# Tooth & Nail

Newsletter of the St Tammany Woodworkers Guild



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#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Wooden Boat Show Coordinator: Henry Simon topsww@bellsouth.net

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Website Manager: Tom Gustafson tom@gustafson.us The November meeting was called to order at 7 pm on November 19, 2019 by Bob Busfield at the St Joseph Abbey woodshop.
Welcome to guests Harry Mayeux, Harry Mayeaux Jr., Meg Gaston, and returning member Craig Bond.

Bob started the meeting by asking members to submit new ideas for the club for 2020. Maybe a workshop for new members or ideas for demonstrations for our meetings. Sonny Gonzales volunteered to do a plane demonstration at the January meeting.

The next topic for the members was the replacement for Brian Harrell who will be retiring from the Vice President position. Bob asked for volunteers to nominate themselves for the position. None of the attending members threw their name into the hat for nomination. Bob suggested that the officers get together to discuss the replacement of the vice president. The other existing officers and appointments will be unchanged in 2020.

Bob called for woodworking issues or questions. Rene' Maggio asked for help to stop a woodpecker January 2020

from destroying his outdoor cedar little free library. Suggestions included a repellent spray and or putting up an owl. Consensus was that the owl would be the most effective deterrent.

Walter Babst is having an issue with pine needles being trapped at the juncture of his pool screen cover and his roof. Sonny Gonzales suggested a metal spline joint system from Home Depot or Lowes.

Mike Sibley asked about fitting the face frame to the side walls for a new bathroom vanity. The vanity is built in on both ends. Brian Harrell suggested making the end stiles of the frame wider to so that they protrude from the cabinet box and trimming them to fit tight against the wall on both ends. The other suggestions included caulking the joint or pin nailing a trim molding tight to the walls.

Randy Baragona announcd to the group that a new outlet center for Home Depot and Lowes is opening up this Saturday November 23 in Mandeville. Bargains, Deals and Beyond is located at 1744 South Lane.







Jack Terry said that there is a Dirt Cheap Builders Supply on south Morrison Blvd that has returns from Home Depot and Lowes for sale at up to 80% off.

Show and Tell

Monty Hall showed Christmas ornaments he made using a pen mandrel on his lathe.

Brian Harrell showed a shaker box he made and a clever box to have on hand for parties to label cups. Brian also brought a scale model of the Merrimack, made from a 2x6, a 2x4 and some 3/8" dowels.

Harry Mayeaux, Jr. showed pipes he made from briar, stained with leather dye and finished with beeswax.

Bob Busfield showed a small cross he made from bubinga and maple. He discussed the fact that the bubinga is very difficult to work.

Bob completed the meeting with a demonstration of the many kinds of drill bits, their uses and the do's and do not's for the different styles.

-Tom Gustafson



#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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. Joesph 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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#### Agenda:

Sonny Gonzales will do a demonstration on sharpening planes and chiesels, and will explain the differences in the numbered planes.

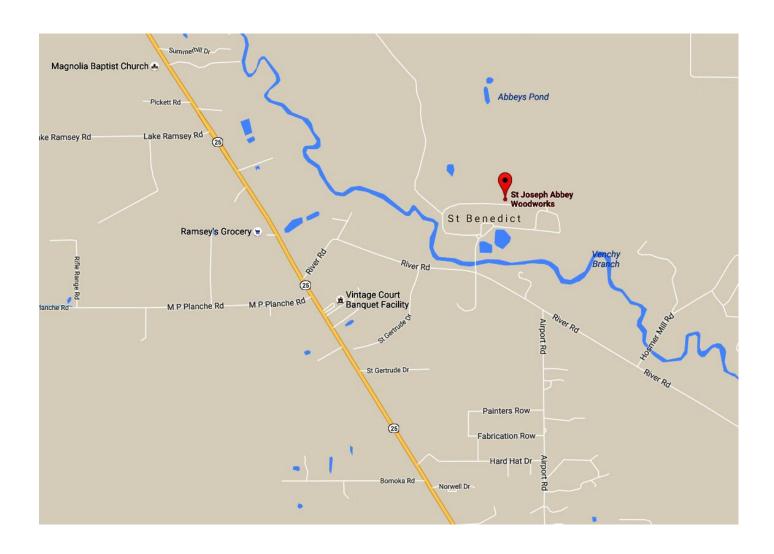
#### Dues:

Annual dues of \$25 are due. Bring your cash or check made out to St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild to the meeting.

Bring a folding chair.



## MAP TO THE ST. JOSEPH ABBEY WOODSHOP



www. St Tammany Woodworkers Guild. com



#### IN MEMORIAM



John Laurencis, with his wife, Eileen, at the 2017 STWG Banquet.

John Laurencis, passed away Sunday, December 22, 2019. He was a long-time and much beloved member of the STWG. We all know how much he loved woodworking and how dearly he loved his family. He shared his sense of joy with us at every meeting. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife and family. The following is from the official announcement:

CPO John Anthony Laurencis, Jr., USN (RET) passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, LA. Age 76. A native of New Orleans, LA, and a resident of the Northshore for thirty-seven years. Son of the late John Anthony Laurencis, Sr., and Gloria Hoover Laurencis Cushing. He is a graduate of East Jefferson High School and St. Leo College, St. Leo, Florida. Tradevman Chief Laurencis retired after a twenty-two-year career in the United States Navy and retired secondly as Program Manager from Command, Naval Reserve Forces Command, New Orleans, LA, with twenty-one years of service. Father of the late Lisa Laurencis Jones and Keith Laurencis of California. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Eileen Lacoume Laurencis. Also survived by his granddaughters, Katelyn, Gracen, and Shelby Jones, along with his brother, Charles Laurencis of Utah. Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Mass at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 3:00 PM with visitation from 1:00 PM until Mass time. Interment will follow the service at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Covington, LA. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOP**

#### **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.

Librarian: Jim Suarez svpanoya@gmail.com

Website: www.StTammanyWoodwo rkersGuild.com Brian Harrell has volunteered his workshop for a woodworking class for newer members looking for some instruction. Folks interested in this class should come to the January meeting to sign up and give us the top two or three things they are looking to get out of this class. The class will be on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 from 9:00 am till afternoon.



#### **SHOW AND TELL**

#### **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.



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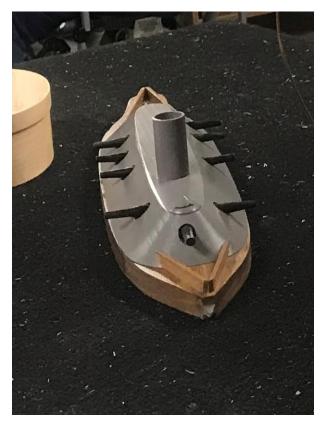
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### **ANNUAL BANQUET**























