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Newsletter of the St Tammany Woodworkers Guild

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Librarian: Jim Suarez svpanoya@gmail.com he October meeting was called to order on October 24, 2017 by Bob Busfield at the St. Joseph Abbey woodshop.

Pat Robbert will send out the invitation to the annual banquet and advise members who are not at the meeting tonight to either mail their ticket money to Wayne Thompson or bring it to the next meeting. Our annual banquet is at Vintage Court on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. All members and a spouse or significant other are invited. Tickets are \$15 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. There is a gift exchange that you might like to participate in, but it is optional. If you make a gift out of wood, you may take one home.

Bob asked for comments and suggestions about the Wooden Boat Festival. One suggestion is to put bales of hay down when rain is forecast. Pallets under the boxes on the ground would also be helpful. Electrical outlets should be placed off the ground.

The outboard motor parts were more popular this year than the rudders.

Wayne gave a final count for the festival this year: 223 pontoon boats premade for the babies in strollers and 1252 single-hull boats made on site, for a total of 1475 boats.

Bob suggested a display board with one of each boat part on a piece of plywood. He started one with smokestacks and guns that he cuts from Abbey offcuts. He noted, however, that the Abbey has since changed their coffin design and so the offcuts are different.

Walter Babst reported that he has set up his five-foot Jet lathe in his workshop.

Bob said that the November meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday this year.

- Pat

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday November 28, 2017 7:00 PM

St. Josepy Abbey Woodshop 75476 River Rd. Covington, LA 70457

Directions from Covington: Take US-190 west to LA-25.

Take LA-25 north to River Rd.

Take River Rd east for 0.7 mi.

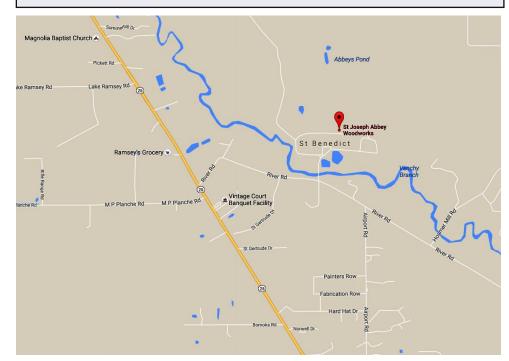
The entrance to the Abbey is on the left.

Take the single-lane bride into the Abbey, turn right, go past the church, and turn left.

Proceed to the woodshop, which is in the second block on the left.

Bring folding chairs.

MAP TO ST. JOSEPH ABBEY WOODSHOP







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MISSION

The Guild is an organization founded in 1991 by local woodworkers for the purpose of education and inspiration in the art of woodcraft. The Guild is open to anyone who has an interest in woodworking at any skill level. Most members live in St. Tammany Parish but some come from Washington Parish and Orleans Parish. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM except July when there is no meeting, November when the meeting is on the third Tuesday, and December when the Banquet replaces the meeting.

No matter what your level of experience is in the field of woodworking or where your interests lie, e.g., woodturning, flatwork, or carving, the Guild is there for your enjoyment and fellowship. Regardless of how many tools you own, whether you have a shop or not, come and see what the Guild is all about.



SHOW AND TELL



Bill Pecoul shows a remote control tug boat he built using a web available design called the Springer. His is all wood and must weigh 8.5 lb or more, have a 4 sq. in. rudder and a 2" three blade propellor for competition.



Bill Pecoul shows another category of competiton sailboat. In this category, the boats can be built in any manner, but must, from the deck down, fit into a 12x12x6" box. His Footy is made of 1/32" ply and balsa with a nylon sail.

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LENDING LIBRARY

Please contact our librarian by email to request a book or DVD.

Jim will bring the book or DVD to you at the next meeting. A complete list of titles is available on the website.

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Bob Busfield shows a display board containing various boat parts made from Abbey offcuts.



Brian Harrell does some steam bending with kiln dried ash. He first soaked the wood for five days in a seven-foot long 2" PVC tube filled with water and fabric softener. He made a drying frame from an 84" long piece of 1.25" wide 16 or 18 gauge steel strapping.





Bob Busfield shows a bread board made from long leaf pine using Titebond Glue and a random orbital sander per a segment on This Old House. He said that Henry Simon has a website that will show what a butcher block will look like given different woods and patterns.

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Henry Simon made a keepsake box out of oak and walnut that was salvanged from the St. Rose de Lima Church pews. The finish on the box is a sprayed lacquer. The original church was built in 1890 and these pews were installed in 1903. The new church was built in 1913. When the first church was decommissioned, the oak was put into storage.

Henry Simon shows a sample of wood which is sanded to different grits and then stained. The final grits used on each section are 150, 180, 220, and 320, respectively. The intensity of the stain becomes lighter with finer grit.





In this test, Henry Simon filled the grain on one side of the board by creating a slurry using 400 grit sandpaper and linseed oil. When dry, he sanded both sides and applied a wipe-on oil finish. The filled side feels slightly smoother.

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