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President's Corner By Greg Hull



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Welcome to February. Let me start by saying a big thanks to you, the Guild, for your participation in last month's meeting. Jeff, from Metro Hardwoods, gave a good presentation of wood available and some of the behind the scenes things he goes through to obtain it. He then followed up with a fun and informative Q&A session fueled by your questions.

Everyone who brought things in for show and tell just made my day. The number of items and the wide array of projects that were brought in and displayed speaks well of our Guild and the talents of our members.

This is the middle of Midwestern winter and I know spring is just around the corner. I

know that because we're busy planning for the upcoming Woodworking Tool Show. How does this event remind me of spring? Well, as much as I hate to admit it, it's because many of the things I really wanted or needed at the show, wind up falling victim to the spring and summer season. The outdoor maintenance schedule and activities brought by the warmer seasons. That's right; many of the things I just couldn't wait to get my hands on at the tool show don't get used until the following cold weather seasons.

I always have anticipation of this event like a child looking forward to their birthday. I think about the annual opportunity to see demos, hear keynote speakers, and purchase things in person that are usually available only online in this part of the country. I spend my time reviewing my "wish list". Yes, I must admit, as a woodworker and an

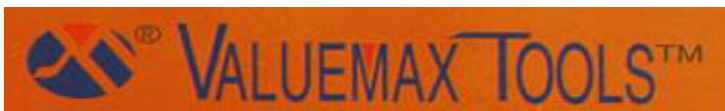
admitted "tool junkie" I have an on going wish list of items I think about having. I research prices, the latest tools to do what I want to accomplish, and figure that if they are there, how much I'm willing to give for them. Then when the event arrives, I go in with my plan in hand ready to be a "smart consumer". I know from experience that when I get there I always see many things I hadn't planned on and my "wish list", no matter how good I thought it was, gets a dose of reality. Sometimes, the tools on my list just aren't there, sometimes I fall victim to "sticker shock" and reality sets in, and sometimes, and

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February Program— Valuemax Tools



At the February meeting we have the pleasure of having Ethan Zhao of Valuemax Tools with us.

Ethan will be traveling all the way from Phoenix Arizona to be with us, then will be at the Kansas City Woodworkers show the weekend following our guild meeting.

Ethan will be discussing the Valuemax line of router bits, shaper bits, and saw blades they manufacture and sell.

Ethan will also have his merchandise on display for guild members to purchase, so bring the checkbook with you and avoid those costly shipping and handling

fees by having the vendor brought directly to you.

Valuemax is one of several vendors that offers guild members a 10% discount on purchases from their catalog and even the wood show.

You can also visit their web site and make purchases on line. <http://bluerouterbits.com/> ☺

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these are the good times, I find ideas. They're free!

I find better and cheaper ways to accomplish the results I'm ultimately after. I see the products, listen to the sales pitches about why I need the latest and greatest new thing, and then I have the opportunity to listen to other woodworkers in the crowd and hear their comments. I get to talk with other guild members at the show and in our booth. In 15 or so years that I've been attending this show, I've really come to appreciate that this camaraderie between woodworkers is really the

best part of the event. If it sounds like I'm excited about this event, it's because I am. Not so much as a commercial sales event for the sponsors and a shopping spree, but as a chance to see and talk to woodworkers from all over the area who aren't a part of our guild. Many people will be attending who are just thinking about getting started in woodworking and are looking for honest advice and people to ask who aren't trying to sell them anything. That's what really excites me most about this annual event. ☺

Greg Hull

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes out to Daniel Blackmon who spent a number of hours making a new wooden banner for the Guild to display at the Woodworkers' Show. Daniel created the banner using his Carve Wright Machine.

The lumber was donated by Kevin Newman who also assisted in the design and finishing of the banner.

The finishing touches are still being applied, but it should be done in time for everyone to view at the February Guild meeting.

Thanks Daniel and Kevin. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. ☺

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!

Tim Elliot - Garden City, MO

Jim McCord - Excelsior Springs, MO

Bill Pogson - Blue Springs, MO

Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of George Mann

This month we get to know a real Mann, George Mann to be precise. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, George has lived in the area his entire life where he first lived in the 39th & Forest area then the 69th & Olive area until he got married and moved to Lee's Summit in '85. George went to Southeast High School, then with a friends encouragement, attended Metropolitan Junior College and graduated from UMKC with a degree in business. To help offset the academic portion of high school, George took all of the shop classes he could. Therefore, his introduction to woodworking came in high school shop. As George puts it, the rest came "the hard way"; in other words he is pretty well self taught.

