



October 2022

Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, October 25, 2022
- 7:00 pm
- Brian Harrell's workshop
- 47087 Rivergate Dr
- Robert, LA 79455

Agenda

- Boat Show debriefing
- Woodworking Questions
- Show 'n Tell
- Demonstration on sharpening and using cabinet and card scrapers

Minutes

Sept. 10, 2022

Joint meeting with the Baton Rouge Woodworking Club
PMC Machinery

Officers of the Baton Rouge Club are:

President: Richard Robles

Vice President: George Campagna

Treasurer: Rick Albrecht

Secretary: Harold Choate

Outreach: Lee Owens

Board members at large: Brian Stauss, Hal Canning, Jim Landry

Richard Robles opened the meeting.

George Campagna talked about setting up presentations by

members.

Harold Choate asked members to sign in. The club currently has 40 members.

Rick Albrecht gave the treasurer's report. They have \$6200. He is paying the receipts for the bird house supplies.

They have a year-end special of half-price membership.

Lee Owens reported on the building of desks and chairs for a project called Heart, that serves families with AIDS. He bought lumber at Brazos, where they will dimension it for you. They have four teams working on four sets. Art Miller said that each chair has eleven cross pieces for a total of twenty-two mortices. He used the Festool Domino and was able to prepare all of the pieces in twenty minutes.

Richard Robles reported on the bird houses for the Swamp Fest in October in Grosse Tete. The club will prepare all of the parts, take them to the fest, and let the kids put them together and take them home. Setup starts at 7 am. The activity starts at 9 and ends at 2. There is free food.

Richard wants to put together a nominating committee for elections in November. Lacking volunteers, he will appoint the committee.

At the last executive meeting, they arranged to update the website and send out an updated member list. Members can submit items to post on the website.

Tom Gustafson thanked Brian Stauss and Richard Robles for arranging this joint meeting.

Our October meeting will be at Brian Harrell's workshop, and he will give a demonstration on sharpening and using cabinet and card scrapers.

The November meeting will be the week before Thanksgiving and will be a field trip to the plywood factory in Pascagoula. Wayne is working on the exact date.

Tom talked about the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival and the Kid's Boat Building Tent. He invited Baton Rouge members to participate. We typically build about 1400 boats. Tom showed examples of boats that the kids build in our 50' by 50' tent. He said you can park at the Maritime Museum and ride the shuttle carts. You can also park on the street, but don't let any part of your tires touch the road.

The Annual Banquet for members will take place on Thursday Dec 8, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at The Vintage Court. Invitations will be sent out.

Richard Robles asked if there were any woodworking questions or safety alerts. He reported that he had a slippage problem with the 1/4 to 1/2-inch adapter that he used in a 1/2" router collet. He said it could have been avoided by using a 1/4" collet instead. Other safety tips are to be aware of obstructions on the floor and to be alert to what you are doing.

A Kreg representative gave us a presentation on new Kreg items. The 520 and 720 Pocket Hole machines have drill bit rings for screwing down the collar for different thickness of wood. He showed a plug cutter and a tail vise type clamp. He also showed a worktable and a track horse. He said that when screwing a pocket hole, you should put more of the pressure on the second piece of wood. If using the

worktable, clamps fit into the worktable. Jigs can be clamped to the worktable. He said that he does not use glue with a pocket hole joint. Some people do. The fine screws are for maple, ash, and other hard woods. The coarse screws are for soft wood, as they would split hard wood. To drive the screws, he prefers an impact driver and he listens for the screw to reach the end of the path. You can use a drill driver and set the torque so that you don't overdrive the screw. He also said he uses a drum sander rather than a planer when preparing face frame strips. He finds the drum sander renders a more dimensionally stable result. Use the drum sander before joining. The Kreg Pocket Hole system is strong enough for any cabinet or table. Dominoes would be stronger but are far more expensive. The K-4 and K-5 models are no longer in production.

For Show 'n Tell, Bob Chambers showed some work he did with a Lichtenberg fractal wood burner. His system is commercially built, and safe. He uses 10,000V, an electrolyte solution, and shoots lightning bolts across the material with 3/16" probes.

Jim Landry showed work he did on a CNC machine that is available to members. He made an urn using wood from the Teton Range. The guideline is 1 cu in per lb of person. He also used the CNC to replicate a molding around a window. PVC wood trim from Lowes can be used with the CNC. He also made a 2' by 4' table.

Tom Gustafson showed an endless grain box on which the grain follows all the way around the box. He uses glued miter joints for this design. He explained that a double-width slab of wood is resawed after marking the top face with the numbers 1 to 4 in counterclockwise manner. The inside cut becomes the outside of the box. After resawing with a band saw, he uses a planer or a jointer to clean up the surface. He said that sawing diagonally also makes a pretty box.

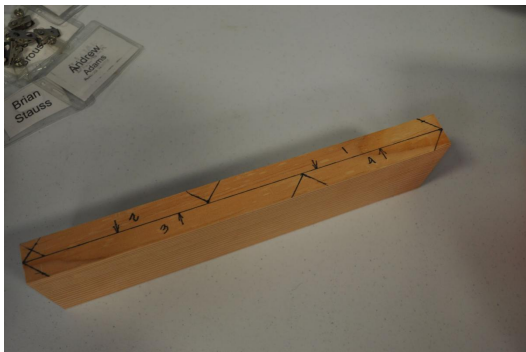
Frenchie Cheramie showed a vase and a bowl that he turned on a lathe. He uses CA glue to stabilize the wood. At the ornamental lathe, he turned a triple finial and a bottle stopper.

-Submitted by **Pat Robbert**, Secretary





Show 'n Tell



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Vice-President: John Fisher
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