



# Wood Words

The newsletter of the *Kansas City Woodworkers Guild*



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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 21,  
Woodmaster Tools – Barry Bland**

**Sawdust:**

**The Presidents Corner**



As I sit here writing to you this month, I'm looking at my suitcase and wondering how much room I have. You're probably thinking, "What the hell is he talking about?" Well it's like this. My wife and I are getting ready to leave on vacation in the morning. When we go on vacation, one of the things my wife likes to do is hit the antique stores to see what she can find. Antique stores mean one thing to me, Old Tools.

I have found some fine examples of old tools in my many outings with her to the antique stores. During one safari thru a distant antique store, I found a nice #18 Stanley Bevel Gauge. I had had an eye out for one of these since I read an article by Christopher Schwarz, comparing it to the new ones on the market. This one seemed destined to be mine as the previous owner had engraved his name on it, Kevin. That made it easier to convince the wife that I had to have it.

Anyway, back to my suitcase. We're flying this time so I have to look at how much space I have in the suitcase for stuff other than clothing. Is there room for a #8 Stanley jointer plane or just enough for a small

try square? At any rate, if the deal is too good to pass up, and the item is too big for the suitcase, there's always good ole UPS.

By the time you read this our Open House will have already passed. I hope you all got a chance to help the Guild show off our new facility to the community. Open House is also a good time for us to recruit new members while showing off our shop and classrooms. If you're reading this and you joined at the Open House, then Welcome to the Guild! If you're reading this and you didn't join, Why Not?

I hope that you took the time to look over the prototype for the Joplin Schools portable library while you were at the Open House. It's pretty cool. It looks like an overgrown book on steroids that opens up to become two bookcases. The prototype was built by our very own Jim Stuart and Gary Creek and was then painted by the talented artists at Hallmark. We'll be building 24 of the portable libraries and construction will begin soon. So be ready to help out with this worthy cause.

Not to be outdone, former Guild President Mike Jones at will be getting started on our other community project for the Guidance Center of Leavenworth, real soon.

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Mike has three or four different items to build for them, so there will be plenty to do and learn. These are great projects and I'm glad we're involved as a guild. Helping kids, what could be better!

My last item is a bit of shameless self promotion coupled with some gratitude. As you probably know by now, I had an article published in the October, 2011 issue of *Popular Woodworking Magazine*. If you haven't read it, I have donated a copy to the Guild's Library. Our outstanding Librarian, Chuck Lynn and his crew will fix you right up if you want to read it. On a side note, Kudos to Chuck, Keith Doel, Everett Osgood, Barry Pennington, and Mike Stofiel for the outstanding work they have done with our Library. Great job, Guys!

Anyway, back to my article. I've received some kind words from many of you and I want to thank you. A portion of it was inspired by you all that are the Guild. So thanks for that. And don't forget, a couple of you got your picture in the magazine to show off to friends and family. A special thanks to Neal Shoger for the photography. Who knows, maybe I'll be inspired, by all of you, to write something else. You never know....

So till next month, I hope you're making sawdust.

*Kevin*

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## Choose the Hearing Protection that is Right for You

Are you confused about the right type of hearing protection for yourself? There are many types of hearing protectors, but each type offers a slightly different fit, performance and cost. The following provides the most common types of protectors and the advantages of each. Two noise related fact sheets are available on the guild web site for more information on controlling noise in the wood shop.

### **Expandable foam plugs**

Expandable plugs are made of a formable material designed to expand and conform to the shape of each person's ear canal. To install these plugs, you roll the expandable plugs into a thin, crease-free cylinder. Whether you roll plugs with thumb and fingers or across your palm doesn't matter. What's critical is the final result—a smooth tube thin enough so that about half the length will fit easily into your ear canal. Some individuals, especially women with small ear canals, have difficulty rolling typical plugs small enough to make them fit. The main advantage of foam plugs is that they are inexpensive and readily available from many retail sources.

