

## President's Letter – May 2017

As I'm writing this, the guild has just wrapped up a weekend hosting Jim Heavey, Sr. Editor of Wood magazine. It was a great weekend with Jim that included some great information and tips on setting up and maintaining machines, incorporating hand tools into your woodworking to speed up and refine processes, Jigs and fixtures to use in your workshop to improve your accuracy and tons of information on finishing techniques. He even had time to go over an easy way to cut and install cove molding into a room. Each of us there walked away from the weekend with a lot of notes and Jim even gave us over 20 plans for shop jigs and fixtures that have been published in Wood magazine over the years. I'd like to thank everyone involved who helped out with the weekend. Kevin Wiesner and Wayne Watson brought in tools and a workbench for Jim to use, Don Snyder, Tom Tierney and Tom Tupper helped out with a lot of the logistics and Brad Bernhard did a fantastic job with the catering for the event. I'd also like to thank Brian Romine and the staff at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware. At the last minute, they furnished us with a router table for the weekend that Jim used to explain different routing techniques. We have the opportunity to do an event like this about once a year and I encourage each of you to take advantage of it. It's amazing how much you can learn in one weekend that will really help enhance your woodworking.

Last month's meeting featuring Joe Turner and his wooden puzzles was a fantastic meeting. I not only want to try my hand at designing and making a wooden puzzle, but I really like Joe's annual tradition of making one for family and friends. I probably won't make puzzles an annual tradition, but since the meeting I'm now determined to start an annual tradition for my family and friends that includes an item of woodworking from me. I was really impressed with how Joe now has a legacy of his woodworking that spans a couple of decades that his loved ones can look forward to each year. It constantly amazes how much expertise and ingenuity the members of our guild have.

This month's program will also be presented by one of our guild members. Robbie Field

has been making infill planes for quite a few years and to say that his planes are functional works of art is an understatement. I'm lucky to have one of his planes in my woodworking arsenal and it is not only a joy to look at, but it works exceptionally well too. Robbie will go over all of his procedures and techniques and I guarantee that this will be a program that you won't want to miss. I'll see you there!

Mike

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## ***Highlights of the April Meeting***



### **Mechanical Puzzles Presented by Joe Turner**

Joe described the various types of mechanical puzzles and showed us several examples of this unique type of project. He shared with us his journey in developing his puzzle-making and production skills over the last 25 years, starting out with gifts for his family (20 or so) then expanding to work associates (200 or so).

One of the highlights of the evening was the free raffle when Joe distributed gifts of puzzles to lucky attendees.



Examples of various puzzles.



Tools and jigs for puzzle making.

## **Eagle Scout Project at Faust Park Presented by Mark Majeski**

Mark gave a presentation of his Eagle Scout project which included design and production of bird houses at the Guild Workshop in Faust Park. Mark is working with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to place the houses in St. Louis area nature preserves. All of the participants were exposed to safety in the workshop as well as skills in operating woodworking tools.



## **Election Night at the St. Louis Woodworkers Guild**

The following Officers were elected to one year terms at the April Meeting:

President           Mike SisteK

Vice President       Charlie Hoehn

Secretary           Keith Lissant

Treasurer           Tom Tierney

Director (four year term)   Vickie Berry

Nominating committee included Chairman Tom Tupper, Denny Krupinski, and Don Snyder.

## THE TOY CORNER

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## Toy Tally

| Collected    | Delivered            |
|--------------|----------------------|
| April -- 263 | April -- 321         |
| YTD -- 1782  | YTD -- 1759          |
|              | Since 1994 -- 49,599 |

## 2017 Target and Challenge

Target for Delivered Items: 5000           Status: 35%

Target for Member Participation: 30%   Status: 10%

## Key Toy Contributors

### April Contributors

#### (\* First Time Contributors)

John Bibby\*  
Hal Donovan  
Jerry Lammers  
Keith Lissant  
Dale Norman  
Violet Oman  
Brian Romaine\*  
Rich Sanders  
Bill Tarter\*  
Leo Weisman\*  
Bob Zahner

### Over 100 Club

Rich Sanders - 346  
Wayne Humphrey - 294  
Charlie Gorla - 262  
Keith Lissant - 227  
Bob Zahner - 131  
Dale Norman - 130  
Steve Briner - 128

## Toy Committee

Wayne Humphrey: 314.440.2173  
Jason Ottenson: 507.202.6703

Vickie Berry: 972.741.1944  
Bob Zahner: 314.291.1878

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## Recent Events

### Jim Heavey Weekend

Jim Heavey is a master woodworker, veteran speaker for the Woodworking Shows and the Senior Editor of Wood Magazine. He was with us for a weekend workshop on April 22nd and 23rd at the Creve Coeur Government Center.



