Gear Co. The combined efforts of the Lees Summit Guild and our Guild produced 8344 toys to be distributed by the United Way Organizations of Greater Kansas City.

Thank you to all members who participated in making toys. I know that the products of your efforts and skill will be greatly appreciated by those who receive the toys.

**Don't forget Show and Tell
and Tool Talk we need
your experiences
and opinions.**

Program:

Bill Webb

The program was presented by George Griess. He showed us how to bend wood in a 180 degree bend.

The stock was 3 1/4 x 5/8 cross section, "green" red oak. This was split, not sawn. He was making an arm bow for a Windsor chair.

The wood was heated in a steam

bath and becomes hot and fully saturated with water. For this purpose he had used 4" PVC pipe with the ends capped or plugged. Drain holes were provided near one end and the pipe was tilted so the condensate would drain through the holes.

Steam is generated in a container heated by a Butane burner. The container he used was a 2 or 3 gallon gas can charged with water with a 1 to 1 1/4" hose connected to the spout.

The steam line then had a "T" so the steam supply was split to enter the PVC pipe at the one third or quarter points along the length.

The PVC pipe is insulated in a wooden box which George made of Cypress wood. The insulation provided by the wooden box greatly improves the efficiency by reducing the heat loss. A bundle of product was placed on a suitable rack in the steam oven for 90 minutes before starting the bending.

George says he has only a half minute to place the wood on the form, bend it, and attach the clamps. Extra clamps are needed if the wood lifts off the form at some point. He then tied the two ends together with a string and removed the bent wood from the form after 10 to 15 minutes. It is then allowed to cool and dry out before further finishing.

**Thanks George
for a great
program!**

Shop Safety

Jim Ramsey

The Table Saw Incident:

I was ripping a piece of maple recently when I hit a stress spot with the resulting incident.

I picked a piece of shrapnel (too big to call it a splinter) from my shirt, seriously it was about 4 inches in length and 3/8 at the widest point.

I examined the piece and knew that there were more large pieces somewhere, being grateful I was not hurt I wrote off the incident as a reminder to always wear eye protection.

It was sometime later as I was driving past our house, when I noticed a couple of holes in the window shade of my shop. I thought it was funny as the shades were fairly new and should not be dry rotting.

Making a mental note that I really should replace it, I filed it away where all good mental notes go. It was several months later I was doing a serious cleaning of the shop, I raised the shade and found two more pieces of Maple.

I have since installed an over arm guard on my table saw. I do not know of any way I could have determined that the piece of Maple was under stress, it just goes

to remind us to always be careful, wear safety glasses, and keep guards in place whenever possible.

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Rip Fence Setup Gauge

When trying to make very accurate cuts with my rip fence, I used to check the distance between the fence and my saw blade with a tape measure.

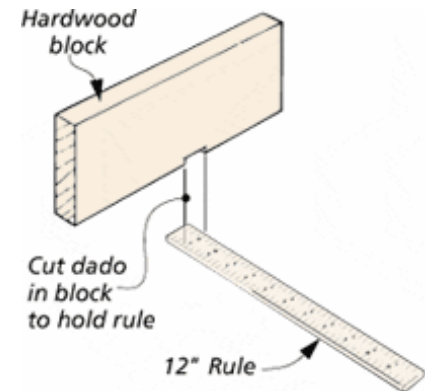
But trying to hold the end of the tape against the rip fence and adjust it at the same time took more coordination than I could muster. So instead I made a simple set-up gauge for my rip fence.



My set-up gauge consists of nothing more than a block of hardwood and a 12"-long steel rule, see drawing above.

I simply cut a shallow dado across the bottom edge of the block to

hold the rule. Then glued the rule into the dado with epoxy so that it was flush with the edge (back) of the block.



To use the gauge, just clamp it to the rip fence. This way, the gauge moves along with the fence as I adjust it, leaving me with both hands free to set the fence.

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Minutes

New Members & Visitors; We welcome visitors Walt Coplinger, Mark Hernandez, Cris Kemlar, Kevin McAndrew and Deanne Yancy.

News:

Bob LaDue announced the latest on the Spring Seminar which will feature Mario Rodriguez. He also asked if there was any interest in a bus trip.

Bill Webb thanked those who had made the Car Carrier Truck Toys.

Wayne Wainwright reported that some of the wood working magazines have included a link to our Web site and visits are up.

