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President's Corner—By Mel Bryan

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Can you believe that it's that time of year again when your cabin fever begins to make the transition to spring fever? Along with spring fever, comes dreams and aspirations of getting into the perhaps once cold shop; if it's in the garage like mine, or maybe it's in a separate building without adequate heat. But beware of those outside chores that beckon for your time when the weather is warming up. We don't want to let our priorities get confused and out of order. On the other hand, maybe now is the time to build that outdoor project that the winter weather has been holding up. Or if you are fortunate enough to have your shop in a heated basement or useable space during the winter and you've been able to keep the creative activity alive throughout the winter, maybe you can bring your winter time project in for 'show & tell' and tease the rest of us.

The guild officers and board are in the process of trying to organize activities and events that we can take advantage of in the oncoming warmer weather.

I just wanted to try to give you a little heads-up on what is in the works. Nothing is firm yet, but this is what we're working on.

Before school lets out we are trying to get a shop tour of the Lee's Summit High School set up. We're hoping to tour the shop and learn a little bit about their curriculum. Since the Guild's purpose is to "promote the exchange of woodworking information and to further the craft", we want to encourage our younger generation in woodworking as well as pick up some helpful information for our own education and use. Who knows, maybe we could encourage some of the students to take part in our guild. We're attempting to get something on this scheduled in April or the first of May.

On the subject of exchanging information, please consider giving a demonstration or explanation at one of our meetings. It doesn't have to take up an hour or be a formal presentation. It can

even be an extended show & tell. We're all here to 'learn' and how better do we learn than from our own peers. That's the strength, if not the center and purpose of the guild. I don't think there's ever been anyone shot or even ridiculed for sharing with the group.

Next, we have set a tentative date for the spring shop tour of May 10th. As you probably know, it's a time when some of our members volunteer to have their shops open to the rest of us to visit and share in their ingenuity and experience. This is one of the great ways we exchange ideas and information and it's a good reason for them to "clean house".

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March— Omni Jig Demonstration



The program for this month will be presented by Melanie Kuenning from Delta/Porter Cable/ Dewalt. She will be presenting and demonstrating their new dovetail jig. I understand that this is the first new product that has been designed by the new collaboration of Delta,

Porter Cable, Dewalt, and Black & Decker.

Come to the guild meeting and learn about a special offer available to guild members only when they purchase the omni-jig.

This is a demonstration you won't want to miss. ☺

Greg Hull

Presidents Corner Continued

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Since group participation in the K. C. Woodcarver's show wasn't of interest, there may be another option. However, if any individuals would like to partake in the Woodcarver show, let me know and I can give you the form and information. What used to be called Old Tyme Days is now called Downtown Days and it is to be held June 6, 7, & 8, however, the deadline for entry is Mar. 15th and each booth is supposed to be for only one or two craftsmen. So, that doesn't look like an option. However, we may have an opportunity to take part in the Strotherfest which will be held July 18 & 19 out at 150 highway and Arbor Walk. We may only have to have a display for one day which would negate the need for leaving stuff overnight. This is still in the planning stage and I will have a signup sheet for anyone interested. (You can sell your items if you want to and there will be no

commission charge.)

One other thing being considered and checked out is a field trip to visit a small sawmill. There seemed to be a good interest in the one we planned last year but weren't able to take. Again, timing due to weather will be a key factor; therefore, it will probably be late in the spring.

Those are the things that are in the works and as always, we are open to any suggestions or 'hot tips' any of you might have to pass on so please feel free to share them with us.

Keep working that wood and work it safely. ☺

Mel Bryan
President

Membership Directory

The guild membership directory will be mailed out with the April Newsletter.

If for some reason you would like your name, address, phone number, or email address to be excluded from the list that is mailed, please contact our membership chairman Roy Hackemeyer as soon as possible.

If any of your personal contact information has changed since last year, you will need to contact Roy to get this updated as well.

Roy can be contacted by phone or email. His home phone number is (816) 524-9416. His email address is:

roy@hackemeyer.com
☺

Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of M.L. Bibbee

In a community of a little more than fifty families on Tyler Mountain is the place where Bibbee grew up and called home. Tyler Mountain is near Charleston, West Virginia. In 1954 the road to Lee's Summit began by Bibbee going into the Air Force. At Malmstrom AFB Bibbee worked on the IBM accounting machines--the forerunners of the computer era. He met the lady who would become his wife in Montana. After they were married in 1958 they moved to West Virginia where Bibbee went to school at West Virginia State and became a certified journeyman electrician. He also worked part time at the Diamond Department Store delivering furniture. Upon completion of school he moved into the appliance repair division of the Diamond.

