



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of <u>Samhain</u> pronounced sow-in). The <u>Celts</u>, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. https://

History of Trick-or-Treating——Borrowing from European traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "trick-or-treat" tradition. Young women believed that on Halloween they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings or mirrors.

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-ofsummer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world.

Today's Halloween ghosts are often depicted as more fearsom**e** and malevolent, and our customs and superstitions are scarier too. We avoid crossing paths with <u>black cats</u>, afraid that they might bring us bad luck. This idea has its roots in the <u>Middle Ages</u>, when many people believed that witches avoided detection by turning themselves into black cats.



The Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild and the Kansas City Woodturners



## **Santa's Workshop and Holiday Gift**



November 20-21 will see the clubhouse at 3189 Mercier KCMO 64111 transformed into a Christmas Wonderland from 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

Decorations at the doors will direct participants into the building where they will proceed through 6 stations. Station one is where they will receive a free block of wood which will be transformed, through the succeeding stations, into a truck which will be assembled under the guidance of Santa Claus in the final station. Before exiting Santa's Workshop a hole will be drilled in the bed of the truck. When they exit the workshop they will receive a free top which will fit into the hole in the bed of the truck.

We will abide by all the Covid safety protocols that are in effect at the time.



We need the memberships help at the event. You can sign up using Signup Genius on our website. But, we also need people to show up for the event. Here you can help as well. Our location is not conducive to walk in traffic. We need to encourage people to come to our destination. Will you please copy the above information and paste it in all your social media, send it to all your friends and family.

The success of this event is in our ability to attract and encourage people to attend. We need lots of people to come to the event and we need you to tell as many people as you can. You are the greatest source of publicity that we have. Please spread the word.