Although George's wife went to the same high school and lived only 4 blocks away he didn't meet her until a college biology class they had together. George and Mary have three daughters and three grandchildren. All of their daughters have masters' degrees. Two are teachers and one is a physical therapist. George's father was an artist and an interesting story he tells is that when he was working for Tension Envelope downtown K. C., he built an addition to their house by carrying the lumber home board by board on the streetcar.

Another passion of George's is fishing, specifically, fly fishing. For the past forty years he has been going to Bennett Springs for the trout fly fishing (after opening day). George related that he owned a boat before he owned a car



Guild Member, George Mann

and he made a lot of the parts for the boat over its lifetime. Along with the fly fishing, another of George's hobbies is fly tying. In fact he helps teach fly tying at the Bass Pro fly shop where he now works part time.

An additional hobby George has partaken in is stained glass. He has made several lights for their home and a stairwell window. The stained glass talent comes, I'm sure, as a result of his father's artistry for which he became pretty well known for his stained glass windows in many churches and buildings here in the mid-west. Some other interests George pursues are; photography and genealogy.

George has been retired for 7 ½ years from Bendix/Allied Signal/Honeywell where he spent 32 years, starting out as a planner and eventually a supervisor of engineering records where they kept track of all the drawings.

Following a year of free-time

after retirement, George went to work for Paxton's where he spent two years. George says that it cost him to work at Paxton's because of all the lumber he bought while there.

When asked what woodworking projects he has done, he replied: "everything from pens to houses". We've seen some of the pens but George built the house they now live in doing a little of everything including the built-ins and all the trim which includes frame and panel interior doors and even helping with the framing. There are also several projects within the house, by George. One of the first is a wall clock and on up to a birds eye maple curio cabinet and blanket chests and a current in-progress project of a mission style dresser. Some others include; dulcimer, corner hutch, headboard, quilt rack, and music stand.

George joined our guild very near its beginning as the result

of an invitation by Earl Reed. What he says that he enjoys about the guild is: "the unexpected, the variety and the way people help each other".

George likes all aspects of woodworking, but the lathe is his favorite tool. He uses a mix of hand and power tools, but power tools get used whenever they can be. He likes Ridgid and Grizzly tools and does his shopping by internet, magazine reviews and asking people.

George has basically two shops. The main shop is in the garage, and a small shop in the basement he primarily uses for fly tying. George started out using maple wood at first, but has used more oak than anything. And most of his projects end up going to friends and family.

An area George would like to learn more about and improve in is finishing. He now simply brushes his finish but would like to learn to spray finish.

His favorite project has been building the house and he would like to someday build a log house. An anecdote to his house building is to practice framing a house, George built a 'playhouse' for his girls complete with a stained glass door from his dad. That house will soon be used by the second generation.

Advice George would offer to beginning woodworkers is: "don't be afraid to try anything". "If you have a fireplace there's always a place for it."

Thanks, George, for letting us get to know you and keep up the good work. ☺

Mel Bryan



Embroidered Logo Items



It's not too late to place an order for items with the new guild logo embroidered on them. There will be samples at the meeting with prices and an order sheet.

There are several brands of shirts available to choose

from at varying prices depending on what you want. Available are long sleeved denim shirts (pictured), knit polo shirts, hats, and aprons.

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

Hats are \$13 each (plus tax) and we must have a minimum of 12 hats total in

order to place an order.

Mel Bryan will have a page of the color selections available at the next guild meeting.

Polo shirts are available in just about any color you want.

If you would like to order any of the garments, simply fill out the order form and pay for it when it arrives. ☺

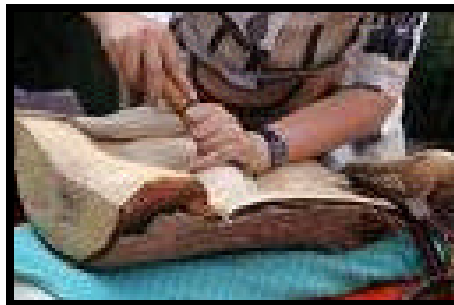


Show and Tell is a great way for others to learn from you. Share your knowledge.