Then any career path that had begun was altered by Uncle Sam recalling Bibbee into the Air Force during the Berlin crisis in 1961 and they found themselves at Richards-Gebauer Air Force Base and this part of the country. Bibbee remained in the active Air Force Reserves after the one year activation and has 41 years total service in the Air Force. During his time in the reserves, Bibbee worked at the 442nd Troop Carrier Wing in the computer room and then in 1970 was transferred into the Civil Engineering Squadron as Power Production Superintendent. Additional duties were training NCO for the unit and part time first sergeant and a member of the Prime Beef team of the 935th Civil Engineering Squadron. Bibbee was transferred to



Offutt AFB in Omaha as Chief Master Sergeant.

In 1962, Bibbee started to work for Western Electric (now known as AT & T (again)). He started out in the plant working in the storeroom then was later transferred to the data processing/computer operations department. His experience with the Air Force supply inventory helped make that transition. In December 1990 Bibbee retired with 30 years experience at Western Electric.

Before retirement Bibbee purchased several of his tools from Sears in anticipation of putting them to use. After retirement, Bibbee picked up his woodworking skills and began renovating homes for elderly couples and widows requiring assistance. Bibbee also got involved with the CHARM Shop, a woodworking shop sponsored by the Western Electric Pioneers, and through the associations of others there

that were in the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild, he joined the guild in '95 or '96. Bibbee's woodworking training began in Junior High School where he took shop classes all six years. This is probably where he discovered he loved working with his hands and had a good eye for detail and measurement. In woodworking, Bibbee didn't have an actual mentor; however, a man named JJ Coleman gave him a lot of training in metalworking which helped enhance his ability to work with his hands.

Bibbee's shop is in his basement, although not completely set up, due to having just moved not long ago and a complication with the finish to the floor. He pursues his woodworking whenever he can and he uses a mixture of power and hand tools. When asked what his favorite hand tool was, I could see that the answer was not going to be a spur of the moment answer, but a

meaningful one to him. That tool is a True Temper hammer. It's not *just* a hammer, but a sentimental one because his dad had helped build it. His dad worked for True Temper in West Virginia where they made the hammer. Probably his favorite power tool would be the router. And his brand of choice goes to Makita.

Bibbee's says that his favorite wood is "free" wood but that he has used a lot of ash. A good portion of his woodworking projects revolve around the home refurbishing he has done. Therefore, he has made a lot of bookcases. One of his largest projects was a large entertainment center made out of maple for his daughter. That entertainment center was also one of his most challenging projects which carries a very interesting story about a door that decided to bow out of shape so badly that it had to be replaced. Then after the door sat in the basement for a few years it ended up going back flat. To keep up with the craft, Bibbee reads a lot almost every day.

When asked, "What advice would you have for beginning woodworkers", Bibbee wryly answered; "Keep your thumb out of the jointer". That reply comes from a statement and experience in Junior High School where the instructor accidentally did what he said *not* to do.

Thanks, Bibbee, it's been a pleasure letting us get to know you better and keep up the good work. ☺

Mel Bryan



Survey Results

The survey results are in. Thanks to all of you who participated. I received 43 questionnaires back and found the results interesting and informative to say the least. I don't want to make this look like a corporate presentation and go crazy with details but I do want to let you know the results. If you want more detailed information please contact me and I'll be happy to share the results. The numbers across the top are based on the 1-5 scoring and the calculations I made. The important part is that the chart shows the relationship between the most popular and least popular categories.

Here is a chart listing the popularity of the 15 categories on a weighted scale.

The top 5 looked to be significantly ahead of the others and I'll try to focus our programs on these. The top 5 were:

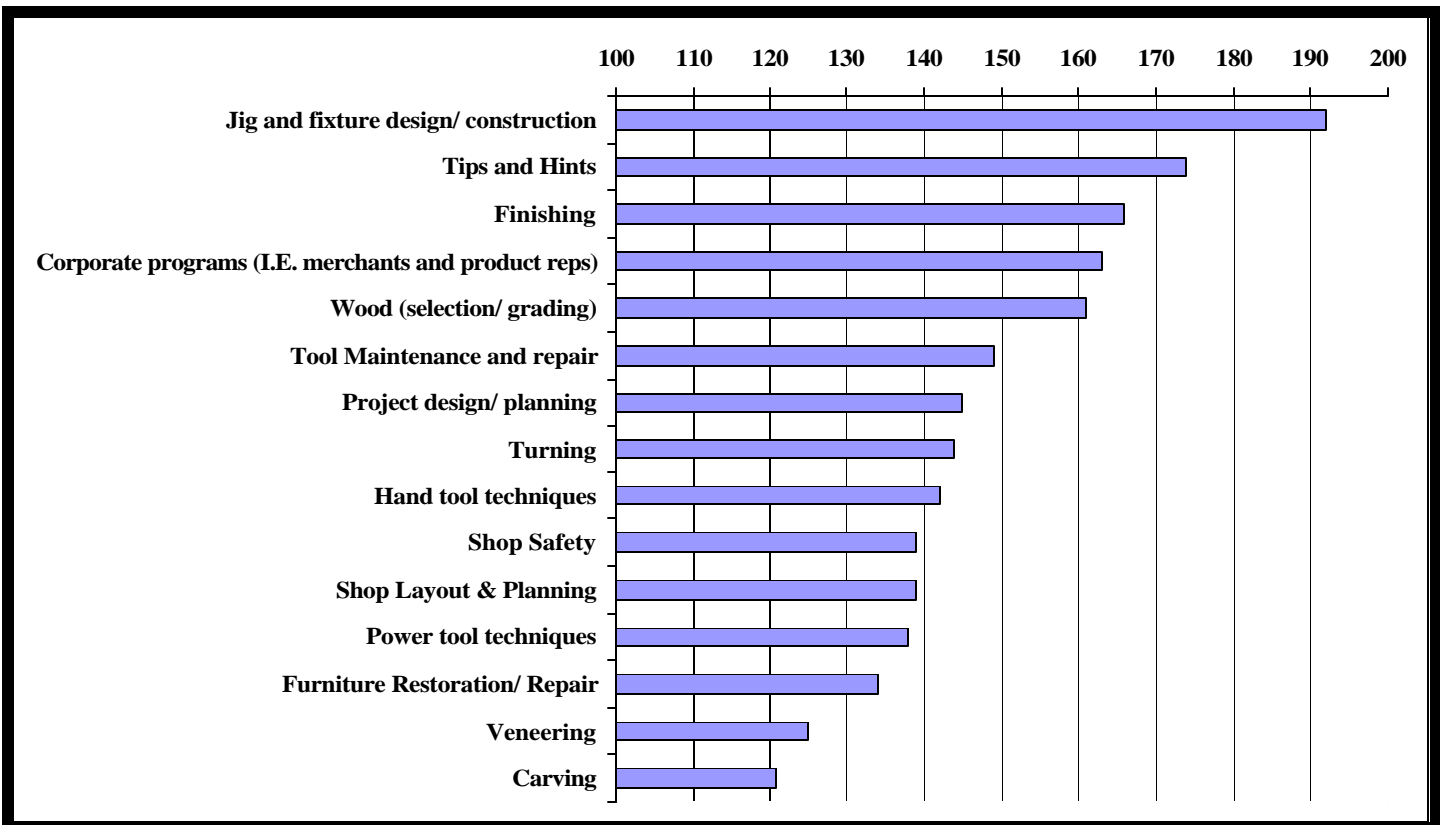
1. Jig and fixture design/ construction
2. Tips and Hints
3. Finishing
4. Corporate programs (I.E. merchants and product reps)
5. Wood (selection/ grading)

Even the bottom 2 categories, Veneering and Carving, showed some level of interest. Many of the members showed at least a moderate amount of interest in all the categories, which speaks well of our guild and our desire to learn more about our craft.

In response to our survey results, the presentation next month will be Jigs & Fixtures. Next months presentation(s) will be in a slightly different format than usual. Of the 43 members who responded to the survey, I had 6 comments for ideas on presentations not listed.

Many people took the time to comment that they would be willing to share their knowledge but felt like they lacked the expertise to do a presentation or fill an hour. Next month's session will have several presenters each talking about 10 minutes and showing their favorite jigs and fixtures. I'd like to see if we can get more participation with this format and what everyone thinks of it. I know trying to productively fill an hour is difficult for some of us. If you have a favorite jig or fixture you'd like to talk about please contact me. ☺

Greg Hull



Secretaries Notes For February 12, 2008



Secretaries Notes were:

President Mel Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. General statements made by the President

GUILD DUES - For the year 2008 dues will be \$15.00 and are being collected starting this month.

TOY PROJECT -Support our raffle as this is our way of giving back to the community through the donation (\$1000.00 for 2007) we made to the "TOYS FOR TOTS" program. Thanks to those that are supporting this project.

SHOP TOURS – Plans are being made for the spring of 2008 (possibly on May 10). A schedule will be published soon.

ANNUAL AUCTION- With the success of our last auction it is being suggested that we plan for future auctions. The methods and processes for doing such a program are still in the making. Any suggestions would be appreciated and it is hoped that something can be put together for later in the year – more later.

