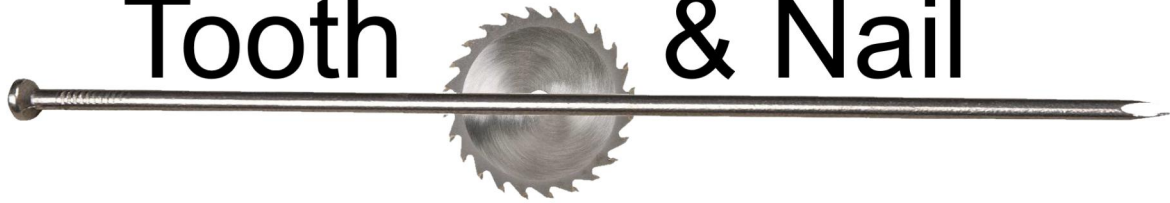
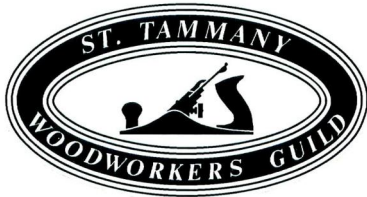


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The September meeting was called to order at 9 am on September 21, 2019 by Bob Busfield at PMC Machinery. Welcome to new members Mickey McGuire and Brian Peterson. Welcome to guests Josh Arce, Harry Rich, John Fairbank, and Bill Mercadente.

We were welcomed by the owner of Portier's Machinery Company (PMC), Guy Portier, who told us about the store. With 55,000 sq. ft. it has the largest display of woodworking tools and equipment in the South. It is not a chain store. If you order by noon, your merchandise ships that day. Shipping is free on orders over \$250; is \$5 otherwise. The store offers a full service department, certified by the manufacturers. They will pick up large pieces and bring them into the store if necessary, or service in the field if possible. Service calls are billed at \$85 per hour. He noted that Powermatic and Jet equipment carry 5 year warranties. PMC has recently added Forrest blades to their inventory and will soon have Woodpecker and Quincy products. They are developing their website and Facebook pages. You are encouraged to review the store on Google Reviews and Facebook. When you shop at

PMC, discreetly mention that you are a member of the St. Tammany Woodworker's Guild. They maintain a list of members, and on certain products, can give a 10% discount. Following our meeting, Guy served a pizza lunch.

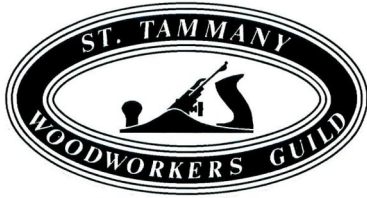
Henry Simon said that the Wooden Boat Festival will be held on Oct. 12 and 13. Set up will be on Friday Oct. 11 at 8:00 am. He said we will use the new traffic layout from last year as it worked out well.

Henry asked the Maritime Museum if they wanted our collection of tee-shirts, but has not received an answer yet.

Henry also reported that the repair of the post cladding and stairs at the museum cottage is almost finished. We used EcoPine and primed the cut edges. Gerald Gibson recommended AZEK for the shoe moulding.

Bob reminded us that the annual banquet is Thursday, Dec 12, 2019.

Woodworking questions dealt with dyes in epoxy (craft paint and powder-based pigments work), recommended brands of



epoxy (Total Boat and West System). Tips were to mix gently and get the bubbles out. Another question dealt with treatment of porch ceilings (Hardie Board T&G or lath strips over seams in 4x8 cement board, use 1 3/4" SS ring shank nails with heads and 18 ga SS finish nails).

Following Show and Tell, Bob Busfield and Brian Harrell gave a presentation on saws and saw blades.

-Pat Robbert

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
October 22, 2019
7:00 PM

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

Directions from Folsom (at LA-40):

Take LA-25 south for 8.4 mi to River Rd. (There will be a green sign saying "St. Joseph Seminary" just before River Rd.)

Turn left onto River Rd and go east for 0.7 mi.

The entrance to the Abbey is on the left.

Take the single-lane bridge 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.

Directions from Covington and Slidell:

From I-12, take exit 63B US-190 W (Covington, Mandeville).

Travel north past Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and Lowes.

Stay on US-190 W as it turns into a two-lane road going over the Bogue Falaya River.

At the second traffic light, turn right onto LA-437 N (Lee Rd).

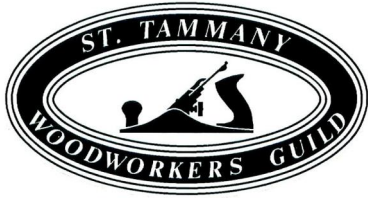
Go 0.8 miles and when you see a green sign on the right-hand side of the road saying "St. Joseph Seminary", immediately get into the middle turn lane and turn left onto River Rd.

