



# Wood Words

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

**Next Meeting Wed. April 17th, 7 PM**

**Program: Finishing techniques for Furniture  
And Musical Instruments with Troy Simonton.**

### Sawdust: The Presidents Corner

Dave Kraatz

Spring is HERE! With the recent cold weather, I was beginning to wonder if I could ever say that safely. Spring, I think is generally an optimistic time for most of us, barring health problems or other life interrupting events.

I know that my list of new projects for "when it gets warmer in the basement" is growing daily and I am looking forward to getting started. I may do



something that I haven't tried before or get a new tool or practice up on an old technique.

If the results are good, I may venture to bring a new project to show-and-tell. Spring also brings new opportunities to our

Guild.  
In the past two meetings we have increased our membership by sixteen people, if my count is correct. We met a lot of people at the Woodworking Show and I am anticipating even more members due to this exposure. This is exciting to me because it broadens our experience base.

We, no doubt, have been joined by some experienced and fine woodworkers. We have also been joined by several members who are entry level woodworkers and they are eager to share our experience. We have a lot to learn from both as we share years of woodworking.

We are planning to organize some small Saturday morning seminars for our members which emphasize woodworking basics such as dove tail, mortise and tenon,

handplane tuning and use, sharpening and basic finishing.

Thank you for your response on this at the last meeting. We are searching for a place with workbenches that is suitable for getting hands-on experience.

We will be asking several of our mentors to join us as presenters in these seminars to share your skills and experience.

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### PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

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We are also, hopefully back on the trail of presenting spring seminars with a noted professional woodworker. We are seeking a presenter for March, 2003. If you have a preference or experience with a nationally known woodworker and an agenda that you would like to see presented, please contact Bob LaDue or see him at the next meeting.

Spring is also the time for our Guild officers election. This is exciting to me because it gives us the opportunity to bring in fresh leadership and present new ideas to the executive board. I think that you do not get full benefit from the Guild or any organization until you are involved in how it works and what it takes to make it work.

We are dependent on a small number of elected members that shield you from most of the organization tedium so we can spend more time woodworking. Please be available, when asked, or better yet, volunteer your time and leadership skills to some facet of our management.

Your service doesn't have to be an elected office, it can be a one time shot at organizing a seminar or Saturday field trip such as Jerry Jennings did to the Custom Cabinet Shop in Smithville. Good job Jerry!

Finally, this spring we have gained a good representation of women woodworkers. I am glad

to see you. I want to hear from you about what we can do to help you achieve your woodworking goals. You can give us a dimension to our woodworking that we may not have experienced amid the screeching and dust of our routers.

SPRING IS HERE! Bring your good ideas, your sticky woodworking problems, your best shop tips, your latest tool experience, your show-and-tell project and most of all your participation to the April Guild meeting and help us make the Guild your woodworking place to be.

See Ya in April!

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The publication Woodshop News reported, in their April 2002 issue, a recall of Lane and Virginia Maid cedar chests manufactured between 1912 and 1987 that should have their locks replaced.

These chests lock automatically when closed and have been the cause of death of seven children. These chests are often passed down through families and acquired through estate sales.

Please check the cedar chests of your family and friends and pass on this information. To order a replacement lock call 888-856-8758 or sign on the website URL [www.action-lane.com/newlock/request.html](http://www.action-lane.com/newlock/request.html).

**Two good books** - I have often passed on brief reviews of books that I have read or bought that

have valuable techniques or good introductions to a certain type of work. You may want to give these a look.

**Making Classic English Furniture, A Modern Approach to Traditional Cabinet Making**, by Paul Richardson and published by the Guild of Master Craftsmen Publications Ltd is an excellent introduction to this type of work.

There are five complete project plans with very good construction detail and process. There are chapters on hand dove tails and hand veneering which I think are good guides to these techniques. There are repeated discussions on introducing new materials into building classical pieces. This a very well done woodworking book.

The second book, **Practical Projects from Fine Woods**, by Kerry Pierce and published by Lark Books is a collection of small projects emphasizing fine craftsmanship in mostly American woods. The project basics are Early American, Shaker, and Arts & Crafts with some innovative changes by the author.

There are twenty nine complete projects with excellent process directions and drawings. For you fast woodworkers many of these can be done in a weekend and would be very suitable for replication as gifts or high end craft show items.

