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President's Corner By Mel Bryan



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Sometimes I think I have too many woodworking magazines. Discounting the time I never seem to have to read them completely, I get too many ideas for projects I want to build or more clever shop tips which I can never remember when the time comes to implement them. However, those frustrations seem to be offset by the inspiration and helpful information that I am able to glean from them and often the encouragement I receive from reading someone's "shop tip" that I thought I had thought of myself. Often there are those articles that you just identify with or the one that makes you say; "that's it!" As I was reading the other day, one such article jumped up. It wasn't any new or special technique, unique tool or project; it was simply on the mundane, every day life masking tape. You may have seen it. It is the article by Marc Spagnuolo, the "Wood Whisperer", in *Popular Woodworking* (Aug. 2008). (If you don't take the magazine you can see his video online at: popularwoodworking.com/aug08.)

There were a few thoughts generated as I reflected on

that article. First, that masking tape roll is possibly one of the most frequently used 'tools' in my shop. There is a roll or two of it always in it's place on my bench. I reach for it to label parts or make notes on certain parts or even label those containers of small parts that seem to get lost in the forest of odds and ends. Then, when you want to make layout marks on that fine piece of wood that you don't want to leave a mark on, the masking tape provides a 'removable' marking surface. Many times masking tape comes to the rescue as a clamp during a dry fit or even during glue-up. As Marc points out, the blue tape can be stretched a little and will provide some clamping force on small parts. By putting masking tape on your cut line, you can avoid some tear-out during a saw cut, especially on plywood or wood that is prone to chip or "fuzz up". Why, you could even use masking tape during finishing or gluing.

Another thought that comes to mind is more of a philosophical one. That is; it's the mundane and the ordinary tasks, activities, processes, or tools that are so easily overlooked or taken for granted but that still play an important role in our work and thus, the final outcome. And without them we'd not

be as successful or have as much of a sense of accomplishment as we have. Where am I going with this, you ask. I'll not belabor the point, but I'll try to state it plain and simple. There have been many that have performed the mundane tasks that make any organization run and I am personally grateful for them and what they do. I'm sure you are too, and I don't need to mention any names. I know that it's a fact that "you get out of anything, more than what you put into it". Please don't think that I'm complaining, because I'm encouraged and grateful for the number of people who have stepped up and done a lot of things over the past few years. As we go over the halfway point in the year, officer elections will be coming sooner than we realize and I'd like to encourage you to consider taking part. Actually, there will only be one office that will be vacant that needs to be

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Dan Bashaw, the President of Overland Tools is our presenter this month. He is coming to speak about dust

August Program By Overland Tool

collection and safety in the shop. It should be a good program. For those who may not familiar with Overland Tools, they have two locations in the Metro area. One is in Lenexa and the other in North Kansas City. The Lenexa location also contains a Rockler store. Overland Tool sells equipment to a

wide customer base ranging from home craftsmen to large commercial applications. Dan should have a lot of information to share. ☺

Greg Hull

Presidents Corner Continued

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filled. My term as president will be up and Greg has agreed to consider being president. However, it's not only the officers that make things run. It's all the 'behind-the-scenes' people working on committees, special projects, newsletters, membership maintenance, library, show & tell photography, website, meeting preparation, just to name a few. To make our guild even more active, more people will need to be active. The Saturday workshop sessions and demos are hopefully a way we can share with each other and in this way, exercise what our guild is all about. Of course that takes people like all of us to take part in conducting one, helping someone or attending them. Since we don't have a 'shop' where we can actually do woodworking and make a mess and noise, we have to rely on individuals using their own shop (or another

members' shop). A thank you goes to the ones who have offered to conduct one (or more) of the workshops. I look forward to them. Another area to consider sharing your skill and talent is in future 'break-out sessions' either by leading one or assisting with one. And programs presented by our own members are always a welcome experience.

Thanks to all that submitted logos for our contest. We will be presenting them and voting on them during this meeting and we'll post the results in next month's newsletter.

Due to the interest and resulting motion at the last meeting, we will be having an auction later in the year. What we need to do to start preparing, is to find out what will be in the auction. Therefore, we will have a sign-up sheet to pass around

for you to indicate what you want to put in the auction. Items can be simply donated to the guild to be sold or you could put something in the auction on a commission basis. The plan this year is to have one of our own members cry the auction providing we have enough stuff to have a live auction. Otherwise we will just have a silent auction similar to the ones we had last year. Besides tools, you could sell books, lumber, craft items you've made or anything related to woodworking. It should be a fun and interesting time.

