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Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild, Inc.

President's Corner—By Mel Bryan

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I'm sure most of you are just as amazed as I am when the end of the year comes around at how fast it got here. (It also seems that year ends are accelerating in their cycle the same as birthdays and Christmases.) I almost hate to bring up the subject because along with my amazement, I don't want to acknowledge the fact. However, I think it might be a good idea for us to look back over the past year, review what has transpired and try to see if we've accomplished anything, learned anything, or simply maintained the status quo.

First of all, I want to acknowledge the people that have made this year what has been in the life of our guild. I hesitate to name names in the fear that I will not be able to name everyone and I sure don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. I want to start by recognizing the current members of the board and officers. What a great bunch of guys! They've been very supportive of what we've been doing and able to keep things on track, especially me. That in itself says a lot. I know that I will sorely miss the outgoing officers and board members in the upcoming year (assuming I'm re-elected.) However, I know we have some equally great people on the docket for next year and I'm sure we will

continue to progress.

The officers are not the only ones that make the guild what it is. The guild and its activity, life, purpose, and value are its members. I want to thank everyone that has taken part in this year's activities. The people that have volunteered to work on committees or performed individual jobs are invaluable! The old saying; "*many hands make light work*" is very true. More things are accomplished when more people are involved and I'm sure everyone benefits from the effort especially the person performing the task. Just like another truism; "*the teacher learns more than the student*". (Maybe I just made that up, but I think it's true.) What I'm trying to say is that by taking an active role, value is added to the whole but, value of equal or greater worth is realized by the person performing the specific role. Therefore, everyone that has done *anything* has contributed a good deal to the success of this year.

What have we done? Outside of the meetings, we've had the experience of; a K.C. Toy Museum tour, Lee's Summit City Hall display, our annual member shop tour, weekend workshops, and thanks to the donation of tools to the guild,

three tool auctions. We have acquired the benefit of a great discount on tools and supplies with Hartville Tools. (Remember, we get a 20% discount this first year and 15% the second year.) Some plans for the near future include a meeting in December which hasn't been the norm in past years. (There should be information regarding that elsewhere in the newsletter.) We also plan to expand our presence at the Woodworking Tool Show in February by giving demonstrations, using the guild's workbench that is under construction.

There were ideas that got sidetracked. These ideas present us with future educational opportunities

We had planned a sawmill tour, however, due to the illness of the owner we had to cancel. Perhaps in the future we can find another

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November Program—Leigh Dovetail Jig



The New Super 12 Leigh Dovetail Jig With Dust Collection Accessory.

Cutting quality dove tails is challenging, even with a quality jig such as the Leigh jig. It takes lots of practice and patience to

perfect.

Our guest speaker for the November Meeting will be Kevin Newman.

Kevin will talk to us about making dove tails using the Leigh Jig and what it has to

offer over other dove tail jigs on the market. He will discuss the new super series of Leigh Dovetail jigs, and how it differs from previous models of the Leigh jig. He will also demonstrate cutting a half blind dovetail on the Leigh D4 Jig.

Kevin encourages you to bring examples of your own dove tail projects or attempts at cutting dove tails, successful or not. He will help you trouble shoot the cause of problems that may have occurred.

If you've considered buying a

dovetail jig, or already have one but haven't been able to get those quality fitting joints you would like, this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet, address your questions, and gain a better understanding on how dove tail joinery can improve the quality, appearance, and durability of your own woodworking projects.

If you would like to learn more about dove tail joinery and the Leigh jig, Kevin has a hands on class scheduled for January 5th, 2008 at the local Woodcraft Store in Lenexa. To register, call Woodcraft at (913) 599-2800. ☺

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opportunity for this demonstration.

Another setback in plans was in regards to sponsoring our own show. This would have been used as an opportunity to display the fine work done by our members. That again is being reconsidered and revamped. So, we learn, regroup and are probably better off because of what seems to be obstacle to in the road.

