

Tooth & Nail

February 2023

Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- 7:00 pm
- St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop
- 75476 River Rd
- St. Benedict, LA 70457

Note: The west end of River Rd was closed Feb. 19. You might need to enter via Airport Rd.

Agenda

- Woodworking Questions
- Safety Moment
- Show 'n Tell
- Demo by various members about making boat parts **Please volunteer!**
- Pay dues \$25 for the year

Minutes

Our president, Tom Gustafson, opened the January 31, 2023 meeting at St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop. He welcomed new members, Barry Campos and Warren Dufrene.

Wayne Thompson gave the treasurer's report. Our balance Jan. 1, 2022 was \$2523.78. Our balance Dec. 31, 2022 was \$2383.79. Income from dues, T-shirt sales, boat festival donations, and banquet tickets, by month was: Feb \$575, Mar \$50, Apr \$25, May \$150, Sept \$75, Oct \$2682.82, Nov \$15, Dec \$260, for a total income of \$3832.82. Our expenses, by category, were Bob's gift \$174.69, reimbursement to Tom Gustafson \$156.57, Art Masters T-Shirts \$341.65, reimbursement to Pat Robbert for glue sticks \$153.56, reimbursement to Henry Simon for boat

show expenses \$30.39, reimbursement to Wayne Thompson for boat show expenses \$304.34, donation to Leukemia Society in honor of Lornell Simon \$200, banquet \$1745.70, banquet gifts \$258.01, deposit on banquet \$500, for total expenditures of \$3864.91.

John Fisher has set up AV-equipment to show a close-up of the demo during meetings. He is also ready to for members to submit pictures of Show 'n Tell items that are too large to bring to a meeting. **Members should email full-resolution pictures to Tom** at tom@gustafson.us. (Please do not send as a Text Message as the resolution will be too low.)

The demo for the February meeting will be about how we make the boat parts for the Wooden Boat Festival. We will start off with Bob Busfield giving a brief history of our boat building endeavor and then follow with **as many volunteers from the guild as possible who have built boat parts and are willing to show the jigs they use, describe their techniques, and discuss their safety considerations.** This should prepare new members and others who would like to make boat parts for this year's festival.

The March 28th meeting will be at the Abbey and have a demo on stained glass construction by Brita Higgins. Also, in March (or April), we will meet at the Maritime Museum to cut boat blanks for the festival. The April meeting will be Saturday the 22nd at 10 am at Brian Stauss's shop. He will demo turning a sphere on the lathe. May and June meetings are not yet finalized. The August meeting will be a joint meeting with the Baton Rouge Woodworking Club at PMC in Hammond on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Gerald Gibson has offered to host a barbecue at his place in March or April.

Tom called for woodworking questions and tips and safety notes. Gerald Gibson gave several tips about performing routine maintenance on the table saw. He uses Johnson's Paste Wax on the table, rails, and fence. He uses 30 W motor oil to lubricate bushings such as in the crank mechanism; do not use WD-40 in place of oil. In lieu of 30 W motor oil, the 3-in-1 brand of 20 W oil can be used, but not the lighter weight 3-in-1 sewing machine oil. Gerald also suggests blowing off dust from the gears and lubricating them with a white lithium grease such as Lubriplate #1242. Other tips were to use Orange Oil for dusting furniture, using oil with graphite for locks, and using a cutting wheel on a 4 1/2 " grinder to cut a pipe.

Joe Perret offered a few boxes of mahogany, cypress, and pine cut-offs from the Abbey along with a challenge to make something from them for the next meeting.

Aaron Mahnke cautioned care around a table saw after witnessing someone lean against the table while the blade was in motion.

Warren Dufrene noted that saw dust from black walnut must not be used in bedding for horses. It can cause laminitis which untreated can

be fatal.

For Show 'n Tell, Pat Robbert showed a three-legged stool she made using tapered tenons. She also showed the tapered-tenon cutter she made and the reamer she purchased from Tim Manney, Chairmaker.

Aaron Mahnke showed a walnut frame he made for his son's photograph and a clock.

Tom Gustafson made a set of nested bandsaw boxes. He also made a decorative cross with a new 80 W laser that can cut 3/4" plywood.

Bob Busfield demonstrated his Tormek T-8 Sharpening System. The Tormek will not overheat a blade as it is slow speed (around 90 rpm) and water cooled. The basic grinding wheel can be graded with a stone to yield both 200 and 1000 grit equivalencies.

For those who need directions to the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop, once at the Abbey entrance, take the single-lane bridge into the Abbey, turn right, go past the church, and turn left. Then proceed to the Woodshop, which is in the second block on the left.

-Pat Robbert, Secretary STWG

Show 'n Tell





Demo: Tormek Sharpening System



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