### **Pre-molded, reusable plugs**

Pre-molded plugs are made from silicone, plastic or rubber and are manufactured as either "one-size-fits-most" or are available in several sizes. Many pre-molded plugs are available in sizes for small, medium or large ear canals. Advantages of pre-molded plugs are that they are relatively inexpensive, reusable, washable, convenient to carry, and come in a variety of sizes. Nearly everyone can find a plug that will be comfortable and effective. In dirty or dusty environments, you don't need to handle or roll the tips.

### **Canal caps**

Canal caps often resemble earplugs on a flexible plastic or metal band. The earplug tips of a canal cap may be a formable or pre-molded material. Some have headbands that can be worn over the head, behind the neck or under the chin. Newer models have jointed bands increasing the ability to properly seal the earplug. The main advantage canal caps offer is convenience. When it's quiet, employees can leave the band hanging around their necks. They can quickly insert the plug tips when hazardous noise starts again. Some people find the pressure from the bands uncomfortable. Not all canal caps have tips that adequately block all types of noise.

### **Earmuffs**

Earmuffs come in many models designed to fit most people. They work to block out noise by completely covering the outer ear. Muffs can be "low profile" with small ear cups or large to hold extra materials for use in extreme noise. Workers who have heavy beards or sideburns or who wear glasses may find it difficult to get good protection from earmuffs. The hair and the temples of the glasses break the seal that the earmuff cushions make around the ear. For these workers, earplugs are best. Other potential drawbacks of earmuffs are that some people feel they can be hot and heavy in some environments. Earmuffs are available from the Guild shop for a nominal fee if you wish to use earmuffs in the shop.

Whichever type of hearing protection you use, ear protection will pay dividends down the road for you!

*Submitted by Chuck Slagle—Safety*



## Library News

Our Guild's library staff has increased by three. Keith Doel, Everett Osgood and Mike Stofiel have accepted the job of Catalog Curators. They will be soliciting printed catalogs and other similar materials from vendors and placing them in our library for your browsing pleasure.

Barry Pennington, who has been actively assisting in the library for some time, has taken on the job of Periodicals Curator. Any and every thing having to do with magazines is now Barry's gig.

Our library is open whenever the doors to the shop are unlocked for any reason. We encourage you to drop in and enjoy it. In addition to the catalogs, books and videos the file cabinets in the library contain nearly a thousand woodworking plans for your browsing pleasure. Bring a cup of coffee with you or grab a pop out of the shop refrigerator (leaving a donation, of course).

### Chuck Lynn - Librarian



Are You Ingrained: You Got Served

One of the big reasons I chose to make a serious commitment to the KC Woodworkers' Guild was because of our emphasis on serving. Cliff Bell asked me to become a member and consider serving on the leadership committee, but one of the reasons that I fully committed was because of the idea of giving back to the community. It is important to me to be involved with people who care about others.

The KCWG has two primary purposes stated in their by-laws, the primary purpose of the KCWG is to educate woodworkers (even if they don't know they are a woodworker yet). The secondary purpose of the KCWG is to serve the community. Educating and serving while emphasizing safety.

It is pretty easy to find opportunities to educate a person who wants to learn more about woodworking. KCWG is constantly looking for talented speakers and opportunities to give someone the floor and a mic to talk about the cool thing that they are building or carving or turning or cutting or varnishing!

It is something else altogether to use your hard-earned skills, to sacrifice valuable time, and create that cool thing with your

blood, sweat and tears just to turn around and give it away to a stranger. Especially that thing you made out of wood that looks really, really good or works really, really well, or is really, really useful.

There is definitely a part of serving that is anything but fun or easy. It involves hard work and sacrifice and it isn't directly improving your life.

Most of us have moved beyond that immature view of serving and understand the deep benefits of serving and sacrifice. There is something noble and right about doing something for others, even if they are strangers.

Serving is often a spiritual experience. I'm not just talking about worship or a deity or even religion necessarily. I am talking about connecting on a deeper level with your fellow human beings. We are a very blessed people. We are skilled, educated, and wealthy (especially compared to most others throughout the world). And when we take those blessings and freely give them away, well, that is what makes man (and woman) more than mere humans.

OK, enough with the philosophy. Let's make this tangible and super simple.