So, what conclusions can we draw from this reflection? I feel that it has been a good year and we've benefited from what has transpired even though it's not been very earthshaking. I think the greatest value gained is the interaction and relationships that evolve from activities centered around our common interest; woodworking. Out of

that then I think we all gain from each other and in turn become better woodworkers which is probably the one reason we participate in our guild.

I hope I haven't gotten to philosophical and lost anyone because this hasn't had much to do with woodworking per se. So, keep asking questions and sharing your skills and knowledge with your guild member friends. Keep working that wood and work it safely. ☺

Mel Bryan
President

Metro Hardwoods Open For Biz



For those of you that have been waiting and wanting to know:

As of November 5, 2007 Metro Hardwoods is open for business.

Hours: 9:30AM to 6:30PM Monday thru Friday and Saturday hours are 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

Lees Summit Woodworker's Guild members will receive 10% off their purchase (show your membership card). Discount excludes General Power Tools.

Location: 4452 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. (1/2

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Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Dale Albert

What's between Colby, Kansas and Hill City, Kansas? That'd be Hoxie, Kansas where Dale Albert grew up, in the Northwest corner of the state. Now Dale lives here in Lee's Summit having moved here in 1997. Prior to that, in the late '80's and early '90's he lived in Kansas City. Shortly after moving to Lee's Summit in '97 he joined our guild and you will probably recall that he was our treasurer last year. Dale was drawn to the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild by his association with John Freeland and Cal Lawler in the Kansas City guild and enjoys the interaction of swapping stories and techniques among fellow members.



Dale graduated from K-State in 1951 with a civil engineering degree and began working for McDonnell Aircraft, followed by two years in the army, then back to McDonnell Aircraft. In the '70's he got his Masters degree from Columbia through UMKC. After 8 1/2 years with the Kansas Bridge Department of the Kansas Department of Transportation he went to work for the City of Kansas City in the Building and Codes Department. Following his time there he finished his career as a consulting engineer with Continental Consulting Engineering working on several interesting large projects.

Following college in the '50's Dale became interested in woodworking after reading a book by Andrew Marlow. While reading this well illustrated book, he realized it was "something he could do". A Sears table saw was the first power tool that got him started. After ruining a board and having

saved his National Guard checks, he purchased his Delta Unisaw for \$400 which he still has and uses. Dale is self taught through books and magazines and credits Thomas Hayward in the series called "The Wood Butcher" in "Fine Woodworking", as being inspirational for him. For his second tool he purchased a lathe. Although not having an actual mentor or teacher he credits a machinist friend with helping him in his woodworking by having the opportunity to help him build a gyrocopter. He did the woodworking part that had to be pretty accurate and strong.

Utility items are Dale's favorite things to build; things that are practical and useful. That would include things such as tables, chairs, bookcases, cabinets and the like, plus he enjoys building things for the shop. And I would say the things for his shop have the same quality as the household furniture he builds. Most of what he has

made has been given away and not sold except for one project he was paid to do. Therefore, his woodworking is simply a hobby and for his own pleasure. He considers a candle stand with a turned column and three dovetailed legs as his most challenging project early in his woodworking experience. His favorite projects are tables. Dale uses water based urethane applied with his HVLP turbine rather than brushing and his favorite finishes include oil, shellac and wax.

Dale's shop is in his basement with a separate entrance from the garage and is what he would consider a medium sized shop. Upon entering his shop, you can probably tell that his favorite hand tools would be wood planes. His nearly complete set of Stanley planes occupies a central location on his tool rack with more Lie-Neilson planes to join their company. When asked if he had all the tools he

wanted, he replied that he was getting close. His focus now is in the area of refining what he has, as he says; he is "looking for the Holy Grail" of various tools. Dale would offer this piece of advice regarding purchasing tools; "Try someone else's tools and techniques" to see if you like them before laying out the cash. Another favorite hand tool of Dale's is the cabinet scraper. He said it is the hardest tool to master but feels he has pretty well gotten it down and now enjoys using it. Also his advice on sharpening it is to; "don't over burnish it." Dale uses both power tools and hand tools but gets more satisfaction with hand tools. His personal challenge is to be able to make hand cut dovetails consistently.