I will be very surprised if some of these projects do not show up on our show-and-tell table.

**Shop Safety**

Jim Ramsey

I was trying to recess the strike plate on my new front door and was pushing upwards with a dull (duh!) chisel when it slipped. It flew back and hit my forehead leaving a 1" long gash. At the time I was NOT wearing safety glasses and it narrowly missed my eye!

**Advice to other Woodworkers:** Know your limitations...don't try to work too hard when you are overly tired. I had been working for about 18 hours that day.

Keep your tools in good working order. I remember my father saying that there's nothing more dangerous than a dull blade.

Always wear eye protection!

I was running a short stocky piece of oak through just to clean up the edge. A bone-headed thing to do considering it was about 6 inches long. Just as I was thinking how stupid this was, the front dipped into the blade and violently kicked the wood into my thumb. I'm not sure but I think it cracked my thumb and was very painful.

**Advice to other Woodworkers** Be careful (I'm more afraid of my joiner than just about any other tool I own). Don't run short pieces through a joiner!

While turning a 10"x6" blank, it came off the lathe striking me in the forehead just above the left eye. I received a slight gash,

swollen, and black eye. Incident was probably due to running the lathe at too high of a speed.

**Advice to other Woodworkers** When roughing a blank, use low speeds, sharp tools, and most important of all: wear a full face shield. Never stand directly in front of the turning.

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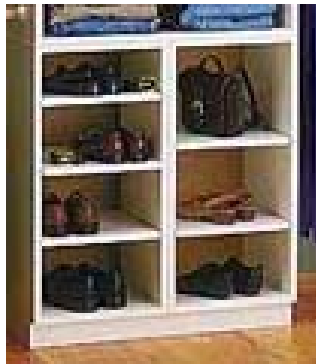
**Member to Member**

Nothing works better for uniform spacing than a layout jig.

I use a simple jig made out of 3/4"-thick scrap material (see Shelf Pin Jig above).

The jig leaves a starter dimple at each hole. The dimples help keep the bit from wandering.

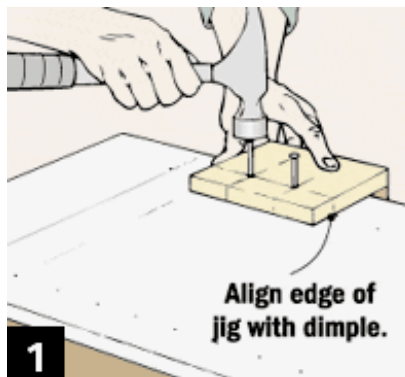
**Shelf Pin Jig**



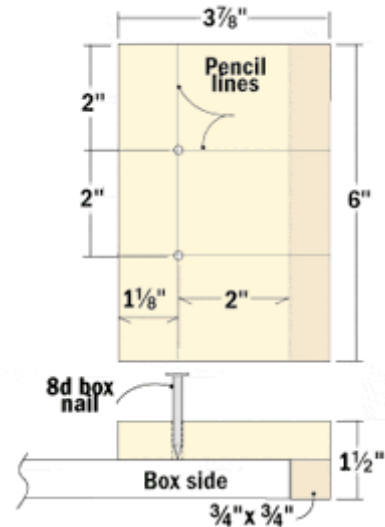
I like drilling shelf pin-holes in the top, bottom, and both sides of a box so that it

can be used vertically or horizontally.

But that means aligning and spacing of all those holes becomes fairly critical. After all, you don't want crooked or wobbly shelves.



**SHELF PIN JIG**



Simply mark the position of the first hole, line up the jig on top of the hole location, and lightly tap the two nails.

Then slide the jig so its end is over the second dimple, and tap the nails again to mark the next pair of holes.

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### Minutes

Visitors and new members: Mike Bucko, John Grassman, Clay Phillips, Howard Hartford, Jeff James and Jim Doyle. Welcome! New member, Bill Donaldson.

#### **News:**

Bob LaDue needs input on a spring (2003) seminar. Please tell Bob what you would like.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> will be a workday at Lawler Gear, 1320 Hamblen Rd., Lee's Summit. Starting about 8 o'clock we want to prepare materials for making up the toy boxes.**

At the April meeting, we will be electing Guild officers.

The Clarence Teed Memorial Fund has favored the Guild again with a grant.

A Guild Show is in the planning stage. We need the cooperation of several other guilds like the carvers and turners as well as woodworkers.

