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# Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild, Inc.

## President's Corner By Greg Hull



Happy New Year! I couldn't think of a better way to start off our January Newsletter and my first President's Corner. I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and the holiday season. Our December Christmas Party was wonderful in spite of the weather that evening. I enjoyed seeing everyone who made it and the many guests who attended as well. We shared good food, some good music, and some great stories. Bill Baker & Mel Bryan really set an example of Christmas giving by bringing in some great Christmas decorations that were used as table decorations and later given out as door prizes. Everyone left a winner, either as a recipient of one of the door prizes or just a couple of hours of camaraderie and old stories with fellow woodworkers.

I, like many of you, am starting out the New Year

with a list of New Year's resolutions. Here is my list. Hopefully you can find some similarities with you own or some ideas you can use.

**#1 Make 2009 an Accident Free Year.** Pay attention to workshop safety! You can never be too safe. I have a young son often in the workshop watching what I do and picking up habits both good and bad. He is my constant reminder of the importance of safety by example.

**#2 Make more time for woodworking.** Pretty self explanatory but a little less TV and Internet never hurt anyone.

**#3 Finish projects that I start.** This is one that I am adding at my wife's suggestion. I am wrapping up this column on New Years day and I'm happy to say that I completed six projects today that were started some time back. I have to admit that I started a couple of new ones as well, but fully intend on getting them completed in short order.

**#4 Try to make my woodworking pay for itself this year.** With the

current economy everyone is trying to cut back. I really don't want to reduce what I spend on woodworking so I thought the best way to do that is to find ways to let the hobby pay for itself. I know many Guild members have been doing this for a long time, but most of mine has been for friends, family, and gifts. I hope to start including ideas for this in the newsletter or meetings if there is enough interest from members.

**#5 Bring something in for Show and tell at least once every quarter.** This is a great way to share your work and get feedback from other members.

**#6 Give the VP either a presentation for a meeting or an idea for one.** You don't have to be a presenter. Last year's

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### NEXT MEETING

Tues, January 13, 2009 7:00pm  
**Lee's Summit Christian Church**  
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## January Program— Metro Hardwoods



When you go to the lumber yard to buy lumber, are you confused by the terms and references to the various

grades of lumber? Is hardwood grading the same as softwood? Why does lumber cost what it costs? What wood types are available or what can be substituted for what? Where does our lumber come from? These are some of the questions that will be addressed at this month's program presentation. Mr. Jeff Edemann, guild member

and manager of Metro Hardwoods, will be talking to us to help educate us and get us on the right path in the ways of the forest of the lumber industry. ☺

## Presidents Corner Continued..

### Did You Know...

Hawk Woodworking Tools, also known as RBI Industries has moved to Garden City? Their new location is at Route 'T' and 7 hwy just 6 miles east of 71 hwy (headed towards Clinton) next to Kurtzweils meat.

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meetings where we broke out into small discussion groups was a great example. You don't have to be a public speaker to participate, and you certainly don't need to be a professional with 30 years of experience in order to share on useful information. We all know people who have skills we admire or want to know more about or we use contacts or business that would be beneficial to introduce to the rest of the Guild.

I feel a little humbled in trying to follow in Mel Bryans' footsteps. I've only been a member of the Guild for a few years and now find myself trying to

come up with innovative ways to continue to move our guild forward. I think some of the things we've been doing the last few years are great and I hope to continue them. Our charity fundraising, annual involvement in the Woodworking shows, fall auction, and our Christmas party are the first ones that come to mind. I started out last year with an interest survey to try to find out what areas members were most interested in. This helped me try to put together the programs that I thought would be the most interesting. Let me tell you, putting the programs together is harder than it looks. I continually tried to find volunteers from within

our Guild as well as outside presenters. Unfortunately I found out about last minute cancellations and the need for multiple backup presenters. I had several presentations still in the works that I'll be giving to Mel to continue pursuing.

I'm really looking forward to this year and will be working hard to keep my resolutions. ☺

Greg Hull  
President.

## Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Jason White

Strike up a conversation with Jason White and before long you will encounter a sly pun or witty remark slipped in on your exchange. If you've been around the guild for any length of time you've undoubtedly encountered the "left-handed hammer" reference more than once. That's one of Jason's light hearted contributions to our association. When I inquired as to where Jason was born he said that he was born in the village of Independence, Missouri. My question then, was; "then have you lived in Independence all your life?" to which he replied; "So far."