Go 2.6 miles on River Rd to the entrance to the Abbey, on the right.

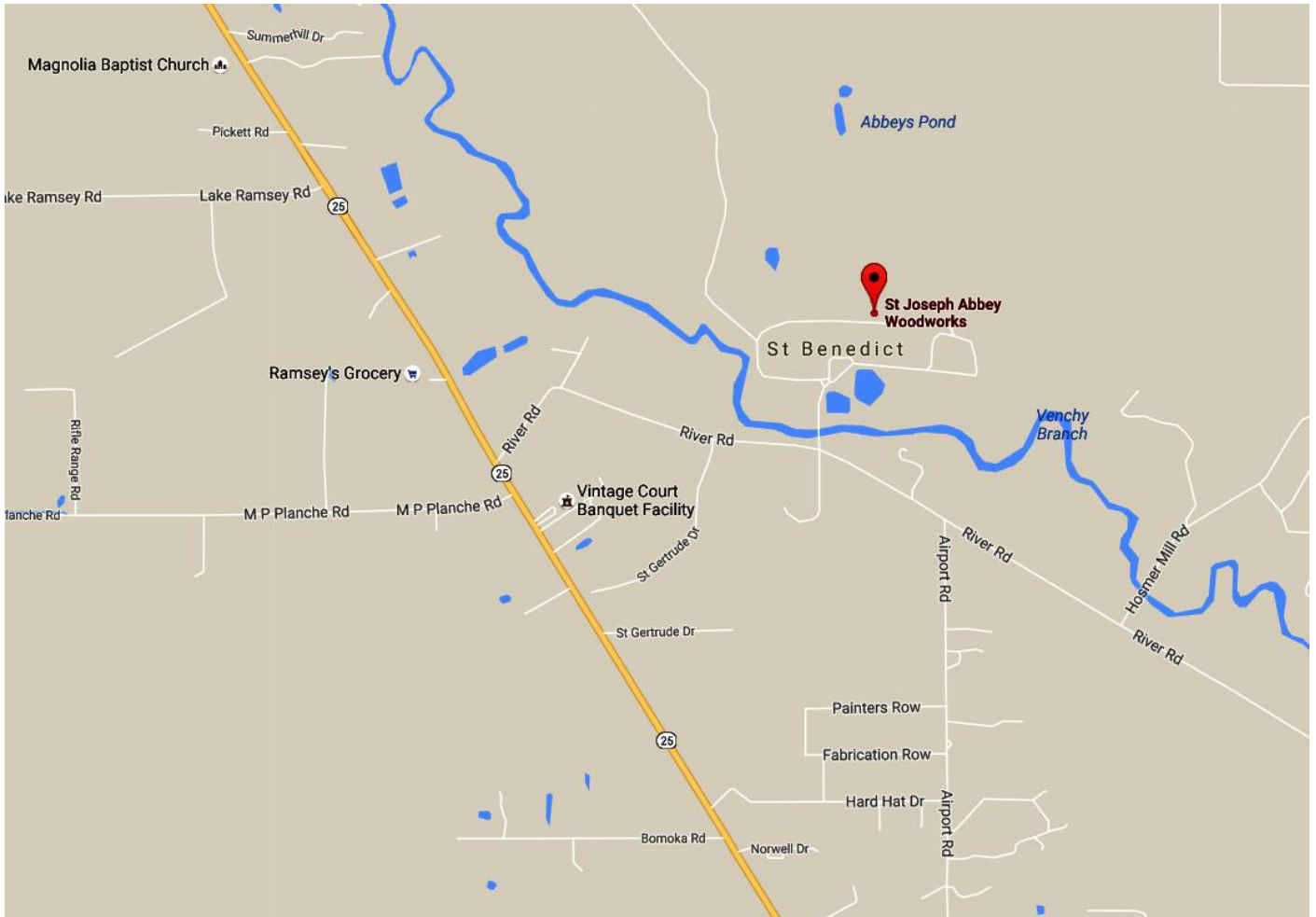
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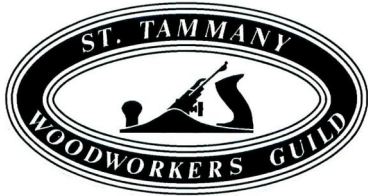
Bring a folding chair.



MAP TO THE ST. JOSEPH ABBEY WOODSHOP



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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.

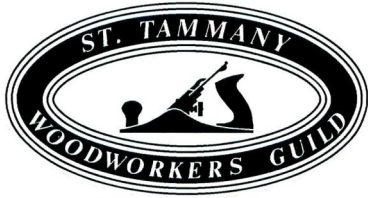
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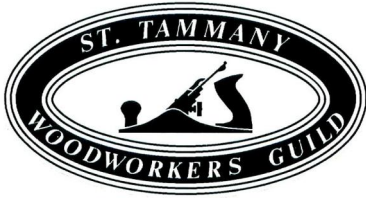
SHOW AND TELL

Brian Harrell turned Christmas trees. He starts with a cone shape and then sets branch levels and scoops out additional material. He invited members to give him a call if they would like to learn how to do this.



