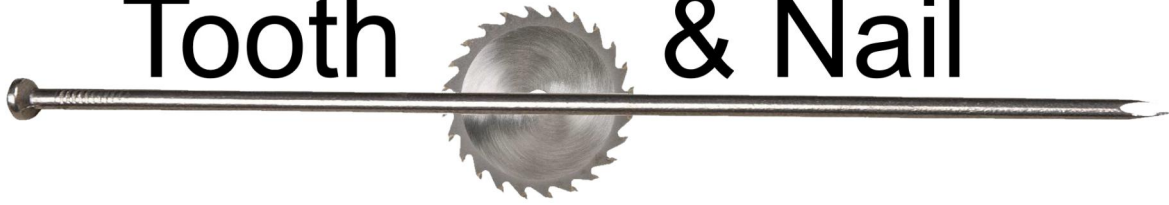


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM
on Zoom

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The October meeting was called to order at 7 pm on October 27, 2020 by Bob Busfield over Zoom. Welcome to guests Tom Donlon and Collin Avery.

Bob discussed the Toys for Kids project that we are taking on since we don't have a Wooden Boat Festival this year. Kathleen Garey said that toys should not be gift-wrapped and don't need to be in boxes; she and Rick will collect them from your home; the party for the children will be around the middle of December. She said that last year the children picked out their gift. She noted that the James Samaritan organization is thrilled about our participation. Jack Terry said that if any one wants to make boats as gifts, there are several boxes of sanded hulls, some from John Laurencis's shop, in the trailer that people can use.

Bob said we will have elections soon and need to fill a vice-president vacancy.

Bob called for questions related to woodworking.

Kathleen Garey is working with cypress and finds that the dense portions of the wood are not picking up the stain. She used a MinWax Preconditioner. Suggestions were to try a gel stain, and to try layering a paint laquer such as Mohawk spray laquer from Helm Paint Store. An HVLV sprayer can be used with water based polyurethane.

Brian Harrell said that he is working on dust collection in his shop and has realized that a 1.5 hp dust collector is not adequate for the job.

Mel Bourne mentioned that he left a piece of PT wood sitting on his table saw overnight and it caused the table to rust. Green Scotch Brite was recommended for removing the rust. Jack Terry uses Buddies scouring pads from the dollar store and Chemprime rust remover, made in Mandeville.

Jack Terry said that everything is rusting in his garage workshop. It was recommended that he add a dehumidifier.

Bob has found marine grade plywood at Riverside Lumber in New Orleans, as well as Spanish cedar.

Brian mentioned that Woodcraft, in addition to the link in last month's newsletter, is a source of 2.5 inch semi-rigid flex hose.

Jack requested that the procedure for sharing your screen in Zoom be published. Tom said he would look into it.



Last month, Aaron Mahnke told us about his air filtration unit. Here, you can see how he built the unit from a 220 V squirrel-cage furnace fan. The enclosure has pleated filters on four sides. He said there is a YouTube video showing how to make it on the Jay Bates channel, air filter for shop.





Jack Terry built this foot stool using the Leigh D-4 Dovetail jig.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month, Nov. 17.

Show 'n Tell followed.



Jack Terry showed a foot stool he made with the Leigh D-4 Dovetail Jig. He wanted to use a half-inch bit but the collet is five-eighth inch. The Leigh people were very helpful in making this work out.

Monty Hall showed Christmas ornaments he is making using sea shells. He hot glued two pink sea urchin shells together to get improved alignment. He turns the icicle so that the end just fills the hole in the sea urchin shell. The second ornament has a Santa inside a sea shell enclosed in a cage and is made of cocobollo and maple. A third one, which he calls Sputnik, has a sea shell and a turned maple icicle.

Bob said he has started making some ornaments like Monty's. Monty said to turn the edges of the cage first and then work on the interior portion.

Tom Gustafson suggested that we do a Zoom demonstration with Monty at the lathe. Brian said we could get a team to manage the computer and the cameras for the demo.



Monty Hall used two pink sea urchin shells and turned maple icicles to make this ornament.



Monty Hall turned this Christmas tree ornament using cocobolo and maple. Inside is a sea urchin shell and a Santa Claus.

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Bob said he is dealing with wall cabinets for a remodel and the wall is not plumb. He also reported using Eco-pine, since it is dimensionally consistent, for skirts on his porch deck.

Aaron Mahnke showed two tables he made for his office: a coffee table and an end table, both with butterflies. The legs are maple with cherry inlay, the stretchers walnut, and the floating top is cherry.

For the demonstration, Mike Sibley took us on a tour of his shop. His shop was originally a metal storage building, 20 foot x 30 foot, that he converted into a workshop. His first tool purchases were smaller or inexpensive tools and he has gradually upgraded them. We saw a cart he built to hold cut-offs and provide vertical storage of long planks. An existing 3-ton AC unit was used despite the fact that it is oversized for 600 sq ft and could not adequately dehumidify the shop; adding a portable Honeywell dehumidifier solves the problem. Mike placed the dust collector outside and blows the dust into the woods. This arrangement, of course, sucks out conditioned air, but it is a fair trade off. The dust collection system uses IVAC blast gates that operate with a remote control that opens the appropriate gate and turns on the dust collector. His assembly table is built as a torsion box in order to stay flat. Quarter-inch hardboard is used for table tops; it is attached with pin nails and can be changed when necessary. He has an outdoor sink with an on-demand electric hot water heater. A Jet air filtration unit is mounted up high.

-Pat Robbert



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, Orleans, and Jefferson Parishes. 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.



Monty Hall calls this ornament, Sputnik. He designed it from a sea shell and turned maple icicles.



Jack Terry shows products he uses to remove rust: Buddies green scouring pads are similar to 3M's but come from the dollar store; Chemprime rust remover is made in Mandeville.



Aaron Mahnke made two new tables for his office: a coffee table and an end table, both with butterflies. The legs are maple with cherry inlay, the stretchers walnut, and the floating top is cherry. The lower photo shows the first table, made last year.

