



April 2025 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, Apr. 22, 2025
- 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: "Using a Scroll Saw,"
by Craig Bond

Minutes

- The Tuesday, March 25, 2025, meeting was held at the St. Joseph Abbey and was conducted by STWG president, Tom Gustafson.
- Tom welcomed Dennis Hinds to the meeting. Dennis was one of the founding members of the guild. He placed the original ad in the newspaper to start the guild. He also designed the logo that we still use. He taught woodworking at Delgado Community College for 36 years.

- Henry Simon reported that the spring barbecue will be on Saturday, April 12. Gerald will prepare the barbecue and members are asked to bring side dishes. A survey will be included with the invitations.
- The next meeting, on April 22, will have a presentation by Craig Bond on the use of the scroll saw. A survey will be sent out to find out what topics members would like to see covered.
- Tom asked members to send an email of anything they would like to see a demonstration on or any demonstration that they would like to present.
- Tom said he is working on arranging a field trip to a workshop in Lacombe and that Barry Campos is working on one to a lumber mill in Abita Springs.
- Wayne Thompson thanked those who volunteered to work on the community outreach project of building cross bases for his church's vacation Bible School.
- Wayne and Bob Busfield described another community outreach project in which volunteers would build simple wooden cars for kids in need. Tom prepared templates for volunteers to use. The finished cars will be needed by the end of September.
- Warren Dufrene asked for volunteers to turn wig stands that will be donated to hospitals for women going through chemotherapy.
- Tom asked if there were any woodworking questions or safety issues.
- Dennis asked about safety concerns with padauk wood. Members shared about reactions to cocobolo and olive wood. It was also noted that walnut shavings can kill a horse. Warren and Brian both recommended a Powercap from **Peke Safety**.
- For Show 'n Tell, Dennis Hinds showed two band saw boxes he made and a wooden chain made with a fixture that holds the wood.
- Craig Bond showed a large piece of intarsia he created using the scroll saw.
- Pat Robbert showed her restoration of an Eastlake cabinet. She cleaned, fabricated missing wood parts, and installed glass with a mirror-like finish.
- Tom Gustafson described how he cut his wall art from a 3/4" x 6" x 8" piece of wood. He cut with the grain from alternating sides at the bandsaw.
- The presentation, by Brian Stauss, dealt with overhauling the bandsaw in order to get good results with resawing. Tune-up includes checking the tires, the guide bearings, and the drive belts from the motor. The blade should be checked for kinks, damage, and resin build-up. Brian recommends a 1/2" Wood Slicer Blade from **Highland Woodworking** for resawing. The table should be adjusted square to the blade. The fence should be square to the table. The bottom of the gullet of the blade should be placed at the center of the upper tire by adjusting the tilt of the upper wheel.

- Henry Simon said that he adjusts the tension of the blade by turning on the saw and tightening the tension until the wobble disappears.
- Pat Robbert said that she sets the gullet of the blade close to the center of the tire as a starting position and then makes fine adjustments to the tilt of the upper wheel until a magnetic ruler on the face of the blade aligns parallel to the fence.
- Jack Terry said that he made a tall push block to keep tall wood against the fence.

-Pat Robbert
STWG Secretary

Show 'n Tell



Dennis Hinds, founding member of the guild, shows two bandsaw boxes he made.



Dennis's second bandsaw box.



Dennis also brought a wooden chain he made. A fixture is used to hold the wood.



Craig Bond shows a large piece of intarsia he created using the scroll saw.



Pat Robbert restored an Eastlake cabinet, cleaning, fabricating missing wood parts, and installing glass with a mirror-like finish.



Tom Gustafson describes how he cut this wall art from a 3/4" x 6" x 8" piece of wood. He cut with the grain from alternating sides at the bandsaw.

Community Outreach



Bob Busfield and Wayne Thompson describe an outreach project in which volunteers will make cars for kids in need.



Bob's cars provide inspiration.



Wayne shows how the templates fit on the spruce wood and can be cut out on the band saw or scroll saw.



Tom Gustafson cut templates of various shapes for the cars. We need to change the axle-hole diameter to $17/64$ ". Axles will spin in the body and wheels will be glued to the axles.

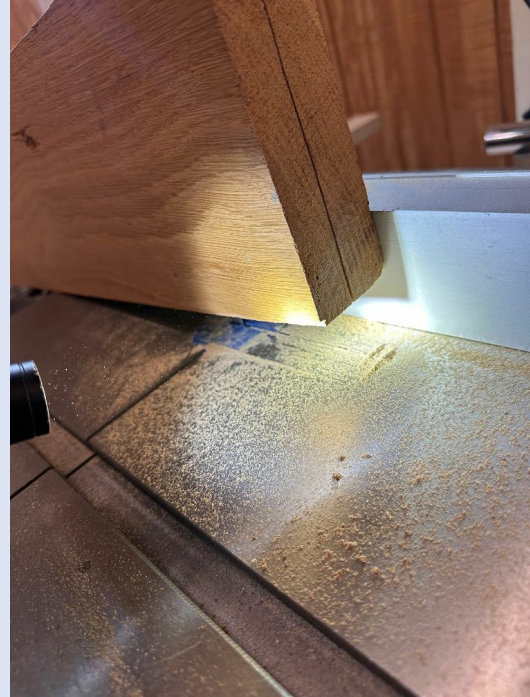
Demonstration



The presentation, by Brian Stauss, dealt with overhauling the bandsaw in order to get good results with resawing.



Brian shows extreme dust build-up in the kerf prior to the overhaul.



This shows a resaw after the bandsaw is tuned up and equipped with a suitable blade.



One item on the list is to clean or replace the tires on the wheels.



Another task is to square the table to the blade and the fence to the table. Brian sets the bottom of the gullet of the blade in the center of the upper tire by adjusting the tilt of the upper wheel.

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