



February 2024

Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024
- 7:00 pm
- St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop
- 75376 River Rd
- St. Benedict, LA 70457

[Map to the Abbey](#)

Agenda

- Show 'n Tell
- Woodworking Questions, Tips, and Safety
- Members will share/demo favorite tool, jig, or internet site
- Pay dues \$30 per household

Minutes

Tom Gustafson called the January 23 meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop.

Wayne Thompson gave a financial report: At the beginning of 2023 we had a balance of \$2383.79. We finished the year with \$2130.30. Our income was \$4442.99 and our debits were \$4696.48. We spent \$253.49 more than we took in.

Dues for 2024 will be \$30 per person or family.

The barbecue will be Saturday, April 13, at noon, at Gerald Gibson's camp. The guild will provide chicken, ribs, and sausage, which Gerald will barbecue. Guests are

asked to bring pot luck side dishes.

The February meeting's demo will be members sharing their favorite tool, jig, or internet site, and demonstrating it.

At the March meeting, we will hold elections for officers and board members. The two-year terms of the current officers and board members expire in March. Please consider volunteering to serve.

Tom called for woodworking questions, tips, and safety items. Brian Stauss has some walnut posts that include sap wood and asked for suggestions about staining the sap wood. Ron Walker is building a cypress table with a round glass insert and asked for suggestions about dealing with seasonal expansion. Gerald Gibson discussed working with No. 1 grade treated lumber (from Gueydan). Pat Robbert showed a three-layer HEPA filter in the 12x12 format from **Levoit Vital 100** that can be used to improve a DIY air purification box. Warren Dufrene added **AlorAir** as a source for quality air filters and dehumidifiers. Brian Stauss reported that **Silver Fox Woodworking** (lumber sales via Facebook) has physically moved to Folsom, at Hwy 40-E and N Factory Rd. He has 8/4 walnut, maple, mahogany, paduka, and purple heart, and 16/4 sapele.

For Show 'n Tell, Tom Gustafson showed a plant stand, a coat hanger, and a plaque of Sand Lake finished with epoxy. Brian Stauss demonstrated a vanity and new sink that he built for his church. Warren Dufrene showed a round platter that he turned and some of the **freedom pens** he makes to send overseas to our military troops. The project was originated by the Bayou woodturners. They send about 100 pens a month, for a total to date of 280,000 pens. He currently has kits for anyone who would like to make some. Monty Hall brought some happy little gnomes which he hopes will make people smile. Joe Perret took the dense piece of unknown wood that Dale Mahnke brought last month and found that, though it tears up knife blades, it turns very well. He shows a bowl he turned from it. Jack Terry brought in an antiqued through-tenon bench he made from pine. The finish he used was gel stain and paint. He mentioned that he rubbed into the end grain of pine or plywood that will be painted.

Jack also showed a book on Country Furniture by Henry Lapp who was from Amish Country in Pennsylvania. Henry Simon showed a cutting board he made from Arkansas blue pine and a pizza peel from spalted white oak. Pat Robbert showed some bandsaw animals she made - reindeer, standard dogs, and a pug dogs. Ron Walker showed some of the SketchUp work he has done including cut lists for his projects. He recently made a bassinette for his granddaughter, and after modeling it in SketchUp was able to build it without a mistake. Rick Garey showed a cutting board he made from Southern live oak and finished with mineral oil. He mentioned reading that someone recommended leaving the bottom side unfinished. The consensus of this group was to finish it.

Demonstration: Bob Busfield gave a presentation on the construction of a gothic arch trellis for his church.

-Pat Robbert
Secretary STWG

Show 'n Tell



Tom Gustafson shows a plant stand, a coat hanger, and a plaque of Sand Lake finished with epoxy.



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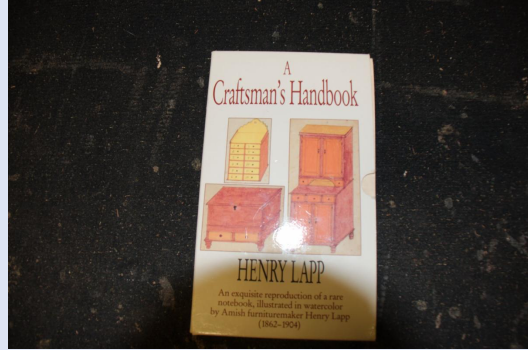
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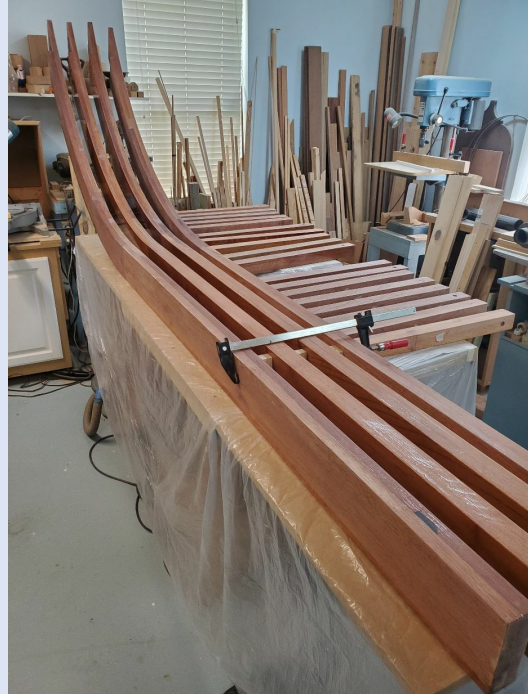
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Custom-sized saw horses were built.



The large arches filled his workshop and then some.



Assembly was done at the church using the custom-built sawhorses.



Foundation work was done under the bricks.



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