

Tooth & Nail

June, 2022

Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00
pm
St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop
75376 River Road
St. Benedict, LA 70457

(Click on the address for directions)

Agenda

- Ratify Bylaws
- Elect Officers and Board
- Woodworking Questions
- Show 'n Tell

Don't forget to bring a folding chair.

Minutes

Bob Busfield presided over the May 24th meeting at the Abbey.

Bob told us that Wayne Thompson spoke with his CPA concerning our EIN and any filing requirements we have. Wayne reported that we do not have to do anything with regard to filing. In the process of examining this situation, the need for current Bylaws arose. We found an old proposed set from 1991. The Board has revised these Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Mission Statement, received comments, and Pat Robbert will email a copy to all members. We can vote on it next

month.

The Board has been working behind the scenes to discuss the governance of the guild. One idea is to have members sign up to present a meeting program. We will plan to have a slate of officers at next month's meeting and vote on them.

Concerning boat parts, Joe Perret has 450 pontoon boats. We have plenty of parts to use up. Brian Harrell said we should take a look in the trailer and inspect everything. Jack Terry said he was in there a couple of weeks ago and things looked ok. Brian will take another look.

Concerning the newsletter, we are now using Constant Contact to send out the newsletter and we have secured a proper email address for the organization that uses the same domain address as the website. These steps should eliminate the problem of newsletters going to your SPAM folders. (Please be sure to add newsletter@StTammanyWoodworkersGuild.com to your Address Book or Safe Senders List.)

Bob called for woodworking questions. Gerald Gibson said that he accidentally left a piece of PT lumber, 1' x 1', on his table saw. To clean up the rust, he rubbed the surface with a ball of foil paper and WD-40, followed by an application of Johnson's Paste Wax. He said to let the wax sit 5 minutes and then start buffing it, even if it is still wet. Shortly the rag will start dragging; keep buffing.

Gerald reported that the Elmer's Interior/Exterior Caulk he mentioned previously is no longer being made. Helm Paint Co. recommends All Pro 50-Year Caulk as a substitute.

Craig Bond reported that there is a source of imported wood in Abita Springs, Silver Fox Woodworking. **Silver Fox** has a Facebook site. Craig has seen slabs of bubinga there and has purchased juniper from him. He noted that juniper cuts very well on the scroll saw.

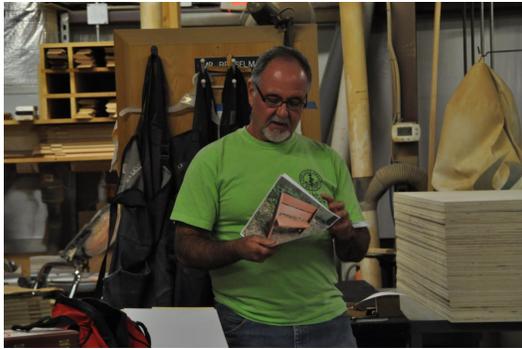
Pat Robbert found that hand driving an insert nut does not yield an exactly vertical orientation. The nut tends to follow the wood grain. She installed the driver in the drill press and turned the chuck by hand and got a better result.

Bob asked for Show 'n Tell which was followed by a presentation by Brian Stauss on the Marc Sommerfeld method of cabinet construction.

-Submitted by **Pat Robbert**, Secretary



Show 'n Tell



Rene' Maggio built a couple of Aldo Leopold benches using PT lumber. The plans are available through the Iowa University Extension.



Joe Perret saw a shower curtain used on YouTube to contain shavings from the lathe. He thought it would be too hot and, instead, tried a garage screen with magnets.



Gerald Gibson used aluminum foil and WD-40 to scrub off the rust from his table saw. He then protected it with Johnson's Paste Wax.



Ron Walker found brochures from the '20s that sold Stanley tool boxes. One from 1922, made of black walnut, contained fifty tools and sold for \$95. Others contained 32 tools (\$35), 18 tools (\$25), 12 tools (\$15). He built a version of the 888 box out of walnut, but added dovetails.



Ron Walker shows a compound miter joint, taped in place. He determined the angles needed by making a scale drawing in SketchUp and taking a reading in the program. He then used his miter saw and got a perfect result.



Bob Busfield shared a good Amazon find, **Uncle Bill's Tweezer Company**, who has a precision tweezer with points fine enough to remove wood splinters.

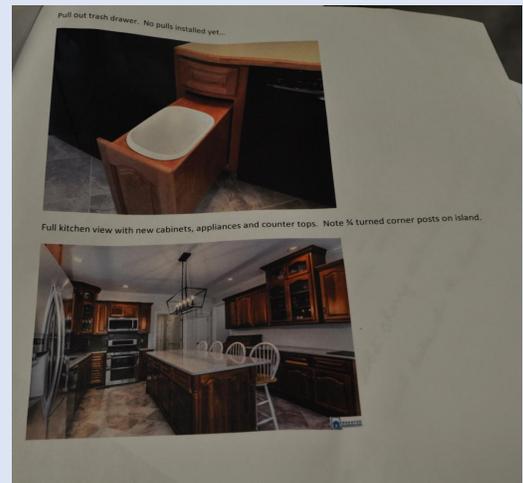
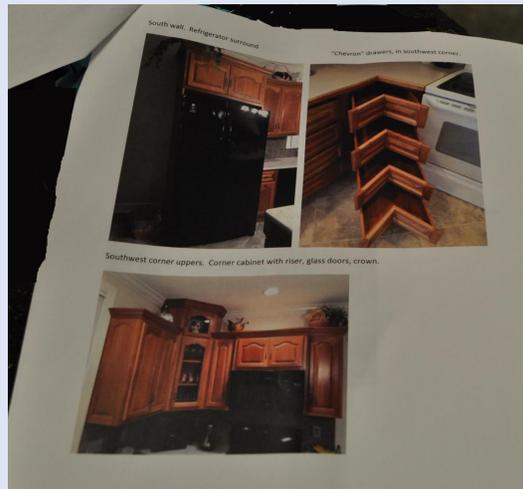
Presentation



Brian Stauss gave a presentation on the Marc Sommerfeld method of cabinet construction. Marc has developed a method that is very solid and guarantees squareness. The method uses a set of matched-height tongue and groove bits that are sold through the **Marc Sommerfeld Tool Co.** Once you set the router height for the first bit, you never change the height. A grommet is inserted at the end of the bit stem and this forces the bits to maintain the exact same height. Offset wrenches are needed to change the bits. Every tongue and groove joint, no matter where it is used in the construction process, will automatically line up, fitting flush.



The face frame is assembled with pocket screws. Then grooves are routed in the back (sides and ends) of the face frame. Tongues are routed on the fronts of the side panels, floors, and partitions. Grooves are also cut in the backs and tops of the side panels for placement of corner blocks, and nail (or glue) rails that have been previously cut with tongues.



Brian built 32 solid cherry cabinets for his kitchen using this method.

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