Jim discussed a variety of woodworking topics that included machine setup and maintenance, mastering the router, how to "embellish" a project, and an in-depth look at finishing.



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**12 Classes only \$250**  
(when bought annually)

**1st Class:** Introduction to Wood  
Sunday, May 21st, 2017  
[Faust Workshop](#)

Learn the Essential Skills of Good Craftsmanship!

Are you new to woodworking?  
Do you wonder how to get started?  
What tools to buy and when?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Saint Louis Woodworkers Guild has the answers! A new class tailored to new woodworkers is forming. The class will meet once a month for twelve total sessions. The course will cover the essentials needed to start your woodworking journey.

In lesson one, you will learn about wood, its properties, how to select it and how to buy it. Each following lesson will build on the previous class throughout the course.

#### Additional Classes:

- > Hand tools and proper use.
- > Woodworking machinery and safety
- > How to plan a project and purchase the materials
- > Proper finishing techniques
- > Joinery techniques
- > Mortise & Tennon
- > Hand-cut Dovetails

Each class includes a lecture, followed by practical, hands-on exercises that will build both the skills and knowledge required to become an accomplished and safe woodworker.

While not required, it is highly recommended class members attend the Guild's Safety Class so that they may utilize the shop between sessions.

#### **Limited Space Available: Register Today!**

##### Two Easy Payment Options

- > Monthly: \$25 each month (12 monthly payments)
  - > Annually: \$250 (1 easy payment - Save \$50)
- \* The cost of materials is extra. You should plan on acquiring some basic hand tools along the way.

#### **FIRST CLASS: Sunday, May 21st**

\*Classes will continue on the third Sunday of each month.

To enroll see James Payne.  
For questions contact [Wayne Watson](mailto:Wayne.Watson@earthlink.net)  
[workwood@earthlink.net](mailto:workwood@earthlink.net) or 314-541-3047

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## Faust Park Workshop Information

- To participate in the Workshop Safety Class, you must be a current Guild member.
- To use the Guild Workshop during open hours, you must have passed a workshop safety class.

### June Shop Hours

June 3 and 4, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
June 6 and 7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
June 10 and 11, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
June 13 and 14, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Next Shop Safety Class

**When:**

Date to be announced

**Where:**

Faust Park Workshop

**Duration:**

Plan for 3 Hours

**Cost:**

\$20 for Current Members

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## *Show and Tell*



Don Snyder and his glass top side table.



Rich Sanders with his constructed wooden basket/bowls.

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## The Upcoming May 18th Meeting

R. J. Field Infill plane from Mike Sisteck's collection  
made by Robbie Field quite a few years ago.

Mike says it see almost daily use in his shop.



***Making Infill Hand Planes with Robbie Field***

To many people the infill plane symbolizes the epitome of high class plane making. The 19th century hand planes manufactured by Stewart Spiers, Thomas Norris and others are coveted and prized by collectors and users alike for their workmanship, their beauty, their solidness and their overall usefulness around the workshop. For this month's program, Robbie Field will detail how he designs and makes his amazing infill hand planes. His planes are every bit as beautiful and functional as one of Spiers or Norris and some would say they are even better! You'll definitely walk away from this meeting not only understanding more about infill planes, but it may become one of the tools on your personal woodworking tool bucket list.

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## Join The Guild Today!

### Member Benefits Include:

- > Discounts to Guild sponsors
- > Access to the Guild Shop & Project Workshops
- > Access to a local community of woodworkers
- > Access to the secure portion of the website

[Just Complete & Return This Application!](#)

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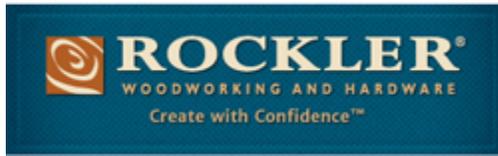
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