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# Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild, Inc.

## President's Corner

### By Greg Hull – How Do You Answer The Question?



This last month I was on the web when I happened across a simple but interesting discussion. The question posed was simply: "What are the three most important power tools in your shop?" That simple question really got me thinking. We have many new members and while a lot of our Guild is experienced, a lot of people are just starting out. What would you tell someone who asked you how to start out outfitting a shop? Keep in mind that the question specified "power tools" so I'm not going to open up the debate on hand tools vs. power tools (at least not this month). My immediate answer was to start with a good

table saw. The next thing I personally thought of was a jointer (I struggled for years without one and even longer with a small one that I later found to be inaccurate). I think third, I'd make Kevin happy and say a good router/ router table. Then it hit me that I had made the common mistake of forgetting to get the users requirements. My top 3 machines would be pretty dumb if the person asking the questions wanted to make wooden pens, do scroll saw work, or turn the famous segmented bowls. The more I thought about it, the more interesting this question became. When people ask our opinions, we need to stop for a minute and ensure we understand the context of the question. The table

saw, jointer, and router are my top 3 but will clearly not be the same for everyone else. A lot of people may be better off starting with a band saw instead of a table saw. Clearly different tools, but it just depends what you're trying to do.

How would you answer this question? ☺

Greg Hull  
President

#### NEXT MEETING

Tues, August 11, 2009 7:00pm

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## August Program— Woodworking Circles



If you've been intimidated by those designs often found in the bottom of segmented bowls and have shied away from attempting to make them, this month member John Freeland will explain how to make them. This process is not limited to just



bowl bottoms, but can be applied to other decorative assemblies such as; trivets, inlays, wall decorations, furniture accents, or, for example, the lazy Suzan



that we saw in last

months' show and tell. John will explain a few designs and show some of the setups and jigs that he uses to make such items.

## Guild Business

There are several things that we will be discussing at the August meeting that I wanted to bring up in this newsletter. A field trip this fall. Charlie Honeywell brought up a trip to Jamesport in late September and will be bringing it up to the membership for discussion. The fall shop tour, possibly mid to late October. If you'd like to be involved and show off your shop please contact me and let me know. The Spring tour had 3 shops around town and I'd like to have 3 or 4 for Fall. Officer elections are coming up in November, I know it sounds like a long way off but it's only 3 meetings away. If you'd like to run for office or nominate someone to please contact me or any of the

boards members and let us know so we can start planning. And lastly, but probably the most talked about issue, will be what direction to take with the newsletter and the postage. A few months ago I mentioned that we were spending too much on postage and copy costs for the newsletter. I asked members to provide e-mail addresses and agree to get the newsletter via e-mail if possible. I'm glad to say that several members answered the call and that the number of people getting e-mail delivery has gone up. When we look at the numbers, the copy and postage costs, combined with the church rental, coffee and cookies, exceed the current membership dues. Our dues are really reason-

able and I'd love to keep them where they are but feel that we need to discuss options at this month's meeting. I do not want to assume that everyone has e-mail access or is technically proficient in getting an electronic newsletter. When we start including photos the file size starts going up accordingly. How many members have access to e-mail but use dial up connections that are slow and cumbersome for large attachments? There are many aspects to this issue and I'd like to hear your views either at the meeting or before. Please contact me via e-mail or phone if you'd like to let me know your thoughts before the meeting.

Greg Hull

## Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Daniel Blackmon

This month's featured member from Holden, Missouri has no problem holding his own when it comes to woodworking. Daniel Blackmon has lived his whole life in Holden beginning at the age of four when he moved there with his family from Jackson, Michigan where he was born. Therefore, Daniel spent all of his school years in the Holden schools. He needed a class to fill his schedule so he took a shop class and it struck his interest. From there he took all of the shop classes they offered beginning in Jr. High. He said that his first project was a veneered checkerboard.

After high school, Daniel began working for a roofing company where he spent the next 13 years. During the winter months, when roofing wasn't viable, they refurbished apartment buildings redoing the trim and making cabinets, etc. Also, after graduation, Daniel began making cabinets and a lot of craft items. One of his first major project undertakings was building a pool table with only a circular saw that his parents had given him. After that confidence building experience he decided he liked woodworking and was good enough at it he bought his first real power tool, a radial arm saw which he



**Guild Member, Daniel Blackmon**

still has and uses although the table saw and other tools have relegated it to lesser use. Daniel took an adult evening class in Warrensburg where he built a pedestal bed.

Realizing he needed a better career, Daniel began working part time for the cable TV company that was just coming to Holden where he pretty well got in on the ground floor performing many tasks toward the installation and maintenance of cable TV. He eventually went full time and spent 11 years doing cable TV work and also worked part time in Warrensburg for them. After that experience, Daniel went to work for Stahl's in Kingsville,

Missouri where they made aluminum castings of engine parts for such engines as Caterpillar. He ended up in the machine shop as a pressure test operator testing parts such as oil pans for leaks and some other parts as well. Then, in February this year, as with many companies lately due to economic trials, Daniel was laid off just 2 months short of 15 years with them. Since then, Daniel has been out of work except for some part time work doing some trim and cabinet work and rebuilding a deck. Daniel and his wife have been married for 20 years and have one son who will begin college in Sedalia this fall.

