



# Newsletter

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## Y'awls Point

Let's have your comments and suggestions. Address them to:

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Comments will be passed on to appropriate committees and may be printed when appropriate. Let us hear from you.

Also, we'd like to hear from other Guilds who read our newsletter.

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## From the President ...

Gentlemen:

I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the "Toys for Tots" show. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Our first show was a tremendous success. Thirty four members contributed one hundred seventy six toys. All of the work was rewarded when we saw the looks on the faces of the police officers when they arrived to get the toys. They were overwhelmed by what they saw. They brought a patrol car expecting to have a trunkful of toys. They went back and got a truck so they could carry all the toys.

The officers, feeling that the toys were just too nice to give away, auctioned them at the "Worlds Largest Office Party" at the Hyatt House the following Wednesday night. The toys brought a hefty sum of money; somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00.

Gentlemen and ladies, this will be an annual event for us, so you can start now for next year. Next year I feel certain we will auction the toys and donate the proceeds, rather than donating the toys directly, next year. Don't hold back; get fancy. Our goal for next year is not necessarily to have more toys, but to have more members participating.

I want to personally congratulate the ribbon winners. A total of 15 ribbons were awarded. I was really impressed

with a super display of craftsmanship. The competition was fierce. Mr. Frank Jones and Mr. Ed Ramsey say that you will not beat them next year. Sounds like an interesting challenge and pride is at stake. I feel the same way. I have won a ribbon at each show, but I can't seem to get past 2nd place. But look out Jim Ross and Ivan Kronberg.

The guild overall had a good 1984 and we are looking forward to a better 1985. We will have more workshops; some are already lined up. We are also in the planning stages of a complete woodworking course which utilizes a textbook and a workbook. This should be a really great way for us all to learn. For things to work and to be great, we need you.

In closing out 1984, I would especially like to thank Ronnie Acton of Acton Moulding and Supply and Bo Thuston of Birmingham Saw Works and all of their help and support. Without them we would not be where we are today.

Ronnie and Bo — Thanks!!  
See you in January.

Spruce McRee

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held January 10 at 7:00 pm at Acton Moulding and Supply.

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## Toy Show Ribbon Winners

Best Of Show - Ivan Kronberg - Walnut Kiddie Car  
First Place - Frank Jones - Rocking Elephant  
First Place - Kerry McCalla - Train Set  
First Place - L.A. Lambert - Chicken in Egg  
Second Place - Dale Lewis - Helicopter  
Second Place - Jim Ross - Airplanes  
Second Place - Spruce McRee - Dump Truck  
Third Place - Ron Alexander - Robot Dolls  
Third Place - Tom Jones - Train  
Third Place - Jerry Wilkerson - Rocking Elephant

## Door Prize Winners

### *From Birmingham Saw*

Japanese Sharpening Guide - Kay Jones  
Chisel Pouch - Kerry McCalla  
Bosch Router - Sheila Guffin  
Back Saw - Joey Gilbert  
Bosch Finishing Sander - Carolyn Barnett  
Back Saw - Lynne McCalla  
Dowel Jig - Walter Barnett  
Brad Awls - 24 Handouts

### *From Acton Moulding & Supply*

Marples Hand Square - Dot Ramsey  
Makita 3/8" Drill - L.A. Lambert  
10" Carbide Saw Blade - Ted Sherrod  
Makita Palm Sander - Susan Ross  
Cabinetmakers Hammer - Christine Ellicott  
Watco Danish Oil - Frank Jones  
General Bench Vise - Jim Ross  
Under Cabinet Cookbook Rack - Ed Ramsey  
Under Cabinet Spice Rack - Spruce McRee III

### *From Appliance Distributors Warehouse (Walter Barnett)*

Man's Digital Watch - Don Bennett & Tom Guffin  
Polaroid Camera - Carol Lewis  
Telephone - Dale Lewis  
Video Quilt - Spruce McRee Jr.  
Coffee Percolator - Tom Jones  
Ladies Digital Watch - Dale Sherrod  
Kitchen Knife Set - Patricia Gilbert

## From the Editor ...

Last month we listed what is generally considered the best woodworking periodicals along with their addresses and subscription rates. I hope many of you will take advantage of these excellent magazines and what they have to offer.

It was called to my attention by Douglas Hicks, assistant editor of Woodsmith that the address I listed for them was incorrect. Please accept my apology Doug, and any of you who may have sent correspondence to Woodsmith. The correct address is:  
**Woodsmith**  
2200 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50312

I am including the Mini-Workshop Form in the newsletter this month. We still want and need your response.

Please accept my apology for the late arrival of this newsletter. The holidays get pretty hectic for everyone as I'm sure you know.

Dale Lewis

## We Need Your Type

The Guild is looking for a donor of a manual or electric typewriter. If you have or know of a typewriter which is in working condition and can either be donated to us or sold to us cheap, please notify Spruce McRee.

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Danny Saxon, 967-7309 shop,  
969-3386 home.

6" Delta-Milwaukee Jointer - 32" bed, 110V motor, \$250. Kerry McCalla, 967-4556.

# Kraftsman Corner

## Cutting and Rabbeting Small Pieces

Special precautions should be taken when working with very small pieces on a table saw. Here are two set-ups we use to keep fingers protected, yet still make accurate cuts.

Whenever we have to cut a whole bunch of small pieces to the same length, we use the set-up shown in Fig. 1. There is a rule when using a table saw that you should never use the miter gauge and rip fence at the same time.

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## Mini-Workshop Form

I will be willing to host a mini-workshop on \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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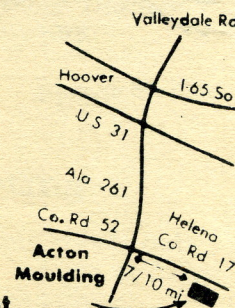
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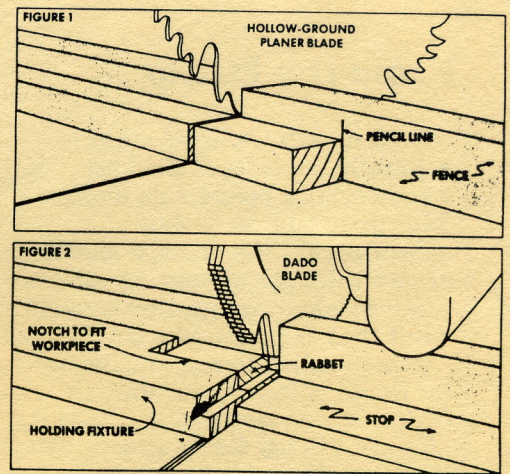
If they were used together, the cut-off piece would be trapped between the blade and the rip fence. Very quickly the blade would catch the piece and throw it back to you — not good.

In order to solve this problem we clamp a piece of 2 x 4 scrap to the rip fence. The front edge of this block is placed in line with the front edge of the blade. Then the cut-off length is measured from the blade to the block. The workpiece is pushed against the block and guided through the blade. With this set-up, the cut-off pieces have enough space between the blade and the rip fence so they won't get trapped and thrown back.

The rule mentioned above is intended for through (or cut-off) sawing. In the case of cutting a rabbet at the end of a piece, both the miter gauge and rip fence can be used in conjunction.

The set-up shown in Fig. 2 shows this operation. However, since we were cutting a rabbet on the end of very small pieces, we added an extension fence to the miter gauge to support the piece all the way to the blade.

Also, we clamped a strip of 1/4" plywood to the rip fence to hold down the end of the workpiece. Since the plywood is positioned directly over the blade, it serves as a blade guard as well.



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