Keep working that wood and work it safely. ☺

Mel Bryan
President

Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Buddy Epperson

Bowling Green, Missouri is the home town of Buddy Epperson. South of Hannibal and northwest of St. Louis it was a small town of about 2,000 people at that time. That's where Buddy grew up, went to school and worked on a farm until he was seventeen. Then in 1948 he left home and joined the Air Force where he served in the role as an MP, however, he never got outside of the States. He was stationed in Sacramento, California and San Antonio, Texas. After the Air Force, Buddy returned to Bowling Green to help his dad with his cab company because his father had heart trouble. That's when Buddy began driving the big rigs which became his career and has enjoyed it all his life. Driving is all Buddy ever wanted to do, and was fortunate to be able to do the thing he enjoyed. He began driving for Hannibal Quincy Trucking Co. all over the Midwest.

In 1954, after he married Mary, they moved to St. Louis. When he started working on the house he got his first power saw, a DeWalt radial arm saw. That was his introduction to woodworking. He did a lot with that radial arm saw. Then, because time was scarce, he transitioned into woodcarving. Although Spike Boyd became a mentor and teacher of



Guild Member, Buddy Epperson

Buddy's in woodcarving, he took several woodcarving classes down in War Eagle, Arkansas. Otherwise, Buddy is pretty well self taught except for what he has learned from fellow guild members. Buddy and Mary have three children, Tommy, Janet and David and they are all in the area; Lee's Summit, Blue Springs and north of the river by the airport.

Buddy and his family moved to Kansas City in the '57-'58 time frame. He began driving for Yellow Freight where he spent 25 years and has been retired from the road for 16 years. In 1987, they moved to Lee's Summit. Buddy found out about the guild on a chance meeting with Bob Phillips at Crown Center where Bob was working and the K.C. guild

had a display. Bob encouraged him to come to the Lee's Summit guild and Buddy has been a part of our guild since the first year. Buddy says he has stopped making furniture and now carving and turning are his favorite areas of woodworking. His favorite tools are his table saw, jigs and wood lathe. Buddy would eventually like to have an ornamental wood lathe and would like better jigs. Buddy's favorite woods are; butternut, basswood, maple (for turning), mahogany and "free wood". And his favorite finish is wipe-on poly. If you were able to visit his shop during the shop tour you know that his shop is in his garage and his carving studio is in the basement off the garage.

A significant part of

Buddy's story is his miraculous brush with death. While helping a neighbor trim a tree, Buddy was electrocuted when the tree he was holding onto got into the high voltage power lines. Besides the electrical shock, Buddy was thrown to the ground from the ladder, although he doesn't remember it, breaking his hip. Buddy's faith and determination pulled him through although he still lives with the effects today, one of which, being the loss of much of the function of his lungs.

Buddy's favorite project is a processional cross with Christ that he made for the Church. Advice from Buddy is; "Enjoy it or get out of it" and "Ask yourself how to do it better". Other advice is to belong to an organization where they can teach you and where the people are friendly. Buddy is also willing to show anyone what he knows and encourages members to get involved and make the club even better.

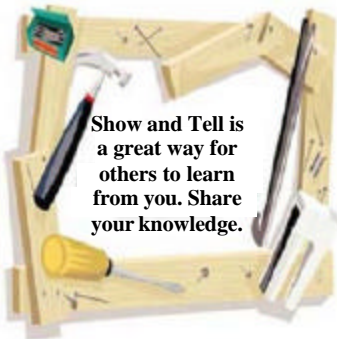
Thanks, Buddy for taking the time to share your story and letting us get to know you better. And thanks for you part is serving on the board of the guild. Keep up the good work. ☺

Mel Bryan



Logo Contest

Fall Shop Tour? New Members



Show and Tell is a great way for others to learn from you. Share your knowledge.



The deadline for the guild logo contest has come and gone. Thanks to everyone that submitted and contributed their ideas. Results will be presented at the next guild meeting. ☺

Three volunteers have come forward and agreed to open their shop for a shop tour this Fall.