Outside of junior high and

high school, this woodworker has not had anyone to mentor or teach him and is, for the most part, self taught. Daniel's work schedule made it difficult to take part in this guild until the last 3 yrs. or so. He belonged to the Kansas City guild for about 10 years while he was working for the roofing company. Then, with the help of Charles Honeywell and some others, he started a woodworking guild in Warrensburg, however, it only lasted about 3 years and he began working 2<sup>d</sup> shift at Stahl's. His quest for more woodworking knowledge is what drew him to the guild and the knowledge and information that is shared by other members is what he enjoys by being a part of the guild. Daniel is the kind of woodworker that has never made anything from a plan. Even most of his tools have his own modification of some sort made to them. He loves to invent; therefore, jigs and fixtures are frequently devised and made in his shop.

In 2006 when Carviewright carving machine was just being introduced, Daniel got one to make a secretary desk for his wife and became a Beta tester for them. He is still currently active on their forums giving advice and feedback on the machine. What Daniel enjoys making

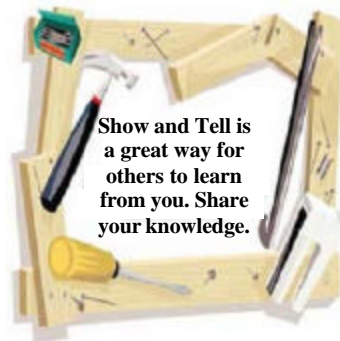
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## New Members

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!*



**Marion Collins  
Lees Summit**

**Jim Dunlap  
Grain Valley**

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## Secretaries Notes For July 14, 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? Charlie Honeywell is working on a possible trip to JAMESPORT on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September (keep this date open).

**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 76.

### SHOW AND TELL—

1. Walt Borer had the following SCROLLSAWN items – ALLIGATOR PLAQUE, MOOSE DOO DADS and BOOKENDS.
2. Daniel Blackmon had a CARVEWRIGHT JIG for HANDLING ROUND PARTS.
3. Kevin Newman had the TURNED SPINDLES that someone ordered.

4. Jim McCord had BUSINESS CARD HOLDERS.
5. Lester Gillett had a TURNED BOWL made from WALNUT and PADUK.
6. Larry McFerrin had a CEDAR BENCH or TABLE.
7. Preston Goodwin had a ROUND CUTTING BOARD made from HARD MAPLE and WALNUT.
8. Arnie Reimer had 30 CALIBER TURNED PENS ( no, not JAMES BOND stuff).
9. Jim Thomas had a LAZY SUSAN and a RADIAL ARM JIG.
10. Bob Jeppson had PICTURES of a FOLDING TABLE and a MURPHY BED.
11. Neil Winquist had a HARBOR FREIGHT LED FLASHLIGHT, a DEAD BLOW HAMMER and a VISE SAVER (no, not VICE).

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 Daniel Blackmon (one our own) who will tell us about and demonstrate the RING MASTER. This is one of those now expensive machines that can do many wonders when needing to turn rings for such things as stacked bowls. Once again Daniel was able to show us a machine that many of us had no knowledge of or would be in the market to purchase. Thanks again to Daniel for volunteering 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—August 11, 2009.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Akers ©

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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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## Guild Member Profile Continued...

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are the things no one else wants to make or can't do for some reason. Thus the unique and unusual projects whet his appetite; he enjoys the challenge.

Needless to say, his carving machine is one of his favorite tools along with his routers. He feels that he has pretty much all the tools he needs for now, however, "there's always room for more". His favorite woods to work are oak and walnut. There are many different people that are the recipient of his work both for charge and as gifts. Projects that Daniel has made are numerous. Some include; roll top

desk, secretary desk, pool table, coffee tables, a lot of carvings (on the carving machine), plant stands, rocking chair, clock, many cabinets, many craft items, and even his own kitchen cabinets. Although he doesn't particularly have a favorite project, he enjoyed building his deck even if it was a challenge. He favors wipe on poly as a finish and sometimes on larger projects he sprays on lacquer.

Advice Daniel would offer for beginning woodworkers is; "Use patterns and just go for it; Try it." He also advises to start out economically; to try something new then

upgrade if you like it. He would be willing to help anyone or mentor them.

Other hobbies or interests this woodworker has are; drag racing, enjoying watching "the big boys" with the high powered racers, plus he likes to invent and is active on several internet forums.

Thank you Daniel for sharing with us and letting us get to know you better and keep those beautiful carvings coming. ☺

Mel Bryan

## Raffle—Air Compressor

This month's raffle features a 1/3 hp 2 gallon oil free hot dog air compressor by Alton Industries.

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- Voltage: 120V
- Drive model: direct
- Tank size: 2 gal
- CFM @ 40 PSI: 1.0 CFM
- CFM @ 90 PSI: 0.7

CFM

- Max.pressure: 100 PSI
- Net weight: 18 lbs

Dimensions :  
15.75"X9.25"X16.14"

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. ☺

