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President's Corner

By Greg Hull – Resources On Old Power Tools



Like last month's column, this is about trying to answer questions and give advice to woodworking friends. Recently, a friend (not currently a guild member but I'm working on him), asked me to go over and look at some old used tools that were for sale. There was a 70's vintage craftsman 12" band saw and an old Rockwell lathe that I couldn't even find a model number on. It's cast iron with a cast stand and looks to be either 8 or 12 speed. We took a good look. Besides dirt and a little rust, the band saw needed rewired as it was wired without a switch. I came home and started digging on the internet. I

came across the following resource that I wanted to pass along. This web page is from "Old Woodworking Machines" and was amazing with the pictures to identify old equipment and a lot of old manuals that are available. <http://www.owwm.com/home.aspx>

The following is a direct link to the index of old manuals; <http://www.owwm.com/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=222&tab=3> it was a little hard to follow from the home page. I still haven't found him any help on the lathe. It appears to be from back in the 50's and I've contacted a couple of our members for help in identifying it. Where I'm going with this is the pleasure of helping others out when they

come to us for advice and the wealth of information that we all have access to. We have access to experience, personal libraries, the guild library, or the public library and the internet. I thought this web page was a great resource and many of you could find it useful so I wanted to share it. I'm still working on some changes to the web page and this is the type of resource I'd like to include in a "links" corner. Let me know what you think.



Greg Hull

NEXT MEETING

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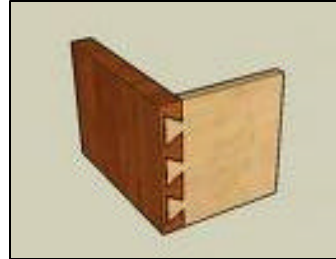
September Program— Breakout Sessions



This month's program is one that is brought back by popular demand. We will once again be having, what I refer to as, "Breakout Sessions". It's where some of our own members have agreed to lead specific topic group sessions. We will split up into groups of specific areas and you can choose which session is of interest to you or you may move around to different

groups. The intent of these groups is for everyone to be able to ask questions and for anyone to be able to share their input besides just the leader of the group. So, come prepared to ask questions and feel free to respond to others' questions as well.

The topics of the groups



will be:

Router joinery led by Kevin Newman.

Photography led by Roy Wall. Roy suggests that you bring your camera so that if there are any specific questions they can be covered and maybe even get in some practical practice.

Finishing led by Gerard Wissman.

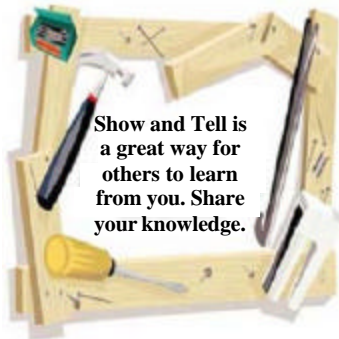
Joinery led by Greg Hull.

Google Sketchup led by Mel Bryan. Bring a flash drive for electronic handouts, documentation and videos.

You may want to bring a note pad and pencil so you can take the helpful tips and information home with you.



Update On Electronic Newsletter Delivery And Dues



Last meeting, we spent a lot of time discussing the newsletter and the desire to take it to electronic format. We were all in consensus that that would be the way to go due to the high cost of reproduction and postage, not to mention man hours currently being spent on the mailings. I counted 72 members present and we had 3 who spoke up and said that they would still prefer the regular mail delivery.

We discussed going to electronic delivery effective in October, and making special accommodations for those who did not want the electronic delivery.

At a recent board meeting we had it was brought up that we actually have 144 people on the roles and only have e-mail addresses for about 80 of the members.

We decided that in order to give people more time and get the e-mail addresses that we will tie the switch over with the annual membership dues. Roy will be sending dues notices out in November for the upcoming year and there will be two options.

The standard membership will still be \$15 annually and include electronic newsletter delivery, or an option for those who prefer postal delivery to pay and additional \$10

annually for that service. The \$10 will just about cover the cost being spent on postal mailings annually per member.

This will not totally do away with mailing expenses as there will still be the annual renewal mailings and some miscellaneous business expenditures but this action will significantly reduce our annual costs and allow us to continue without any actual dues increase. ©

Greg Hull

Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Bill Evans

Once a sheet metal worker now a woodworker. That's the case of this month's profile member, Bill Evans. A career in sheet metal fabrication and installation that spanned forty four years brought Bill to the place, near the end of that path, to the point of finding something other than sheet metal work for the retirement years. In stepped woodworking into Bill's life and he's enjoyed it from the beginning.

Bill was born in Macon, Missouri which is in the north central part of Missouri and his hometown was Bevier where his family lived. When he was two years old his parents and he moved to Kansas City. Shortly thereafter the War broke out and his father found himself shipping out so Bill and his mother returned to Bevier where he lived until after the second grade. Back to Kansas City and Bill completed all of his education through high school here in Kansas City. However, as soon as each school year ended, Bill says; "he spent the summer with grandparents in Bevier until school started again in the fall.

Although Bill's grandfather was not a woodworker, he spent a lot of time in his granddad's shop "building" things. That's where he



Guild Member, Bill Evans

developed an interest in building things and using tools. He said he built a lot of toys, out of a lot of things besides wood; when he wasn't fishing. His great-uncle was an ardent fisherman, took Bill fishing quite frequently and Bill quickly picked up the trait.

