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President's Corner By Mel Bryan



You've

measured twice, set the settings, checked them over, made a test cut, then made the real cut....You then recheck the results and something is off, then you put the piece in place and somehow everything fits. Am I the only one that that has happened to? I doubt it. You can release a big sigh of relief, and unless you tell someone, it will never be noticed; maybe it turns out to be an improvement.

That's sort of the way our last meeting went. What potentially could have been an embarrassing failure, turned out to be a successful meeting. Why was that? I think you know the answer just as well as I. It's because our guild was *being the guild*. Member interaction is the key. I personally was very encouraged by the response of everyone who was able to share and perhaps just as importantly, if not a smidge more, were the ones who were brave enough to ask the question. That's why we are a guild;

to help each other improve our knowledge and skill of the craft we hold in common.

So, what's in your toolbox? (Allegorically speaking.) You may have some very treasured, experienced tools or you may have some new tools that are the result of new technology designed to accomplish a function related to a new material or process, whether that process be an old one or brand new one. The tools I'm referring to are the ones you carry in your toolbox of experience and knowledge to every meeting. By sharing the news and tales surrounding those tools, we all learn something and are better off because of it. Your experience is just that... a tool which when shared with the rest, betters all of us. So, don't be shy or feel intimidated. Whatever your experience level, there is always someone that can benefit from or support what you know and are willing to share.

We've recently found that to be true and it really encourages me; and I think

everyone else, too. That's why we have programs such as; jigs & fixtures, show & tell, open question & answer time, breakout sessions, etc. Therefore, we will be having more breakout sessions or panels of "experts" to answer questions as well as demonstration type presentations. (Guess who the "experts" are — they're holding down chairs facing the front.)

Things that are forthcoming in the guild are; the shop tour, the annual auction, possibly another 'break out session' meeting and of course, the Christmas meeting. We have around 21 or 22 people who signed up to supply items for the guild auction. There are items such as; hand tools, lumber

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NEXT MEETING

Tues, September 9, 2008 7:00m
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September Program

Final details on the September program were not available at the time of newsletter publication.

Greg is vigorisly working to get something lined up for the meeting. I'm sure he'll come through with flying colors.

Join us at the next meeting for a surprise program. ☺

Annual Tool Auction

Plans are in the works to have another annual tool auction. The details are still being worked on but basically, this auction would be supplied by donations made by the guild members.

If you have items you would like to donate to the guild for this auction, please contact Mel Bryan. ☺

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. ☺

Kevin Gates-Lee's Summit

Wendell Shaffer-Lee's Summit

Keith Lohr-Lee's Summit

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& exotic wood, an air compressor, biscuit jointer, a Tormek Supergrind sharpening system, and even large power tools on a commission basis. We will publish a list in the next newsletter. If you still want to include something you will be able to add it to the signup sheet at the meeting.

Also, don't forget that officer election is coming in November. So, if you would like to be considered for helping in an officer position, contact one of the current board members or officer.

Keep working that wood and work it safely. ☺

Mel Bryan
President

As a result of the vote by the members at our last meeting the new logo selected for the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild is the one shown here. There were several to choose from and thanks to all who submitted entries. It was a pretty tight race among the top contenders but this one received the most votes. Thanks to everyone for voting, too.

This logo will be used for

any embroidered items you might want identifying our club. It will be used on the website, business cards, newsletter and wherever appropriate.

The logo was submitted by Mel Bryan. The prize will be 2 years membership paid and one embroidered item. Thanks again for a fun little contest.

Mel Bryan



Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Larry McFerrin

What do guitars and scale model antique stationary engines have in common? Besides precision craftsmanship and attention to detail, several have Larry McFerrin in common because it was Larry that handcrafted them.

The ability and talent for the fine craftsmanship that Larry exercises gets its start back on a farm just outside of Odessa, Missouri. As many of us know, life on the farm necessitates learning many skills in order to perform the repair and maintenance required to keep the farm in operation. Larry learned carpentry from his father as well as both grandfathers who were all carpenters. In addition, the 4-H club training Larry took part in helped to hone his skills in woodworking. In the process, Larry built a lot of birdhouses and dog houses in the development of his woodworking abilities.