March Program

At the March guild meeting we will be featuring a dual purpose meeting. We will be having a jigs and fixtures show and tell type meeting to discuss jigs you have made or purchased. We are also asking you to bring those woodworking items or gadgets you have purchased at the wood show or anywhere else for that matter, and share with the group what you liked about it or what you were disappointed with. Did it perform as expected? ☺

Wood Carvers Show 2009



The 2009 Annual woodcarving show sponsored by the Kansas City Wood Carvers Club is coming to Lee's Summit.

The show will be March 20th and 21st 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, carving books, a carving contest, and, much, much more.

Hours

March 20

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

March 21

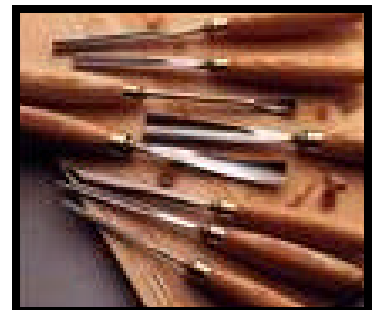
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Directions: About 1 mile south of I-470 and Rt. 50 hwy. Take 1st south exit(Chipman Rd), turn right, then 1st 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 contests or attending the show, email the show chairman Ed Zinger for details. zingo@comcast.net. ☺

Secretaries Notes For January 13, 2009



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

Secretaries Notes 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 – Shop tours are important to guild. So sweep up the sawdust and let us know when your shop will be open. .

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

WOODWORKERS SHOW-Everyone should be signed up for your free entry to the show and your tour of duty at the GUILD’s booth – February 13-15.

WOODCARVERS SHOW –John Knox Pavilion – March 20-21.

GUILD LOGO SHIRTS & HATS- Order your preferences now and be ready for the Wood Workers Show – check with Mel Bryan.

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 69.

SHOW AND TELL—

1. Bob Pressly had a PICTURE of a BOWL that was made from a NATURAL KNOT of a WILD CHERRY TREE.
2. Steven Todd had PICTURES of PICTURE FRAMES made from OAK with HAND CUT DOVE TAILS and a MALLET made from MAPLE.
3. Neil Winquist had ALTER WOOD ARTWORK of CHERRY.
4. Jay Helland had a BIPLANE made from WALNUT and a SEGMENTED BOWL made from ZEBRA WOOD.

5. Randy Bray had an OLD SIXTH GRADE PROJECT, a CARVED CANDY DISH.
6. Greg Hull had a CLOCK with a CD FACE.
7. Gale Markley had PICTURES OF A WALNUT CLOCK.
8. Ted Keller had a CROSS with INLAYS.
9. Daniel Blackmon had a CARVEWRIGHT PLAQUE made from a CHERRY SLAB.
10. George Mann had PENS with FISHING FLY’s SET INTO EPOXY.
11. Lester Gillett had TURNED SEGMENTED BOWLS and a SPALTED MAPLE DISH.
12. Kevin Newman had SEGMENTED BOWL #24.
13. John Freeland had a CHERRY CROSS and a MENS JEWELRY BOX and SEGMENTED BOWLS (Jay’s Workshop) made of BOXELDER.

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 Mel introduced Jeff Edemann a GUILD member and MANAGER of METRO HARDWOODS, Inc. who will inform us of their wood products store and give us a better knowledge of what wood is all about. Thanks to Jeff for his sharing of his wood knowledge and his support of the GUILD. 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—February 10, 2009.

President Greg Hull closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ☺

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

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Valuemax Tools

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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



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 one 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 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.

We have a full slate of volunteers that have agreed to do some sort of demonstration. A special thanks to those individuals.



A signup sheet will be available at the January guild meeting for individuals interested in volunteering to work the booth. There are still a few time slots available. 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.

You can also visit their web site to purchase advance tickets and get more information.

www.thewoodworkingshows.com ☺



Raffle—DeWalt Saw

This month we have a DeWalt heavy duty compact jig saw kit with variable speed orbital action and keyless blade change. This kit includes a contractors bag for storage. Model number dW317N

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



If you have not yet paid your dues for 2009, this is your last newsletter. If you are in doubt, check to see if you have received your membership card.

Your annual dues help keep the guild strong and healthy. It's a small price to pay to for such a tremendous source of knowledge.

Roy will give you a new membership card when you pay your dues at the

meeting. By paying your 2009 dues as soon as possible, Roy will be able to include you when he publishes the 2000 membership roster in March.

Be sure and let Roy know if your email, phone number, or home address has changed since last year.

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