



## Mar 2025 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild



### Next Meeting

#### Time and Place

- Tuesday, Mar 25, 2025
- 7:00 pm meeting
- St. Joseph Abbey  
Woodshop
- 75376 River Rd.
- St. Benedict, LA 70457

[Map to the  
Abbey](#)

#### Agenda

- Show 'n Tell
- Woodworking Questions,  
Tips, and Safety
- Pay dues \$30 per  
household
- Demo: "Resawing on the  
Bandsaw." Brian Stauss will  
lead. Please bring tips,  
techniques, and jigs to  
share.

### Minutes

- The Tuesday, February 25, 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 of \$2994.94.

- Gerald Gibson said he will host the annual barbecue on 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 will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the Abbey. The presentation will be "Resawing with the Bandsaw." Brian Stauss will lead the presentation and discuss alignment of the fence. Members were asked to email Tom or the guild with any specific topic they would like to see discussed. They can also bring in their bandsaw tips, techniques, and jigs to share.
- The April meeting 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 if we should pursue the speaker and microphone purchase. Members said it would be helpful.
- Rene Maggio said that the **Playmakers Theatre** needed help building a biplane for the set of their March 15 show. Work will take place Saturday and Sunday, Mar 1 and 2, at 9 am. Volunteers will receive a free ticket. Bring saws, hammers, and drill-drivers. Your help will be appreciated.
- Joe Perret said the Abbey needs some help with a project. A farm area has gates in need of repair. The goats and donkeys are escaping. He said they can get dry PT lumber from **Gueydan Lumber** and work on the project in April and May on Saturdays in the Woodshop.
- Henry Simon described the project Wayne is working on for his church's vacation Bible school. They want to make 400 bases with crosses and would appreciate some help. Members discussed alternative ways of construction besides the 1/2" square mortise.
- Tom asked if there were any woodworking questions or safety issues. Tom started by sharing that hydrogen peroxide is effective in removing a blood stain from wood. Warren Dufrene asked how many have a first aid kit in the shop. Eric Carter asked how many have a stop the bleed kit in the shop.
- Henry Simon said he had a Wood Slicer blade, that he was using to resaw a 5 or 6" wide board, snap. The wood went flying. Tom said he had a rubber tire explode in the bandsaw. Barry Campos said he accidentally activated the SawStop cartridge from static charge he had accumulated by handling some plastic.
- For Show 'n Tell, Brian Stauss showed drawer boxes he built out of walnut with dovetailed drawers made out of baltic birch plywood. They will slide under grandchildren's beds as soon as he makes air holes for kid safety.
- Wayne Thompson showed some poplar boards he obtained as offcuts of lumber. As a result of their removal, the lumber could be graded higher. He will make charcuterie boards.
- Barry Campos has a new CNC machine and made game boards and trays that

he decorated with colored epoxy.

- Henry Simon used some live-edge walnut to make end tables.
- Tom Gustafson showed some CNC plaques he made.
- Eric Carter showed some work he did for his church.
- The presentation, "All About Routers," was led by Pat Robbert. She discussed removing bearings and cleaning router bits, using the **Muslechuck**, using a **Jasper Jig** to cut circles as small as 1", working safely with a small parts holder, and cutting miter slots and dovetail grooves at the router table. John Fisher described the use of lock miter bits. Tom Gustafson presented the advantages of a dead man's switch. Warren Dufrene showed a circle cutting jig for larger circles.

-Pat Robbert  
STWG Secretary

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## Show 'n Tell



Brian Stauss shows drawer boxes he built out of solid walnut with dovetailed drawers made out of baltic birch plywood. They will slide under grandchildren's beds as soon as he makes air holes for kid safety.



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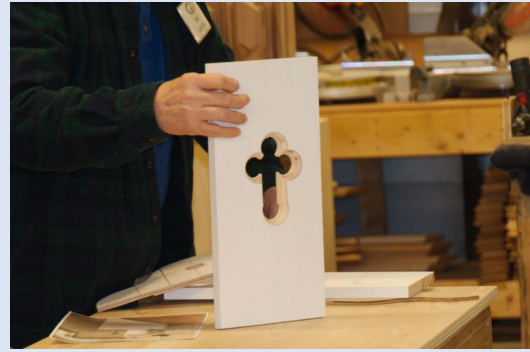
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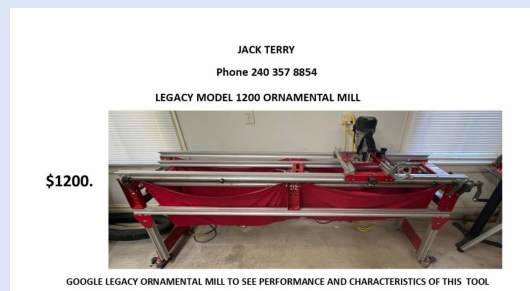
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Jack Terry shows his router table and his Legacy Mill. He is offering his amazing Legacy Model 1200 Ornamental Mill for sale. Please google "Legacy Ornamental Mill" to see information on the performance and characteristics of

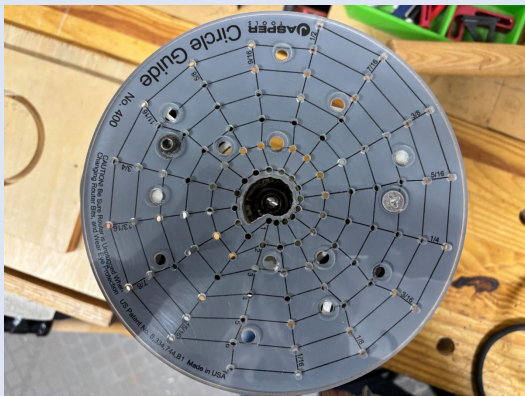


this tool. Contact him at 240-357-8854 if interested.

## Demonstration



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The Jasper Jig uses the router to cut circles as small as 1". Circle diameters increase by 1/16".



The **Woodpeckers** small parts holder has a release for rapid position changes.



Pat Robbert makes these ellipse toys that have dovetail grooves and



John Fisher describes the use of lock miter router bits.

keys. Much of the work is done at the router table using a dovetail bit and a small parts holder.



Tom Gustafson discusses the advantages of a dead man's switch for the router.



Warren Dufrene shows a circle cutting jig for using the router to cut larger circles.

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