Not only did he grow up in Independence and make his career there, his boyhood home has an interesting connection with Independence history. The family farmhouse was built in 1824 and the "new addition" was built in 1845. The property was originally the Noland (of Noland Road fame) homestead and Jason's grandfather purchased the farm in 1898. During his senior year of high school, because of the shortage of men in town due to the war, Jason drove the ambulance for a funeral home and also worked in the mortuary. It was during this period that he met his wife Lois. Then his Uncle Sam invited him to spend some time with him so off to the Army training camp,



**Guild Member, Jason White**

Camp Chaffee. Then away to the Korean War he went where he was stationed in Japan in the Medical Corps attached to the Graves Registration Division. There his duty was to fly to Korea at least once a week to retrieve the dead and ship them back to the States.

Jason and his wife have two children that still live in the area and have 3 grand children and 3 and 2/3 great-grand children. Jason worked for the city of Independence for 28 years before retiring from there. Jason was an avid photographer and therefore started out as the photographer for the police, photographing crime scenes for the Field Evidence Unit (known today as CSI). He then eventually developed and managed the Crime Lab for the City of

Independence.

Jason has been doing woodworking for "a long time" getting his start out of necessity by building their kitchen cabinets. He borrowed his father's table saw and set it up in the middle of the kitchen and went to work. Although Jason considers himself as a "putterer" he has built many nice pieces of furniture including a grandfather clock, beds, and several sets of cabinets, bookcases, tables and many craft items like birdhouses and the giraffe coat racks you see in the photo. One of the fun things he makes is baby rattles on the lathe with captive rings.

Jason and his wife volunteer out at Powell Gardens where he teaches woodworking to people who have had little or no

experience in woodworking, building lawn furniture, birdhouses and several other things. Jason's favorite project was a large dining table made out of walnut from a tree on the family farm that he made for his grandson. Jason enjoys woodturning; therefore, his favorite tool is the lathe along with the band saw. His favorite hand tool is the hammer (even the left handed one). His favorite wood is cedar because of the aroma. Lacquer brushed on, padded on, or wiped on is his favorite finish and oil for finishing his bowls. Jason's shop is in the basement and is of medium size with it being 'close' to the way he likes it.

Even though Jason was self taught he considers Sonny Sharrar to be his mentor. It was along with Sonny that Jason began attending our guild. Jason, along with Dave Mintor, was responsible for the raffle for several years. The thing Jason enjoys the most about our guild is; 'the people'. Advice to beginning woodworkers from Jason is; "learn from someone who knows what they're doing".

Thank you Jason for letting us get to know you better and it was a pleasure visiting with you. Keep up the good work and keen wit.

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Mel Bryan



## Embroidered Logo Items



We now have available for order, items with our logo embroidered on them. We will have samples at the meeting with prices and an order sheet.

There are several brands of shirts available to choose from at varying prices. Available are long sleeved denim shirts (pictured), knit polo shirts, hats, and aprons.

The following list should help you have an idea ahead of time what the

choices are. The costs are simply the cost of the garment plus \$6 for the logo and \$2 if you want your name added plus tax.

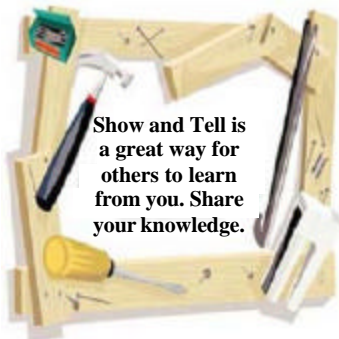
The first price in the list includes the logo and tax and the second price includes the addition of your name. Hats are \$13 each (plus tax) and we must have a minimum of 12 hats total in order to place an order.

I will have a page of the color selections available. The polo shirts come in just about any color you want. I only have one sample and it does not have a pocket, but we can get them with

pockets, however as of newsletter time the price is only an estimate. Hopefully, by meeting time, we'll know the actual price. Likewise, at this time I do not have a sample apron, but should have one by meeting time.

The plan is to simply place the orders and then pay when we get them. I will place the order Friday, Jan. 16. We should have them in time for the Woodworking Tool Show. ☺

### Long Sleeved Shirts



Ref #	Brand- Color	Price
A	Wrangler - Bleached washed	\$29.03 or \$31.18 with name
B	Wrangler - Medium Stone	\$29.03 or \$31.18 with name
C	Sierra Pacific	\$25.29 or \$27.44 with name
D	Three Rivers	\$33.27 or \$35.42 with name
E	Jerzees	\$22.68 or \$24.83 with name

### Polo Shirts

Ref #	Brand	Price
F	Gildan	\$20.31 or \$22.46 with name
G	Gildan w/pocket	\$22.75 (approx) or \$24.90 (approx) with name

## Secretaries Notes For November 15, 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 - -

Now for 2009 are \$15.00 and are currently 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** – Everyone enjoyed the tours and looking forward to rushing home to build that special fixture that was being displayed.

