

Tooth & Nail



February 2026 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild

Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026
- 7:00 pm meeting
- St. Joseph Abbey
Woodshop
- 75376 River Rd.
- St. Benedict, LA 70457

Map to St. Joseph
Abbey Woodshop

Agenda

- Show 'n Tell
- Woodworking Questions,
Tips, and Safety
- Pay dues \$30 per
household
- Demo by members on the
function of a particular joint
in a project they have built,
led by Tom Gustafson
- Bring a folding chair

Minutes

- The Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026, meeting was held at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop and was conducted by STWG president, Tom Gustafson.
- The next meeting will be on Feb. 24 at 7:00 pm at the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop. The presentation is intended to follow up on Warren Dufrene's fine job of showing us dozens of different wood joints. We wish to draw on the expertise of our membership and see examples in which they have chosen to use one joint over another. We ask members to bring in a project and explain how the wood joints in it work and why they chose this particular type of joint. If you have photos of your project, bring them. If you modeled it in SketchUp, bring those files, as we will have a functioning copy of SketchUp on the laptop. Tom Gustafson will lead the discussion, and we hope to have many members participate in it.
- Tom has been in touch with Richard Robles of the Baton Rouge Woodworkers Club to review the scheduled dual club events for the year. They are:
 - 4/11/2026 Scroungers Paradise Exotic Woods in Hammond
 - 6/06/2026 Cajun Connection Woodworks Sawmill Tour in Ponchatoula
 - 8/01/2026 PMC
- Tom noted that we have election of officers and board members in March and asked for volunteers so that we can prepare a slate of candidates for approval or voting. So far, Craig Bond has volunteered to serve as a board member, Collin Avery has volunteered to serve as vice president, and Wayne Thompson has volunteered to continue as treasurer. We still need candidates for president and secretary and additional board members.
- Tom asked for woodworking questions, tips, and safety tips.
- Show 'n Tell followed and can be viewed below.
- Sonny Gonzales gave a presentation on reconditioning bench planes and using a shooting board.
- Thanks to Kathleen Garey, Rene Maggio, and Joe Perret for taking photographs of the meeting in my absence.

-Pat Robbert
STWG Secretary

Show 'n Tell



Craig Bond brought in his intarsia crucifix, shown here and at the top of the newsletter. Brother Brian and Deacon Mark admire Craig's delicate work.



Craig Bond shared info about the new **Grit-Grip sanding blocks**. He finds the Grit-Grip sanding pads to be long lasting; just wash and keep using.



Warren Dufrene shows a blade holder for sharpening carbide tip blades. Rockler sells this as a **Rockler Carbide Cutter Honing System**.



Wayne shows cutting boards he made from poplar that he gets from a mill in Collins, MS. He finished them with mineral oil.



Warren Dufrene had an issue with his Laguna table saw insert. A piece of the laminate flew off and hit him while he was ripping wood. Warren shows some of the wooden inserts he has made.



Collin Avery shows his version of Joe Perret's small end table plans. Collin used his table saw blade to cut the inlay grooves in the table top.



Easton Moller shows his first carved spoon.



Dennis Hinds has built a number of these three-legged stools.



In addition to the three-legged stool, Dennis shared two carvings (one is shown here) and some of the tools he uses, along with the cut resistant glove he uses to hold the work. He demonstrated how he safely carves toward his body.

Demonstration



Sonny Gonzales gives a presentation on reconditioning bench planes and using shooting boards.



Sonny goes over the parts of a bench plane.



Sonny demonstrates the use of a shooting board for perfecting a 90 degree cut.



Here Sonny uses a shooting board that includes a vertical 45 degree angle.

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