At the age of 17, Larry left the farm at Odessa and went to the University of Missouri-Rolla where he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering and graduated in 1968. That time was the height of the Viet-Nam conflict so Larry interviewed with several defense contract companies thinking he would get a deferment. He was hired by Bendix Corporation and started to work for them. Then wouldn't you know it,



Guild Member, Larry McFerrin

two months later he was drafted into the Army. After basic training Larry was accepted into a program where they were utilizing engineers, so off to Yuma, Arizona to the Yuma Proving Grounds he went. While there he was involved in testing all types of vehicles from tanks to jeeps for heat endurance. While at Yuma, Larry took advantage of the craft shop, sharpening his woodworking talents.

After the Army, Bendix took him back and Larry spent the next 39 years as a manufacturing engineer in heavy machining retiring a little over 2 years ago. Larry took advantage of the GI Bill and got his masters degree in business administration. While at Bendix, Larry developed relationships with many of his woodworking friends, one of which he went into a

part time business with. They made the wooden parts for metal office furniture for a company called Fixtures Furniture. They ended up making thousands of parts. Although in this venture Larry made many pieces of the same thing, he prefers to make "one of" type projects. He prefers the challenge and opportunity to expand his skills and techniques. Even at that, he has done a lot of custom work making cabinets and furniture and has made dozens of clocks.

Larry has made a lot of things from, a cedar strip canoe, guitars, cabinets, furniture and restoring antiques. One such restoration job is the beautiful fireplace mantel sitting in his living room. Antique restoration is another area of interest of Larry's including antique

tools as displayed by his recent show & tell display of the antique scroll saw. Besides his woodworking, Larry has a very nice metal lathe on which he has (and is in the process of) produced exact scale model antique stationary engines that are completely functional and detailed.

Larry is pretty much self-taught through reading and research. However, he did take some carving classes and some violin making classes. During the carving phase he carved many beautiful items with an emphasis on American Indian art and figures. During the early '70's after Larry was married he began building their house in which he did all the interior woodworking, soliciting the help of some friends as the time to close came near.

When it comes to tools, Larry feels that he has about all that he needs. The exception would be to only upgrade or replace any in need of replacing. Larry tries to use all of the tools he has with the project dictating what is used, but his favorite power tools would be the table saw, router table and drum sander. He really enjoys using his hand planes and his collection of antique chisels. One of those favorite chisels belonged to his grandfather. Larry acquired some of his tools due to requirements of projects for

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Fall Shop Tour



Shop Tour

A shop tour has been scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Some of the details are still being worked out and will be published in a future newsletter.

We have three volunteers that have stepped forward and are willing to open the doors to their shop for a tour.

Bill Akers will open the C.H.A.R.M. shop. Jack Cleveland and Jay Helland will open their shops.

C.H.A.R.M is an acronym for Children Helped And Rehabilitation Motivated. Telephone Pioneers of America (a service organization) volunteers make therapy devices for use by children with special needs. They have a complete woodworking shop and paint shop. The shop produces items which are distributed to schools and hospitals mainly in Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas. Although the large majority of items are ordered

from the CHARM catalog, but they also do some design and construction of special projects.

The shop tour is a great way to learn from fellow woodworker's. You can see what tools they use, dust collection design, air filtration, and get ideas about how to improve or design your own shop. It's also a great time of socialization with the opportunity in getting to know some of your fellow woodworkers. ☺



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Secretaries Notes For August 12, 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 or NOVEMBER – 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.

LOGO CONTEST—Entries have been submitted and voter tally sheets collected. the winning logo and entrant will be announced in September –good luck.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS – Looks like we could have a few mentors that are willing to share their talents with those that are looking to improve and/or learn a new skill – more later.

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 66.

