

# Tooth & Nail



## Nov 2024 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild

### Next Meeting

#### Time and Place

- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024
- 7:00 pm meeting
- St. Joseph Abbey  
Woodshop
- 75376 River Rd.
- St. Benedict, LA 70457

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Abbey](#)

#### Agenda

- Show 'n Tell
- Woodworking Questions,  
Tips, and Safety
- Pay dues \$30 per  
household
- Demo by Craig Bond on  
Intarsia
- Buy tickets for the annual  
banquet at \$30 per person

### Minutes

- The Tuesday, October 22, 2024, meeting was held at the St. Joseph Abbey and was conducted by STWG president, Tom Gustafson. Tom welcomed guest, George Senec from BRWC.
- Wayne Thompson gave the treasurer's report. We have \$2443.15 in the bank. He said he will start collecting ticket money for the banquet, \$30 per person, at the November meeting, or checks can be made out to St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild and mailed to Wayne, at P.O. Box 1812, Covington, LA

- The November meeting will be on Nov. 19 at 7 pm at the Abbey. This is the third Thursday of the month rather than our usual fourth Thursday, due to the timing of Thanksgiving. Craig Bond will give the presentation on intarsia.
- The annual banquet will be at the Maritime Museum on Thursday, Dec 12, from 6-9 pm. Invitations have been sent out to all members and an RSVP is requested by Nov. 19. Tickets, as we mentioned above, will cost \$30 per person. Tom encouraged everyone to participate in the wooden gift exchange. It was a lot of fun last year when almost everyone made a gift. It's time to get started on those gifts.
- Tom asked if there were any woodworking questions or safety issues. Warren Dufrene reported that he had an accident at the lathe when the object came loose from the tail stock and hit his hand. Tom brought in the cartridge which halted his SawStop table saw. He was cutting the lid from a box and let his finger go into the blade. He has a horizontal mark in his thumb print, but no blood was drawn.
- For Show 'n Tell, Brian Stauss brought in a porch swing he built out of cypress from Gueydan Lumber. It contains 122 SS screws, was glued in places with epoxy and in others with Titebond III. He finished it with an outdoor oil finish from General Finishes. He expects to scrub the swing with soap and water in six months' time, and then, reapply the oil finish. He chose a rope for hanging it.
- Pat Robbert brought in a picture frame she made from Sapele from the Abbey. For the finish, she used Odie's Oil, one of the hardwax oil finishes (also spelled hard wax oil). The applied finish is buffed out after one hour and the furniture can be handled. The finish, however, is considered fully cured after 30 days.
- Warren mentioned a church fair that will take place on Nov. 2 where some woodwork will be used to raise money for the church.
- For the presentation, Ron Walker showed us how he uses SketchUp for project planning. He makes an Assembly View and an Exploded View. He lays out all of the pieces with a 1/8" kerf and uses this drawing to purchase lumber with minimal waste. He demonstrated his SketchUp work for building a box, a bassinet, a fifty-pound American flag, a stool with angled legs, and a compound miter jig for the drill press.

-Pat Robbert  
STWG Secretary

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## Show 'n Tell



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## Demonstration



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