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

**ANNUAL AUCTION-** The auction went over well and Gerhard was able to get everything sold and we even made some money (more later). Thanks again to all that helped to make this event successful.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Even with the bad weather we had a good crowd and lots of good eats –thanks again to Connie and his family for their efforts – looks like this could work out to be an annual event.

**OFFICERS** – New officers for 2009: Greg Hull – President; Mel Bryan – Vice President; Linus Goth - Treasurer: Bill Akers – Secretary. Thanks to those that are serving and to those that have served in the past.

**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 71.

#### SHOW AND TELL—

1. Dennis Bruna had a MODEL PLANE P-51 made from BASSWOOD.
2. Steven Todd displayed a DIRECTORS CHAIR that was COLAPSIBLE and made from POPULAR.
3. Gale Markley had a MANTEL CLOCK made from CHERRY and WALNUT.
4. Jerry Ray had a SEGMENTED BOWL made with 53 PIECES OF WOOD (a graduate of Jay Helland's Saturday class).

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 introduced Gerhard Wiesman (one of our own) who will take on the task of being the auctioneer for tonight's auction. Looks like everyone should get the option to take home something for their shop. Thanks to all who had something on consignment and those that donated items. Don't forget to help Vice President Mel Bryan 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—January 13, 2009.

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

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#### Skates

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

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Merit Industries - 15 to 25% on all items.

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Woodline Arizona or [www.woodline.com](http://www.woodline.com)—10% off. (800) 472-6950

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

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#### Woodcraft Supply

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

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#### Woodsmith Store

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

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#### Valuemax Tools

10% off Catalog Prices [www.bluerouterbits.com](http://www.bluerouterbits.com) or Call (800) 782-8083

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#### Hartville Tool

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

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#### Metro Hardwoods

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



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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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## Woodworking Show 2009



interested in learning more about woodworking as well as share some of your knowledge of the art. You also get free admission to the show.

Yes, believe it or not, the 2009 wood show is quickly approaching. The Kansas City wood working show, is scheduled for the Valentines Weekend, February 13-15th. This gives us just two more meetings before the wood show.

The woodworking show is the ultimate woodworking event of the year featuring more products, exhibitors, free demonstrations and the latest inventions.

The show will be held at the same location as last year, The Overland Park International Trade Center at 6800 W. 115th street.

Volunteers will be needed to man the Woodworkers' Guild booth again this year. This is a great way to meet other people

In addition to volunteers to man the booth, we desperately need volunteers that would be willing to do some sort of demonstration.

The demonstration can be very simple and last anywhere from a few minutes to several hours. It does not require any type of formal or professional demonstration. It can be something you enjoy doing. All you have to do is be willing to demonstrate it to others. I know we have a lot of talent in the guild and this should be no problem. If you would be willing to do a demonstration, please contact Kevin Newman as soon as possible. (816) 537-5834

Here are some demonstration ideas.

- Mortise & tenon joint

- Dovetail Joint (hand cut or router cut)
- Demo making a pocket hole joint.
- Any type of turning demonstration, bowl, pen, golf tee, ball bat, Christmas ornament, salt shaker, etc.
- Make a small project, like simple end table.
- Demonstrate using a homemade or purchased jig.
- Sharpening demonstration of some sort.
- Making a picture frame.
- Scroll saw

A signup sheet will be available at the January guild meeting for individuals interested in volunteering. It's not necessary to volunteer for an entire day. A few hours here or there would be greatly appreciated. It's recommended you bring some of the items you have made to put on display while you're at the booth.

More information will be available at the next guild

## Raffle—Twin Pack of Prizes

This month you will have two nice big prizes to choose from.

The first item is a Black & Decker VPX starter set. The starter set includes a cordless screwdriver, cut saw, 3 led flashlight, one VPX battery and charger.

The second item is a Skil Power Wrench with Lithium Ion Rechargeable battery, 7 piece socket set, and a 10 piece bit driver set.

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. ☺



## Dues 2009



Dues for 2009 are now being collected. By paying at the meeting you help keep our mailing expense lower and the bookkeeping manageable. And you won't risk missing out on any discounts you might want to take advantage of or missing any newsletters. After March, if you're not paid up you will be removed from the mailing list. The dues will remain at \$15.00 a year. Be sure to keep your membership active by paying Roy Hackmeyer at the meeting with either cash or check. ☺