SHOW AND TELL—

1. Bob Kostecka displayed his CORNCOB PEN.
2. Dan Blackmon had PHOTOGRAPHS of a BLANKET CHEST with a CARVE WRIGHT CARVING on the LID .
3. Dave Blasiar had a PORCH SWING (said he would make a few changes on the next one – HA!).

4. Larry McFerrin had an ANTIQUE SCROLL SAW that he was able to reconstruct (wooden and foot powered).
5. Zach Newman displayed his SEGMENTED TURNED BOWL made from PURPLEHEART and BUTTERNUT.
6. Kevin Newman had SEGMENTED TURNED BOWLS #20 & 21.
7. Preston Goodwin had a KEEPSAKE BOX made from VARIOUS SCRAP WOOD.
8. Jerry Ray displayed a MODEL LOCOMOTIVE made from VARIOUS WOOD TYPES.
9. Arnie Reimer had a HOME MADE DEPTH GAUGE with a BATTERY DISPLAY.
10. Steven Todd had a COFFEE TABLE made from OAK.
11. Jay Helland displayed VARIOUS SEGMENTED TURNED BOWLS and also ONE THAT CAME APART AS IT WAS BEING TURNED (only casualty was ones pride).

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—President Mel had to do some creative thinking to cover our vacancy for tonight’s program. The end result turned out to be one of our most informative programs—WHY—because the speakers were none other than our own impressive GUILD members. The program was thrown open to any member that wanted to impart some piece of woodworking knowledge, that in the end, would benefit more than just the speaker. I was told later that some things that were divulged would save the troublesome task of creating a disaster—that is a great tribute to those that coughed up a few gems -THANKS. 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—September 9, 2008.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ©

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Member Profile Of Larry McFerrin Continued

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others which helped pay for them. And when it comes to deciding on brand or features, Larry uses the tool reviews in the magazines as a guide. Larry's woodworking shop is in the basement and is what he would consider a medium sized shop. One method he uses to maximize space is to have his tools on mobile bases and move them to a central dust collection system.

Larry's response to what his favorite wood would be is to use the best he can get. "The extra expense of good wood is worth it." And he says; "the amount of work required is the same".

One of Larry's learning experiences, and a frustrating one at that, was a plate rail he was making for his mother. He had started out with cheap lumber and no amount of staining, re-staining, sanding or modification could save it, so it met with a sledge hammer and a restart with better good wood was in order. His most challenging project have been the guitars he's made and he says that his 'favorite' project is; "the one he's working on". The special memories in his woodworking are the unexpected projects he has done for friends.

Larry is willing to mentor or help anyone desiring it. And his advice to new woodworkers is; "Buy the best tools you can afford. Read as much as you can. Don't buy all your tools at once and get them as needed as the project requires them."

Thanks, Larry for letting us get to know you better and see the craftsman behind the work. Keep up the good work.



Mel Bryan

Raffle—DeWalt Saw

The big ticket Prize at the September meeting will be a DeWalt DW935K 14.4v 5 3/8" cordless circular saw.

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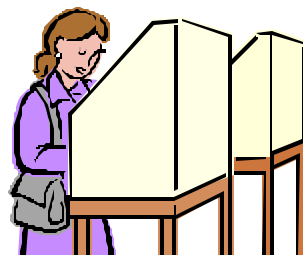
- 1 hour charger
- 14.4V battery
- 5-3/8" 16-tooth carbide circular saw blade
- blade wrench
- heavy-duty kit box

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. ☺



Officers



Election of Guild officers will occur at the November meeting. We have two vacancies to fill. The President and the Vice President. All other officers have agreed to serve another year. If you are interested in getting more involved with the guild, this is an excellent opportunity. We are also looking for recommendations. Maybe you

know someone that you think would make a good officer?

As President, you would be responsible for conducting guild meetings, organizing guild activities, write an article for the newsletter, and be a primary contact for the guild. This role does have some responsibility, but is relatively easy to do.

The Vice President's primary responsibility is to provide programs for our monthly meetings. The Vice President is also responsible for filling in on the President's responsibilities in the event the President is unable to attend the meeting.

Please see or call Mel Bryan. (816) 524-7767