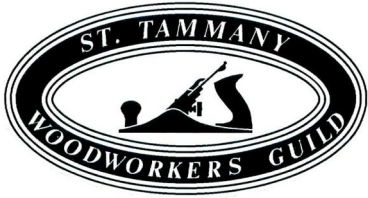
Mike Sibley showed us cell phone pictures of the altar that he and his son, Alexander, built. He used Bondo and sanding to unify the laminated surfaces inside the tabernacle. He made use of his son's CNC machine on the project.





Frenchi Cheramie used epoxy to stabilize the wood for the bowl. The wine stoppers are made of walnut; they are finished using CA glue and carnauba wax; they were turned on an ornamental lathe. The cigar holders were sealed with antique oil by Minwax (carried by some Ace Hardware stores). The antique oil should be clear; don't let it get too hot during storage as it will lose its volatiles.



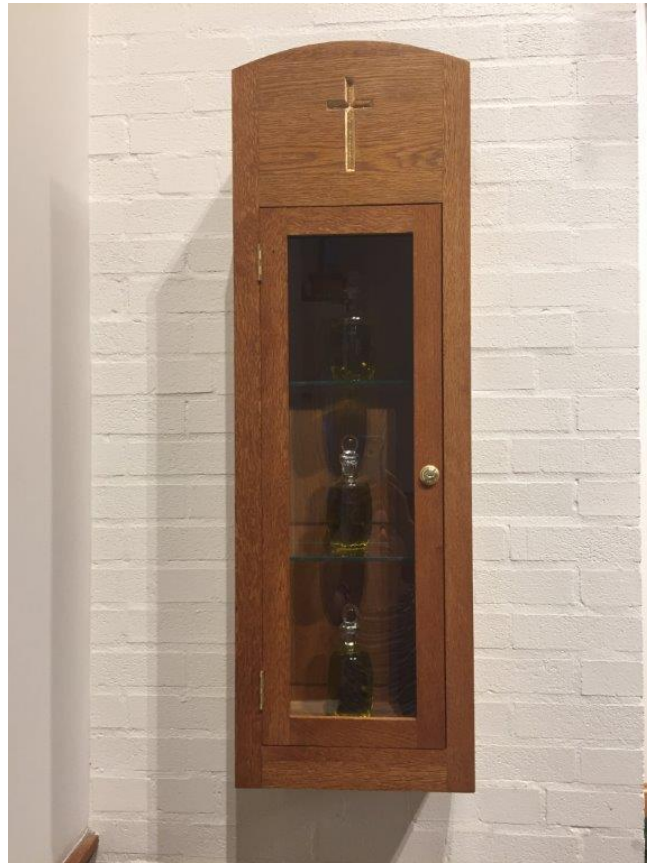


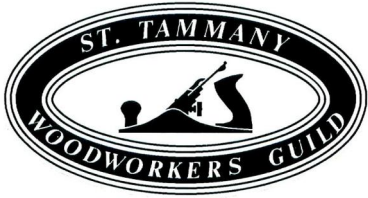
Henry Simon used salvaged oak from the pews of St. Rose of Lima Church in New Orleans for this ambry. The cabinet is his own design; it is 4' x 15" x 10", with an interior light.

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 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.





DEMONSTRATION

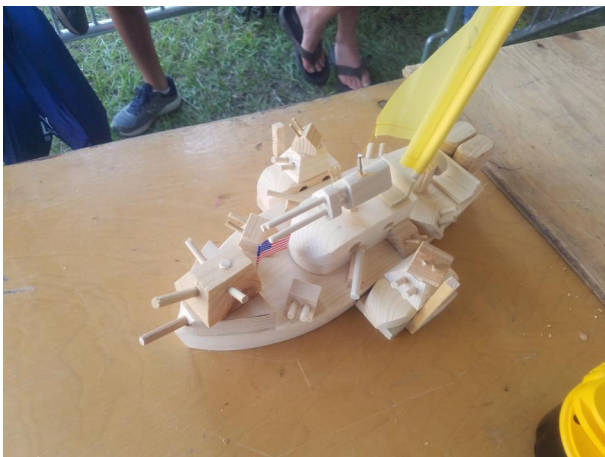
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WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL





We made 1089 boats at the festival.
We gave 374 pre-made boats to babies in strollers.
Total boats given away: 1463.
Total donations collected: \$1967.97.

Boat festival photos by John Fisher.

