Tooth & Nail

Newsletter of the St Tammany Woodworkers Guild

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Nov. 16, 2021 7:00 pm at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop

Agenda: Questions, Show 'n Tell

Bring a folding chair.

Bob Busfield called the October 26 meeting to order at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop. He reminded everyone that the next meeting will be a week early due to Thanksgiving, Nov. 16, 2021 at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop at 7 pm.

The annual banquet will be held on Thursday Dec 9 at the Vintage Court on Hwy 25. The cost will be \$10 a person, \$20 a couple, and it will be open to members and prospective members. An invitation will be sent out.



Henry Simon has talked to Mr. Pherson at the Maritime Museum. They need repairs to the large boxes on the outdoor patio. We would like to work on it next Wednesday. The guild will supply the materials. Please bring long clamps with a 2or 3-foot span.

Bob is stepping down from the office of president after the December banquet. Changes we might want to consider for the future are that we might not need a demo every meeting, or at all. More social time might be good.

Bob asked for woodworking issues. The pressure in the tires on the guild's trailer should be checked. We might want to think about buying a larger trailer. For 28 years we've done the Children's Boat Shop. We used to store all of the parts in Dick Gahn's shop, accessed by a ladder. Then we bought a trailer. Another question concerned wood movement after being in a very damp house with water underneath and then being put in a dehumidified environment. Guidlines for hardwood are that it can be taken down to 9% moisture content and can go to 68% moisture in summer humidity. A final questions concerned sources for wood. Riverside, Gueydan, Acadian Cypress, Newman Lumber (Gulfport), Carruth Brothers, and Poole Lumber (which carries KDPT). A more complete list is on our website.

For Show 'n Tell, Aaron Mahnke brought his table with castle joints and a sweet gum top.











Brian Stauss brought a bedside table with mortise and tenon joints and dovetailed drawers. The table is walnut, with ebony knobs, and maple drawer interiors. The design is from Fine Woodworking. The top is made from a piece of walnut burl. It was wet sanded with mineral spirits, though all grits, but when he went as high as 2000, the finish wouldn't adhere. So he roughed it up to 1200 grit and the finish did well. He used General Finishes Armor Seal, carried by Woodcraft, applied with a foam brush. Another option is to apply wax only after sanding to 2000 grit.



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.





Brian Harrell turned a mallet from an oak tree that was felled in his yard. He is ready to make Shaker boxes again as Christmas gifts. He showed a #2 made into a music box and a #6 carrier. If you are interested in joining him, get in touch, so he can order supplies soon: bharr1955@gmail.com

-Pat Robbert



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