Erl Poulin announced that toy assembly day is November 3rd at Lawler Gear. He also has new Guild Caps, Shirts, and one Jacket for sale.

Jim Bany thanked those who helped with the Habitat project. He says that Habitat for Humanity wants them to take on a project to build four houses next year. They built two in 3 weekends this year.

David Roth talked about the Mentoring Program and the adding of the new category, "Shop Layout and Equipment Specialist."

An announcement was made regarding the Clarence Teed Memorial Fund. Clarence was one of the founders of the Guild and his Memorial Fund has made a small contribution to the Guild.

Steve Adams has contributed a box of books for the Guild Library.

As an answer to the question asked last month, someone brought in a special tool to create large letters.

Tool Talk:

Jim Bany showed us several levels. He says Smith levels are considered among the best. He also showed us a competitive product which he considers just as good at a lower price. They are made of walnut and maple with metal corners. They are called "REED WRIGHT" and are made by Dale Reed and are available from United Rental.

Bill Webb has a new Hitachi Sliding Miter Saw which so far has worked well. George Dixon has had good results using "Saw Ease" to lubricate screws as well as saws. The RIGID Orbital + Belt sander is considered a good value by one of our wood workers. Another one found the DEWALT Orbital Sander didn't perform as well as his Bosch because of the dust collection.

Certain DEWALT and BLACK and DECKER Battery chargers have been recalled. See the November, 2001 issue, page 14, of WOOD magazine.

Raffle:

Wayne Wainwright won the Center Drill. Bill Evans took the Crown Tool Back Saw. Bob Wilson got the Sharpening System.

The Name Tag prize winners were: Ken Spong took the Long Nose Pliers, Ray Graham won the Pipe Clamp, and Erl Poulin got the Tape Measure.

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.

Show and Tell

George Dixon showed his special turtles, which are either a foot stool or a toy. One is made of walnut and the other is just plain old pine.



Ray Graham showed us his 95 cent Calipers.

Bill Webb had an old photo of a Hedge Tree which had a diameter of over four feet.

Herb Pearson showed us a new design of a Fly-Through Bird Feeder. It is built with a hinged tray, made of cedar and uses 1/8" hardware cloth and is made to mount on a post.

Chuck Slagle made a neat looking wooden padlock with key.

Rod Hansen had two "Clacker" Toys made of walnut and ash. They really work; that is, they drive parents crazy.

Show & Tell Pictures



Editors Notes:

A Special Kansas City Guild Member Participates in A time of need:

Many of you may know Guild member Brian Kemp. In addition to being a fine Woodworker, he is also a member of the United States Armed Forces. Brian has been called by the Navy, to spend the next year in Yokousa, Japan.

He left on November the 8th for Ft. Worth Texas then immediately he will go to Pensacola Florida for 2 weeks of specialized training. From there, he is off to Japan. We will miss him and wish him the best in this endeavor. He is hoping to have access to email in Japan and will communicate with us if he can. He asks that we keep his significant other, Jenny, in our prayers.

Woodworkers United for America

A message from the leaders of Woodworkers United for America:

There are times in life when you look around and think, "what can I do to help?". We found ourselves doing just that in the wake of the 9/11 terror attack on America. As woodworkers we decided to use our skills to build memorial Flag Display Cases for the families of those

lost in the war on terrorists. The organization has secured permission to provide Flag Cases for Pentagon, American Airlines, United Airlines, and the NYC firefighters lost on September 11th. We continue to work on getting to families of those lost in the World Trade Center as well as those families that have lost loved ones as a result of the ongoing war.

If you would like to join us, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone. We need woodworking clubs and guilds to help in building flag cases, assistance with transportation of completed cases to distribution points around the country, help purchasing flags for families where flags haven't been presented, and in contacts for World Trade Center victims.

A message from the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild Leadership Team:

Our Guild is going to participate in this worthwhile event. If you would like to be involved, please see any one of the officers. As soon as we have the specifics, we will let you know.

December Raffle

There will be some special free Items for the December Raffle, so make plans to be there this year.

Show and Tell

Participation in Show and Tell has been great throughout the year and we would like to thank everyone of you who have participated. This is no doubt the best way for you to participate in your membership. We are now coming up to our special year end event in December where you, your spouses and friends are all welcome to the meeting. Let's make Show and Tell it a great one this December. Let's see how close we can get to 100% membership at the last meeting of the year and bring in 2002 well.