Honduras mahogany might be his favorite wood with oak, walnut, poplar and the pattern makers woods such as jelutong, basswood, and sugar pine, following close behind.

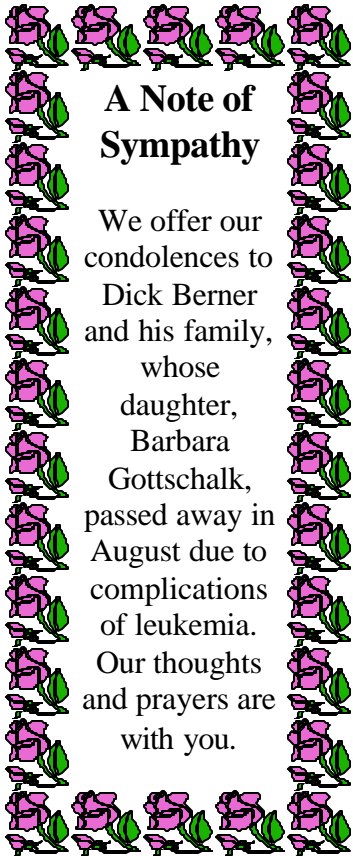
Dale is willing to mentor anyone in the area of making mortise and tenon joints. The advice Dale offers to beginning woodworkers is: start with projects you can accomplish, don't get discouraged when things don't go the way you'd hoped, and make sure your tools are sharp.

Thanks, Dale, for letting us get a little better acquainted with you and your insights into woodworking. Keep up the good work. ☺

Mel Bryan



Woodworking Show 2008



A Note of Sympathy

We offer our condolences to Dick Berner and his family, whose daughter, Barbara Gottschalk, passed away in August due to complications of leukemia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Yes, believe it or not, the 2008 wood show is quickly approaching. The Kansas City wood working show, is scheduled for the first weekend in February. This gives us just two 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. Brochures will be available at the January meeting.



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.

A signup sheet will be available at the November and 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 meeting. ☺



December Meeting



This year we plan to do something we haven't done in the past. We are going to have a December meeting. It will be on the regular meeting cycle of the second Tuesday which will make it December 11 at the normal time, 7 o'clock. It will not be the regular business meeting with a program, but instead will be just a social time for members to get better

acquainted and meet each other's family members. Therefore, it is open to spouses (or significant other) and offspring. The guild will provide light refreshment of sodas, coffee, cookies and hors d'oeuvres. It will be a good opportunity to have a 'show & tell' time of either current items, Christmas items or even something

you've brought before to show to our families. And if you want to pay your dues for 2008 you can do that also. There will not be a newsletter for December to serve as a reminder, so be sure to mark your calendar for Dec. 11th. ☺

Secretaries Notes For October 9, 2007



Secretaries Notes

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

GUILD DUES -

For the year 2007 dues will be \$7.00 starting in July for the remainder of the year. Remember that the new year is about to start and dues at the yearly rate of \$15.00 can be paid at the November meeting.

TOY PROJECT -Thanks to those that are supporting our raffle as this is our way of giving back to the community through the "TOYS FOR TOTS" program. We will be approving our yearly contribution to the MARINE CORP at our November meeting.

SHOP TOURS – Saturday, October 13 for our shop tours of the Lees Summit/Grandview areas. Pick up your directions tonight. More on our Spring tours being planned.

PEN TURNING WORKSHOP – Mel Bryan to be the mentor for a workshop being planned at WOODCRAFT – please see sign-up sheet.

CARVE WRIGHT DEMO – Sign the sheet for a future class by Dan Blackman.

CAD LESSONS – Rick Bowers is planning this class for November 17, Saturday.

CHRISTMAS MEETING – The committee will determine how this meeting will be structured and give a report at a later date.

SPECIAL THANKS – Give Earl Reed a call and thank him for his generous donations (816-246-4747).

MEETING NOTICES – During bad weather tune to CHANNEL 41 for any cancellation of the GUILD meeting.