Dave suggests the possibility of a Saturday Seminar on a particular subject as a teaching tool. If you are interested in participating (as either a student or instructor), let Dave know.

The "WOODLANDER GATHERING 2002" taking place in Mineral Point, WI. In July is an opportunity for woodworkers to sharpen their old skills or learn new ones. We have flyers at the regular Guild meetings. Find more on WOODLANDERS.COM.

#### **Tool Talk:**

Several satisfied new tool owners! A Dewalt Scroll Saw, A Dewalt 12 volt, 3-speed driver, a Lee Nielson Dovetail Saw and Scrapers all got good reports.

**Raffle:** The 3-D Craftsman Sander was won by Harold Sickles and the Wooden Plane was won by John Maciel. Russell Clausing took the Drill Set and Tim Helfrich took the Picture Frame.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Jeff James won the pipe clamps and Clay Phillips won the Turning Blank

### Show and Tell

**Seth Simonton** (woodworker in training) showed his new Name Plaque which was made of white pine, finished with

### 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**

**2002**

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

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June 19th  
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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 Dave Kraatz or Bob LaDue is all that is necessary.

shellac and had painted letters which were a particular challenge.



**Troy Simonton** had a Mountain Dulcimer made of apple and walnut and western red cedar with a curly maple bridge. Finish was poly which always presents a challenge.

**Paul Ellison** had a child's chair made of red oak with a deft finish.

**Jerry Jennings** made a Rocking Horse, heavy duty, of various woods and finished with Minwax. Challenges seemed to turn up at every step of the job.

**Frank Layne** showed his Childs Chest/Dresser made of oak and walnut. He used a plan which he found in the 1910 issue of Popular Mechanics.

### Show & Tell Pictures



**Program: "A BASIC TOOL BOX." Presented by our President - Dave Kraatz.**

Bill Webb

**Saws:**

Hand saw, Diston D8 or D28, 8 teeth per inch. Tenon Saw, brass back, 14 tpi. Dovetail Saw, 14 tpi. Coping Saw with .025 inch thick blades. Keyhole Saw.

**Planes:**

Stanley 60 1/2 Block Plane or Record 09 1/2 Block Plane, Record 04 Smooth Plane, Record 05 Jack Plane, Record 07 Jointer Plane, Radiplane with two blades and a Stanley #90 Rabbet Plane.

**Chisels:**

Bevel edge from 1/4 to 3/4 or 1 inch widths in sets of four or five. Marples is good, Sorby is better. Mortise Chisels from 1/4 to 1/2 inch Widths.

**Squares:**

8" Starrett Try Square, 6" adjustable square, #18 Stanley Tee bevel.

**Marking and Cutting Gages:**

One gage for across the grain and another for with the grain.

**Measuring:**

24" Straight Edge, 6" dial caliper, measuring tape (use the same one throughout the project), marking knife like a utility knife.

**Electrical Drill:**

3/8" variable speed, reversible, set of drill bits, set of drills with countersink.

**Hammers and Mallets:**

One 4 oz. and one 10 oz. steel hammer, plastic / Rubber headed hammer, at least one mallet for chisel work.

**Dowelling jig:**

Like the Stanley #59.

**Miscellaneous:**

Scrapers and blades. Scratch Awl. Nail set. Center punch with a tapered guide. Pinch Clamps. Four hand rasps for round over of tenons.

**It was a great program! Thanks Dave.**

Kevin Newman

**Toy Project Work Day**

This year, we are going to do something that has not been done in a long time. This year we are having a toy project work day in the early spring.

The work day will be geared to preparing toy blanks and work boxes for individuals to take home and work on in their free time. We have lumber that needs to be prepared and cut to size for a variety of toy applications.

This is a great way for you to help with the toy project, to be involved without a long term commitment to making toys.

The work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2002. It will start at 8:00am and go until around noon. The work day will be held at the usual location at Lawler Gear, 1320 SE Hamblen Road, just behind the new Home Depot in Lee's Summit.

We are also in need of several table and Miter saws that can be taken to the work day and used for preparing lumber. If you would be willing to bring a saw, please call Kevin Newman at 816 537-5834.

If you have stock that needs to be prepared for making toys, feel free to bring it to the work day. We hope to have plenty of help available. Getting it prepped will go much quicker with a few helping hands.