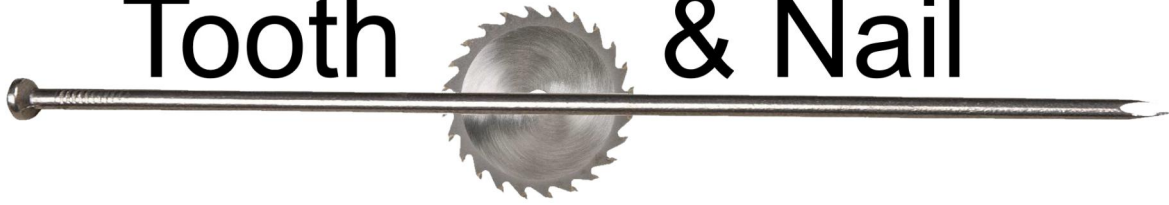


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
June 22, 2021
7:00 pm
St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop (in person!)

The Abbey does not require masks for those who have been vaccinated. There will be more room than in the past so we can spread out.

Please bring a folding chair.

Agenda: Questions, Show 'n Tell, and Social Time

Bob Busfield called the meeting to order over Zoom on May 25, 2021. Bob asked if everyone is ready to have an in-person meeting next month now that everyone is vaccinated. All were in favor of this. We don't know if the Abbey is willing to host a meeting yet, so Joe Perret will check on this.

Wayne Thompson has reserved the banquet hall for Thursday night, Dec. 9.

The Wooden Boat Festival is scheduled for Sept. 25 and 26. We have not decided how we will run our booth, but we can decide that in August. In the meantime, we need to make enough parts so that we are ready to go either way.

Joe Perret said that Dianna has sewed all of the boat sails.

John Weldon volunteered to make some boat parts. Bob Simon was looking for lumber. Wayne Thompson has dowels and cut offs in the trailer and can get ahold of more scrap lumber. The short pieces are what we need. Bob Busfield has a box of short pieces that someone can take. Clark Gristina volunteered to help Jack Terry rip three 2x4s into 5/16" pieces so that Jack could make 400 rudders.

Bob called for woodworking questions.

For Show 'n Tell, Joe Perret told us that he tried to use a cut off from a purchased maple butcher block and turn it into a bowl - during a thunderstorm. The power went off, the gouge stuck, and the blank broke into two pieces. One flew off, but, fortunately, did not hit him. The moral of the story, Joe says, is to never trust someone else's glue-up, and to never turn during a thunderstorm.

Tom Gustafson showed us some medallions he made for First Communion commemoration. He used pine blanks from Amazon and his laser engraver. He also signs his work with the engraver and embeds a penny for the date. The engraver is a 20 watt model available from : <https://www.foxalien.com/products/foxalien-laser-engraving-machine-le-4040-pro-20w-laser>



Joe Perret's purchased butcher block blank exploded when the power was lost and the gouge stuck.



Tom Gustafson uses his 20 W laser engraver on pine medallions and boxes.



The laser engraver will work a 13" x 16" window, but can also do a 4' x 6' window using index marks and the program, "Light Burn." The laser can also cut out 1/4" thick puzzles.

Mike Sibley said that his son wanted him to build a pair of night stands. Mike wanted to try inset drawer fronts. He used cypress plywood from the Abbey and some cypress lumber and cut the dovetail joints with a Rockler jig. The drawers have wooden drawer slides. He used a thumbtack as a front stop and to prevent wear against the frame. A suggestion that was offered was to use a lever that swings up or down on the back surface as a drawer stop. Over many years, the runner or the drawer side bottom does get abraded as much as 1/4" or 1/2".



Mike Sibley built a pair of night stands with dovetail joinery and inset drawer fronts.

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Walter Babst show a video of a night stand with five or six secret compartments.

The demo was a virtual tour of Jack Terry's workshop. It is located in a two-car garage, 20' x 17'. Many of his tools are Delta tools. He uses the Gripper system for safe handling on the table saw. The chop saw is a sliding Dewalt miter saw, outfitted with a fence and Kreg stops. Of particular interest was his Legacy Ornamental Mill which performs any task a lathe does, but uses router bits.

-Pat Robbert



Jack Terry has outfitted his Dewalt miter saw with fences and Kreg stops. His Legacy Ornamental Mill performs any task a lathe does, but uses router bits.

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.