OFFICERS – Looks like vacancies are being filled. Please help to maintain our presence in the community by becoming a concerned member and nominate yourself for one of these rewarding positions.

METRO HARDWOODS,INC – Look for opening in Independence in November.

GUEST/VISITORS - Welcome and please sign the registry (this gets you a copy of the newsletter for the next two months). Attendance was 73.

SHOW AND TELL—This portion of our meeting will not be held tonight (October) so more time can be spent on our big auction. Thanks to those that would have participated and hope we can look forward to a larger display in November.

PROGRAM—President Mel introduced our volunteer auctioneers from Hertzog Auction Company (Greenwood). Our professionals for tonight will be Ron Flagle and Chris who will smooth out the process and assure each member that they will have the best chance to fill their hope chests - "JUST RAISE YOUR HAND". This was a most successful venture and another THANK YOU to Earl Reed for his donation of these fine tools. Ron and Chris were able to run through the listing of tools in less than an hour – Thanks to them and Hertzog Auction Company. If you ever need help in the auctioneering profession or other fields remember to use those individuals and companies that support our GUILD. Don't forget to help our Vice President Neil Winquist 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—November 13, 2007.

President Mel Bryan closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ☺

Shop Tour Thanks.

A special thanks from the shop tour hosts, to the members of the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild, who attended the 2007 shop tour. Thanks to all of you for visiting our shops and for taking time out of your busy schedules to help make it a success. Even though the weather could have been better, attendance was good and everyone had a great time. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you. ☺

Your shop tour hosts,
Bob, Mike, & Jerry.

Guild Member Discounts

Paxton 10% on all items.
(816) 483-0659

Skates

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

**Merit Industries - 15 to
25% on all items.**

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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

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

Valuemax Tools

10% off Catalog Prices
www.bluerouterbits.com or
Call (800) 782-8083

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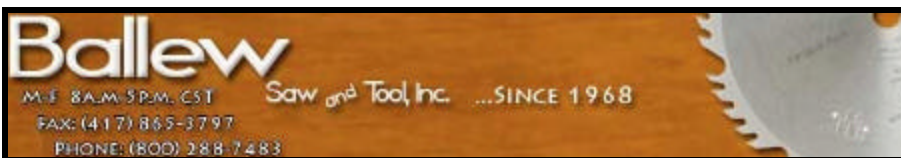
The Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild will strive to promote the exchange of woodworking information and further the craft.

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Raffle



A special thanks to Steve Ballew and Ballew Tool in Springfield, MO. Steve has made another generous donation of a Delta TP305 12 1/2" portable planer to be raffled off at our November



meeting.

All losing tickets from the October meeting were held over for a chance to win the planer in November.

If you are not present for the drawing in November, and your ticket is the first one drawn, we will assume you want the planer. After that, you must be present to win anything.

Be sure and give Ballew Saw

Dues for 2008

Dues for 2008 are now being accepted. 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.



An envelope for payment is enclosed with your newsletter. Please use this envelope to mail your dues payment or enclose your payment in the envelope and bring it to the next

meeting.

Roy will give you a new membership card when you pay your dues at the meeting. By paying your 2008 dues as soon as possible, Roy will be able to include you when he publishes the 2008 membership roster in March or April.

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

Officer Nominations

As you know, November is when we vote on new guild officers for the coming year. Following is a list of members that have volunteered to serve and also current officers that are willing to serve another year. This is to give you a 'heads up' and to give anyone an opportunity to volunteer as a nominee. The nominees are;

- Mel Bryan-President
- Greg Hull-Vice President
- Bill Akers-Secretary
- Linus Goth-Treasurer
- Charles Honeywell-Board Mbr
- Buddy Epperson-Board Mbr
- Eddie Mynatt-Board Mbr

(Note this list constitutes a full slate of officers.) ☺

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& Tool a call next time you're thinking of making a

tool purchase or order directly from their web site:

www.ballewsawandtool.com

Phone: (800) 288-7483

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. ☺

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Store Manager, Jeff Edemann is looking forward to seeing all of you.

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