The dates have not yet been determined, but keep an eye on future newsletters and guild meetings for more information as it becomes available. ☺

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

Dave Blasiar
Leawood, KS

METRO HARDWOODS AUGUST SPECIALS

4/4 Eucalyptus boards surfaced two sides to 25/32" and straight line ripped one edge. **\$2.99** per board foot. sku # 0471000

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\$2.13 per board foot.

**4/4 Maple sku# 0721501
\$2.00 per board foot.

**4/4 Walnut sku# 331500
\$2.08 per board foot.

Check out our expanded pen kit section.

STORE HOURS

We have just received into stock, 3/4" plywood, Red Oak, Birch, Maple and Cherry that has an OSB (waferboard) core. We have received very good feedback on this new product from customers who have already tried it!!

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Special Thanks

A special thanks to Jeff Edemann and Metro Hardwoods for their regular donations of lumber to the guild raffle in recent months. We appreciate their support of the guild. Let Jeff know by giving him an opportunity to earn your business in return. Check out his monthly specials on this page.

Secretaries Notes For July 8, 2008



Secretaries Notes

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

GUILD DUES - For the remainder of 2008 dues are \$7.00 and are being collected.

TOY PROJECT -Supporting our raffle gives you a chance to add to your collection of needed supplies and tools and also a way of giving back to the community through your charitable donation. Thanks to those that are supporting this project.

SHOP TOURS – Get ready to show off your shop in OCTOBER – please sign up.

BUS TRIP – We are still looking for that great place to visit – anyone have an idea that would appeal to us woodworkers?

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.

MARINE FLAG CASES—One flag case was delivered (made by Roy Hackemeyer) and we have a request for two more made from oak (any volunteers?).

LOGO CONTEST—Don't forget to submit your entry to President Mel by the July 25 deadline.

STROUTHERFEST – On July 18-19 in Lee's Summit a craft type show will be available to anyone that wishes to put on a demonstration and sell their wares – see President Mel for further details.

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 68.

SHOW AND TELL—

1. Lester Gillett displayed the saw blade that was damaged during the SAW MILL

demo .

2. Preston Goodwin displayed a SMOKE STAND that he made during his high school days.
3. Kevin Newman displayed a SLAB OF WOOD (cherry) and his growing inventory of SEGMENTED BOWLS (#17,18,19) along with his CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY.
4. Jerry Ray showed how CLOTHES HANGERS could be used to DISPLAY YOUR PLANS.
5. Jim Thomas had a MISSION STYLE LAMP with OAK and MICA LENSE.
6. Jay Helland had a SEGMENTED BOWL (various wood types) and a DISPLAY STAND.
7. Steve Todd had a BOOKCASE made of BIRCH PLYWOOD and POPULAR

Thanks to those that participated and hope we did not overlook some members project. Also, remember that you are entered in a drawing if you participate in Show an Tell.

PROGRAM—Vice President Greg Hull introduced the program for tonight which will feature Mark Sharkee from RIDIG TOOL. Mark always keeps us on the edge of our seats with his enthusiastic approach to talking about and demonstrating his bag of tools. There are always improvements to the standard line and ,of course, new items. Thanks again to Mark for his time and to keeping everyone on their toes with his question/award presentation. Don't forget to help 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—August 12, 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)
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Merit Industries - 15 to 25% on all items.

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

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Mission Statement

The Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild will strive to promote the exchange of woodworking information and further the craft.

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Log Home Open House



Dave Arn, a fairly new member of the guild builds log homes. Dave is having an open house on a 1.5 million dollar home he has built on the south side of Belton. Dave would like to invite you to view the home during this open house.



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Raffle—Another Double Pack

The August meeting will again give you a choice of two nice items to choose from.

The first item is a Skil 14.4v Lithium ion cordless drill/driver. Model 2510-02.

Features:

- 30% More Power, 25% Lighter.
- Holds the charge up to 18 months.



- Compact and only 2.5 lbs makes it easy to use for overhead jobs.
- Adjustable clutch features 15+1 clutch settings.
- Variable speed trigger adjusts at the touch of your finger.
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- Forward/reverse LED indicators.
- Battery fuel gauge.
- All metal gearbox for maximum power and performance.
- Stores on or off charger

with SKIL Tots program. © Smartcharge™ System.

The second item is a Black and Decker Cordless Handisaw. Its great for those small cutoff jobs around the house.



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