There are people out there in need. Not so "out there", but in our community; in YOUR community. People who's their lives have been violently interrupted by a tornado or flood or other natural disaster. There are single parents struggling to make ends meet. OR a struggling daycare. Or a grieving widow. Or whatever, the list goes on and on. And guess what? YOU have the ability to improve their lives. Maybe not solve every problem they could ever face! But maybe something small, that you know how to do or can learn to do, that can hugely improve another's life.

MANY of you are already volunteering your time and skills and are freely giving! The KCWG has many faithful servants! Thank you to all who give away your time, talents and money. My challenge to others: Come join us!

So the only question that remains is how will you get involved? Will you serve your community by volunteering for one of the many projects that are going on at the Guild? If you'd like to get involved please let me know.

**The KC Woodworkers' Guild is no small club, but a full-service organization offering education and service projects. At the time of this writing our membership totals over 400 members with over 100 attending our August monthly general membership meeting including 15 visitors! How will you be ingrained into our community?**

**It's easy to be more ingrained into the KC Woodworkers' Guild:**

**Become a member,**

Attend monthly general membership meetings,  
Learn a new skill,  
Step into our shop, and  
Give back by serving others.

Are you ingrained?

Derin Beechner,  
Director of [Membership](#)



### Stanley #4C type 11 up for Raffle Prize!

The KCWG Hand Tool SIG meeting for August was the third in a series of



three to focus on the value, acquisition and rehabilitation of "old" tools. Kevin Thomas donated a Stanley #4C type 11 (ca. 1918) to the Hand Tool SIG to be rehabilitated during our meeting and then placed in the raffle at our monthly meetings.

The Hand Tool SIG discussed and demonstrated methods of rust removal, truing and polishing of metal parts, grinding and sharpening of blades and repair or replacement of handles. The demonstration plane was derusted using EvapoRust followed by some additional mechanical rust



removal with fine grit sandpaper and steel wool. The bottom has been trued, the blade flattened, reground and honed for cutting whisper thin shavings. The han-



dles are the original rosewood, cleaned and oiled. This #4C is ready to be put to work!

To ensure the plane goes to a deserving home, it will remain in the raffle until a minimum of 50 tickets have



been collected.

Please note you can read a newspaper through the shaving. This plane is in fine fettle!

Good luck and happy planning!



Wayne Allbright—Walnut box



John Atkins - Olive wood carving, finished with oil.



Mac Dressler—Mahogany box, detailed carving, practice drawing symmetrical patterns, finish—shellac with wax



Jim McCord—Walnut boxes

Tom Smoller—chair repair including caning, 1 of 5 to do



John Hendrickson - Wooden toys



John D Atkins - 1 bedpost finials in style of 18th century, cherry. Challenge to make them look alike.



Mike Regan - Baskets done with scrollsaw, finished with beeswax and mineral oil.



Derin Beechner — Cutting board

David Allbright—Cedar box, finished with oil.



**Coming Programs and events**

**“AV-Audio Visual” Clinic September 24, 10:00 AM**  
Come and learn how to run the Audio Visual cam-eras, and TV’s at the Guild .

**Christmas in October Scroll Saw Ornaments** with David Roth.

**Queen Anne Foot Stool** class with Calvin Hobbs.

**Raised Panel Small Blanket Chest** class with Scott Engelmann.

**End Grain Cutting Board workshop** - Scott Engelmann.

**Calendar**

Leadership Meetings, 7:00pm, 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111-3631—map at [www.kcwwg.com](http://www.kcwwg.com)

Guild meetings, 7:00 pm 3189 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111-3631, come at 6:15 to share and visit.

**Executive Meetings 2011 Guild Meetings**

Sep 7	Jan 4	Aug 17	Dec 14
Oct 5	Feb 1	Sep 21	Jan 18
Nov 2	Mar 7	Oct 19	Feb 15
Dec 7	Apr 4	Nov 16	Mar 21
			Apr 18

**Safety Training**

Friday, September 30, 7:00 PM  
Monday, October 24, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 PM

Get your green card.  
It’s fun to make sawdust in the shop!

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