



Feb 2025 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild

Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, Feb 25, 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: "All About Routers."
Pat Robbert will lead.
Please bring tips,
techniques, and jigs to
share.

Minutes

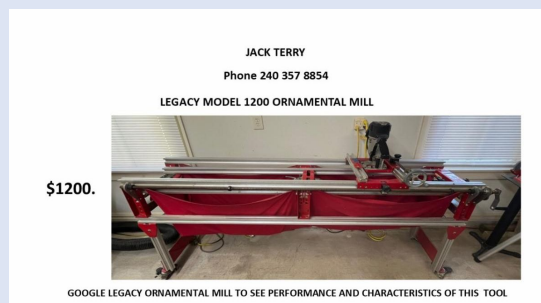
- The Tuesday, January 28, 2025, meeting was held at the St. Joseph Abbey and was conducted by STWG president, Tom Gustafson.
- Wayne Thompson gave the treasurer's report. He reported a balance at the beginning of 2024 of \$2130.30. Income for 2024 was \$3443.83. Debits for 2024 were \$3097.12. The balance for the end of 2024 was \$2477.01.
- Gerald Gibson said he will host the annual barbecue on April 12.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Abbey. The presentation will be "All About Routers." Pat Robbert will lead the presentation, and members are asked to bring in their best tips, techniques, and jigs to share.
- Jack Terry said he still has his Legacy Mill and Delta dust collector for sale. A photo of the mill follows these minutes.
- Tom asked if there were any woodworking questions or safety issues. Brian Stauss shared a story that shows that a band saw can produce a kick back. He was cutting a protuberance from an unsupported round of wood and the 1/4" blade caught the wood and threw it back at him. He says he could have cut off the protuberance with a hand saw or made a cradle carrier. Warren Dufrene added that the band saw causes more injuries than any other tool.
- Joe Perret related that he was running an air compressor with a plastic hose attached. The hose developed a crack while he had stepped out and that left the compressor motor running the entire time. He recommends a good quality hose. Warren commented on the need to prevent a rusty tank by releasing the valve and emptying condensation at the end of every day of use. Pancake compressors may have an expiration date on the bottom to guard against the use of a compromised tank.
- For Show 'n Tell, Wayne Thompson showed a trivet he made from laminated veneer lumber (LVL) and purple heart. The LVL comes in a 1.75" width and various depths (5.5" - 24") and lengths (16' - 48"). He finished the trivet with cutting board oil.
- Kathleen and Rick Garey showed photos of a greenhouse they built over the past seven months. It has a 12' x 12' base, a concrete slab, cypress siding, corrugated roofing for skylight, the doors are made from old shutters, and the windows are framed plexiglass.
- Tom showed an urn he was asked to build. He carved the decorative designs on a CNC machine. His machine has a 16" x 16" bed. The angel design took 1.5 hours to carve. The urn is made of 3/4" thick red oak. The guidelines for making an urn are to allow 1 cubic inch per pound of person.
- Henry Simon showed cell phone holders he made as gifts. They received oil finishes. One design includes a charging station using a round disk-style

charger; another is a cell phone amplifier.

- The demonstration was done by Sonny Gonzales. While at the Texas Woodworking Festival of 2024, he and Ron Walker met John Conboy, who has a line of sanding pads that impressed them. Sonny distributed a package of 80, 120, 180, and 220 grit sanding pads to all in attendance. The **Grit-Grip** product offers a new approach to sanding. The double-sided pad has a long life because you use it, wipe it off or wash it off, and reuse it. It is stiff, yet flexible. It is available in grits up to 2000.

-Pat Robbert
STWG Secretary

Show 'n Tell (etc.)



Jack Terry is offering his amazing Legacy Model 1200 Ornamental Mill for sale. Please google "Legacy Ornamental Mill" to see information on the performance and characteristics of this tool. Contact him at 240-357-8854 if interested. He also has a Delta dust collector for sale.



Joe Perret recommends staying away from cheap plastic air compressor hosing.



Brian Stauss tells us how a band saw can have a kick-back.



Wayne Thompson shows a trivet he made from purple heart and LVL.



Kathleen and Rick Garey show photos from their build of a 12' x12' greenhouse.





Tom Gustafson made an urn from red oak. He used his CNC machine to make the designs.



Henry Simon made cell phone holders and amplifiers.

Demonstration



Sonny Gonzales gives a presentation on a new type of sanding pad, the Grit-Grip.



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