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President's Corner

By Greg Hull – Share the Knowledge



We all just want to keep learning. Do any of us ever have enough woodworking magazines? I continually think I have seen them all and don't need anymore, and then stumble on to something else I can't keep from reading.

Just last week, I saw the latest copy of Popular Woodworking and noticed an article entitled, "Understanding Glues". Glues are something we all use on a regular basis and few of us really know enough about. Last year we had a presentation on glues and adhesives. Last month Ron Lomax from the KC guild presented a session on joinery. He based his talk on experience he had gained at the Marc Adams woodworking school a few years back.

He also mentioned that while there, Marc had given an after-hours session on glues and adhesives that was fascinating. I was talking with Ron at the KC Guild open house a couple weeks back. We were reminiscing about attending a formal school and the presentation on glues that Marc is known for. I know we can't all leave reality for a week and go visit a school in Indiana, but that kind of changed when I saw the article in Popular Woodworking. I noticed that Marc Adams was the author, and when I started reading it, it was fantastic. I need to put the disclaimer here that I am a nerd. The article is a little scholastic and reads like a textbook, but the amount of information it contains is great. Ron and I have both heard Marc fill 3 or 4 hours talking about different glues and their uses and this 7 page article contains a lot of that information. This

story covers history of glues, types, how they cure, and too much more to try to summarize in this column. I'm contacting the magazine to see if we can get permission to reproduce the story for the guild.

Another recent magazine story I couldn't put down was even more recent. Just last night I got home from a long holiday weekend and found a new issue of "Wood" magazine in the mailbox. Just when I thought I'd had my fill of tips and hints, someone wrote a short column about making those pesky support poles that many of us have in our shops. They built a bracket and mounted a bench grinder

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NEXT MEETING

Tues, July 14, 2009 7:00pm

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July Program— Woodworking Circles



Has your woodworking ever gotten you going in circles? There are plenty of projects that require making wooden circles or rings and the different methods of making them can be dizzying. Our own member, Daniel Blackmon, graciously volunteered to explain and demonstrate the “Ring Master” tool. You’ll want to see what he has to share with us.

In the next two or three months, we will have another “break-out session” program where we will break up into groups of different interests to discuss and examine the technique, tool, process, special tips, or whatever is of particular interest to you. To help facilitate this program we need volunteers to help lead the groups. You do not have to be the expert, but many of you have a skill that can

be passed on to the others of us and are therefore qualified, so please speak to me, Mel Bryan, about sharing your knowledge and leading one of these groups. Also, if you have a particular interest that you would like to see presented, please let me know. ☺

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to it. (Why didn't I think of that one?) I guess we all have the quest for knowledge and look everywhere to keep learning. I just need to remind my wife occasionally that the wood magazines that are taking over the house are actually useful and

informative.

Remember that we are all here to learn from each other and share our knowledge. Many members have been cleaning out old magazines by “recycling” them. They have been bringing them to a

meeting and giving them out for other members to enjoy. ☺

Greg Hull
President



Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Kevin Newman

This month's featured member probably needs no introduction, but it may not be commonly known that Kevin Newman was born in Enid, Oklahoma and raised in the Manhattan, Kansas area. Kevin moved to St. George, Kansas with his family from Enid when he was 4 or 5 years old. You might say that; "Kevin was moved to Kansas by Graves Truck Lines" because his dad began working for Graves Truck Line in Manhattan. They lived in St. George, a small town east of Manhattan. Kevin went to high school in St. George and worked in Manhattan during that time which is where he met his wife. He graduated from high school in 1983.

In 1984, Kevin moved to the Kansas City area where he began attending DeVry Institute of Technology (now known as DeVry University). After graduating from DeVry, Kevin began working for House of Lloyd in Grandview as a computer operator where he spent seven years. During his time there, he made the transition to programming. After that, he went to Classic Software as a programmer for 1 year, GE Capital for 2 years, again as a programmer, and to Seaboard Corp. for 2 more years, each time improving his knowledge and experience in programming. In 2000, Kevin went to work for Westlake Hardware, again as a programmer where he is currently employed. Kevin and his wife Kathy have 3 children; Krystal, 20, Kayla, 16 and, as we all know his woodshop helper and apprentice, Zachary who is 10.



Guild Member, Kevin Newman

The shop classes Kevin took in high school were not woodworking related; however, he says that he has been interested in woodworking ever since he was a teen. He observed his older brother building things, admiring what he could do, and began getting interested. He credits his brother as being his mentor along with his father-in-law. As he has progressed in his passion of woodworking and experience, he says that the roles of mentor and student have somewhat reversed. He says that they will now come to him with questions at times. Kevin also teaches classes at Woodcraft on raised panel doors, making dovetails with a router and the Leigh jig, router joinery, and now, his newest class, cabinet making.

While working at GE Capital, Kevin worked with guild member Barry Hoffman. Barry invited Kevin to the guild and

there he found a niche. Kevin says that he began learning as a result of being in the guild. Shortly after becoming a guild member, there was a need for someone to take over as newsletter editor. This was an opportunity that Kevin saw to get more involved with the guild and do his part. Since it was computer related, it was also right up his alley. He has been newsletter editor for about 10 years and still does it today. In the past, Kevin has served as president (for 4 years) and on the board a few more. He now handles the charity fund raffle which he has been doing for 4 or 5 years. A little known fact you may not have known about Kevin is he was responsible for Initiating the Incorporation of the Guild as a "Not For Profit" organization in June 2002. This was done to minimize the liability of the guild and it's officers during a time when guild members use

to make thousands of wooden toys for the United Way that were distributed to under privileged children at Christmas time. This came to be known as the "Toy Project".