METRO HARDWOODS – Open house on Saturday, February 23. Plan to attend and visit with vendors and other woodworkers.

PROGRAM SURVEY – Vice President Greg Hull has a survey that deals with program information of the past and what we would like to have for the future – please fill out one and return to Greg – he will tabulate results and provide info at later date.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Bob Phillips was recognized for his contributions of manipulatives for rehab patients by Annie Shaw of the VFW VAVF (Bob is always thinking of others).

MEETING NOTICES – During bad weather tune to CHANNEL 41 for any cancellation of the GUILD meeting.

GUEST/VISITORS - Welcome and please sign the registry (this gets you a copy of the newsletter for the next two months). Attendance was 85.

SHOW AND TELL—

1. Jay Helland displayed five SEGMENTED BOWLS that he is donating For an auction.
2. Walt Borer had SEVERAL SCROLL SAW PLAQUES AND 3D FIGURES.
3. Dave Cox displayed his CUBES WITHIN CUBES (made using forstner bits) and ONE LEAN JELLY BEAN MACHINE.
4. Gale Markley displayed his VERSION OF A HOME MADE ZERO CLEARANCE TABLE SAW INSERT.
5. Monte Bowe showed off his FIRST SEGMENTED VASE.

PROGRAM—Vice President Greg Hull introduced Peter Jilka, President of Merit Industries who will be giving us a talk on the things we need to know to apply a fine finishing material to our just finished project (results are subject to the patience and skill of the applicator). Peter did wet (yes, do keep a wet edge) our finishing needs with the many products they offer and their customer service if help or advice is required. Thanks to Peter for his time and for sharing his knowledge. Don't forget to help our Vice President Greg Hull by keeping a lookout for anything that would be of interest to our members.

COOKIES: Thanks to the guild for providing the cookies.

NEXT MEETING—March 11, 2008.

President Mel Bryan closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers©

Guild Member Discounts

Paxton 10% on all items.
(816) 483-0659

Skates

10% on products and 20% on books. (816) 421-4158

Merit Industries - 15 to 25% on all items.

Woodline Arizona or www.woodline.com—10% off. (800) 472-6950

Klingspor— 10% off non-powered items. (800) 645-5555

Woodcraft Supply

10% off-Excludes all power tools. Must show membership card.

Woodsmith Store

10% off, Excludes all power tools. Buyer must show guild membership card. (800) 835-5084

Valuemax Tools

10% off Catalog Prices www.bluerouterbits.com or Call (800) 782-8083

Hartville Tool

20% off 1st year.
15% off subsequent years

Metro Hardwoods

10% Off. Must show card.
(816) 373-1710

Wood Carvers Show 2008

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Mission Statement

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carving books, a carving contest, and much, much more.

left onto Murray Rd. Pavilion on right side of road about 1/4 mile.

Come out to the show and support your local woodcarvers. Admission is \$3.00.

For more information on entering the contest or attending the show, email Ed Zinger for details. zingo@comcast.net



The 2008 Annual woodcarving show sponsored by the Kansas City Wood Carvers Club is coming to Lee's Summit.

The show will be March 21st and 22nd at John Knox Pavilion, 520 NW Murray Rd, Lee's Summit.

The show features carving displays of all kinds, wood turnings, scroll saw creations, intarsia, wood burning, carving tools, variety of wood for carving,

Hours:

March 21

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

March 22

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Directions: About 1 mile south of I-470 and Rt. 50 hwy. Take 1st south exit(Chipman Rd), turn right, then 1st



Raffle

At the March meeting, our featured big item for the raffle is a Dewalt 7 1/4" circular saw model DW367. It includes a carbide tipped blade and blade wrench

Features:

- 9.5 lb. lightweight tool designed to reduce user fatigue and increase productivity
- 15 Amp, 2,200 MWO motor powerful enough for the toughest applications
- 56° beveling capacity with stops at 45° and 22.5° allows for aggressive bevel cuts while allowing user to locate common angles quickly
- Magnesium shoe designed for increased durability
- Clear line of sight aids in blade visibility from any angle
- Lower guard design improves performance when making bevel cuts and cutting shims

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the meeting for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

All proceeds will be used to benefit our charity fund and the Toys for Tots program. ©



New Members

Congratulations and welcome to these first time new members of the Lee's Summit Woodworker's guild. We're glad to have you aboard. ©

Welcome Aboard!

- Allen Ledbetter-Raytown
- Bill & Judy Ecton-Blue Springs
- Gary Barth-Overland Park
- William Ramsey-Lee's Summit