Toward the end of high school, in 1955, Bill's first job was installing window air-conditioners when they were big and heavy. He then got into sheet metal work which became the career he would follow for 44 years. Seven of those years were spent here in Lee's Summit at the Western Electric plant. Bill has now been retired for 8 years from McDowell Edwards Sheet Metal. Bill

and his wife, Joyce, have 2 children; one boy, one girl, and 3 grandchildren. During high school Bill took one year of woodshop and drafting but it wasn't until a few years before retirement began to appear that Bill decided on taking up woodworking seriously. He knew he didn't want to do sheet metal work during retirement. Bill says that he's been doing woodworking for about 20 years and 7 or 8 years before retirement he began buying tools. An RBI scroll saw was his first big purchase on which he spent 4 to 5 years doing many scroll saw projects. He's been pretty much a self taught woodworker with several people answering questions. His interest was piqued when he went to

Crown Center and saw the Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild's display and decided to join and begin learning. Through the common connections between the K.C. Guild and the Lee's Summit Guild, Bill joined the Lee's Summit Guild early on and he says that the associations and friendships that have been made are excellent and have helped him a lot in his own woodworking. One of the main things he likes is the Show & Tell time where we can all share and learn from each other.

When Bill does his woodworking sort of depends on "the mood" or when the fishing hole isn't calling. He says that he has no special interest area and "likes it all" even though he started out doing a lot of scroll saw work. His favorite power tool is his Ridgid spindle sander and his favorite hand tools would be a hand plane and chisels. And speaking of favorites, his favorite wood is red oak. He really likes cherry, but doesn't like the way it burns so easily. He pretty much likes all domestic hardwoods, too.

Bill's shop is in the basement, is of medium size and he feels he has a lot of tools, but 'never enough'. (Does that sound familiar to

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Fall Shop Tour



John Freeland's Shop

A Fall shop tour is in the works and we are looking for a couple

size your shop is or even if there's a little sawdust on the floor. It's all part of the shop tour experience.

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. ☺

woodworkers to volunteer to open their shops on a Saturday morning. You still have a couple months to get that shop whipped into shape so get busy and get it ready to go. The first step is to let Greg Hull know you would be willing to share your shop with a few other fellow woodworkers. You can email Greg at ghull2000@yahoo.com

Or give him a call at the phone number listed on the front page of the newsletter.

It doesn't matter what

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!

**James Legall
Blairstown, MO**

**David Rink
Raymore**

**David Ramsey
Lee's Summit**



John Freeland's Shop

SIZZLING SUMMER SALE!

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10% off everything currently in stock!

Secretaries Notes For August 11, 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 – New members dues are \$7.50 for the remainder of 2009. 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 – Charlie Honeywell is working on a possible trip to JAMESPORT on the 26th of September (keep this date open). We still need to finalize the details – at this meeting 33 members showed interest in going.

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 (see Geo Ross).

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 74.

SHOW AND TELL—

- Roy Wall had a JEWELRY BOX made of PADUK and Zebra Wood.
- Preston Goodwin Had a TURNED BOWL made from WALNUT.
- Gerard Wissman had a PIECE OF MYSTERY WOOD.
- Fred Smith had a TURNED BOWL.
- Gale Markley had an OAK WINE

VESSEL.

- Daniel Blackmon had a DISPLAY CASE for INDIAN ARROWS with a lid held on with rare earth magnets.
- Jim Thomas Had a LAZY SUSAN.
- Jim McCord had another round of BOXES made from Maple, Walnut and Cocobolo.
- Ted Keller had a BOWL made from Ash, Oak and Walnut using his NEW RINGMASTER.
- Mel Bryan displayed his FOLDING CHAIR made from CYPRUS (his carry along when visiting his brother for a work project – HA!!).

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 John Freeland (one our own) who will step forward once again and take us through his process for Developing and Making Woodworking Circles – those that are found at the bottom of Turned Bowls. This is a science of exacting mathematics and fixtures that would fit well on anyone’s mantel. John is a master at leveling the field when it comes to explaining the impossible and leaves everyone with the feeling that they need to get home and crank up the machines. Thanks again to John 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—September 8, 2009.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ©

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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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anyone?) His most recent acquisition is a Dust Deputy dust collector. On the subject of tools and advice, Bill emphasizes safety. And he says to keep your tools sharp. When it comes to finishing, he doesn't have a particular favorite, but usually uses some sort of poly by brushing or wiping it on. He does not use lacquer. The projects that he has completed include; a lot of scroll saw work, jewelry boxes, several small projects, some Adirondack chairs among others. Bill likes the challenge so he does not consider any particular project to be particularly challenging.

His favorite project has been some graduation pens that he has made for each of his grandchildren which he presents to them upon graduation with a letter of encouragement and advice. Any special memories related to woodworking are just the people he has met and made friends with through the woodworking association.

Other hobbies or interest that Bill directs his time and passion toward is fishing using his boat on Lake Jacomo. Bill used to do a lot of hunting, but doesn't anymore.

Thank you, Bill, for letting us to get to know you a little better and keep pursuing the woodworking. ☺

Mel Bryan

Raffle—Door Number One, or Door Number Two?

Door number 1 or door number 2. That's right. This month's raffle features your choice of 2 great items.

The first item is a Skil 7.2v Lithium-ion power wrench/power driver combo kit. Kit includes a power

driver, power wrench, charger and built in rechargeable Lithium-ion battery.

The second item up for raffle is a 24 piece 1/2" shank router bit set from Woodline USA. Item number WL2006.

This general selection of bits features the profiles and sizes you typically need to get started making basic projects in the shop. This set is perfect for someone who is just getting started with a router and is ready to start making sawdust.

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. ☺