As a result of a workshop that Kevin held for guild members on raised panel doors, Barry Hoffman suggested he teach classes at the Woodcraft store in Lenexa, Kansas. He has now become a regular on their agenda. Like many members, what Kevin enjoys about the guild is the camaraderie and the variety of skills within the guild member's sighting the fact that; "it's a great learning tool".

Kevin likes to do woodworking because he likes to work with his hands and building things that can't be bought; unique things and turning wood into beautiful things. Since Kevin is still among the working force, his woodworking has to take place during his spare time, weekends and evenings. Motivation plays a part, of course, in what he does. An example of this was getting into bowl turning through the inspiration of former member Sonny Sharrar and current member Jay Helland. This precipitated in the purchase of a lathe that he might not otherwise have gotten.

Kevin's shop is in his basement and he would rate it as medium in size. He says he is running out of room for many more additional large tools. Kevin says that he has a pretty good selection of tools but could always use more. Power tools dominate his ownership and usage, with the router being the favorite power tool of which he has a variety. Even though it

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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!

**Burt Brown
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Secretaries Notes For June 9, 2009



Secretaries Notes

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

GUILD DUES – Now for 2009 are \$7.50 and are being collected. Receive your membership card and you are eligible for discounts at various vendors.

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 – Clean up for the fall season – find a few things that have been misplaced and get your name on the FALL SHOP TOUR list. We always learn something at these shops no matter their size. We look forward to the fall season when we can tour other shops – so get your name on the list.

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

GUILD LOGO SHIRTS & HATS- Order your preferences now. Check with Mel Bryan.

LIBRARY – Looks like we have this under control – so make use of the books, videos and tools that we have for loan.

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. Jay Helland displayed SEGMENTED BOWLS made from ROSEWOOD.
2. Walt Borer had the following SCROLLSAWN items – a HORSE WALL PLAQUE, a ROSE WALL PLAQUE and a GOURD.
3. Bill Dugan had a MANTEL CLOCK (Wood smith pattern); Daniel Blackmon had a CARVEWRIGHT WEDDING LATE PLAQUE and a UNIQUE BOX with ANGLED BOX JOINTS and a

CARVEWRIGHT HANDLE.

4. Bob Perry had his first TURNED BOWL made using MANY WOOD TYPES.
5. Lester Gillett had a TURNED WALNUT PLATTER with a MINWAX FINISH.
6. Neil Wenquist had a SMALL STEAM ENGINE (it is wind powered – no problem for Neil).
7. Jack Smith had a PORTION of his KITCHEN CABINET MAKEOVER and a NEW DOVETAIL JIG.
8. Larry McFerrin had WOOD CARVINGS with some WOODBURNING.
9. Jim McCord had SEVERAL BOXES made from CHEERY AND WALNUT.
10. Steven Todd had PICTURES of his MANTEL PROJECT.
11. Kevin Newman had PICTURES of his COMPUTER DESK and FILING SYSTEM (all OAK).

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 the program for tonight which will feature Ron Lomax of the KC GUILD who will take us through the methods necessary to obtain just about any woodworking joint. As could be seen it was obvious that Ron had paid attention in class and was able to become a master in his own right when it comes to carving out the most complicated of wood joints (pick your own). We appreciate Ron for taking his time to educate us in the ART of doing the complicated with hand tools. Thanks again to Ron and 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—July 14, 2009.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ©

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may technically not be thought of as a hand tool, the Kreg jig is his favorite hand tool.

Kevin's favorite wood will not be a surprise to anyone based on the show and tell items Kevin has shared with us. That would be red oak. He loves the grain, the look, the versatility, economy, and the way it works. Using that wood, he has made; a valance, cabinets, desk, computer desk, bill paying desk, DVD cabinet, jewelry cases, child's table and chairs, gun display case, bookcases, bathroom vanity, bowls and trash cans to name a few. The computer desk that he shared with us last month would be his most challenging project. This is partly due to the length of time it took to make as well as his

evolution as a woodworker over the time it took to make, coupled with design changes due to technology changes and his own growth in expertise. The segmented bowls fall into the favorite category of projects because of the creativity they afford.

On a finishing note, Kevin prefers the water based finishes of General Finishes; the poly-acrylic, because of the no odor and freedom of chemicals, it's fast drying time, durability and consistent color. He sprays nearly all his finishes using one of his two HVLP sprayers.

A memorable moment, albeit a negative moment, is when he had an accident with the table saw that cut his hand very badly. That experience, needless to say, was a safety lesson not to be

forgotten. Advice Kevin passes on to new woodworkers is; "join a guild" and "practice safety". Kevin is willing to mentor anyone; which in fact he does to a degree, teaching the classes at Woodcraft. Besides woodworking, Kevin does computer repair; both hardware and software, enjoys riding his motorcycle and boating.

Thank you, Kevin for letting us get to know you a little better and keep building those unique pieces of furniture. ☺

Mel Bryan

Raffle—Troy-Bilt Trimmer

This month's raffle featuring something a little different. It's not a tool you use in your shop, but would make a great addition to the collection of tools in your garage.

This month's raffle item features a Troy-Bilt curved shaft lawn gas powered lawn trimmer model TB10CS. This trimmer features a revolutionary Spring Assist starting system, the TB10CS gas string trimmer is dramatically easy to pull start. This cordless weed trimmer also features an easy-to-use curved shaft, bump head line release and an adjustable handle.

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