

Tooth & Nail



January 2026 Newsletter of the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild

Next Meeting

Time and Place

- Tuesday, Jan. 27, 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 Sonny Gonzales
on rebuilding bench planes
and using a shooting board
- Bring a folding chair

Minutes

- The Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, meeting was held at the workshop of Warren Dufrene, Jr. and was conducted by STWG president, Tom Gustafson.
- Bill Olson from Coastal Cruisers in Slidell presented the guild with a donation of \$200. Guild members helped him with award plaques. The Coastal Cruisers have their events on the first Saturday of the month from March through November.
- 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, Collin Avery has volunteered to serve as vice president and Wayne Thompson has volunteered to continue as treasurer. We need candidates for president and secretary and board members.
- The annual banquet will be on Dec. 11. Members will receive invitations. Tickets are \$30 per person. There will be a gift exchange.
- A possibility for a field trip is Jubilee Specialty Woods near Mobile, AL, in February or March, on a Saturday. We would look at their lumber.
- Tom asked for woodworking questions, tips, and safety tips.
- Pat Robbert asked for suggestions for preventing dust from entering the depth stop micro adjust cylinder of a Triton router when used on a router table.
- Ed Jameson reported that Osmo finishing oil is food safe.
- Brian Stauss has a problem with his lathe increasing speed on its own. Tom suggested that the problem could be in the sensor and it may need cleaning.
- Safety tip: remember to drain your pancake air compressor daily to prevent the chamber from rusting. There is an expiration date on the bottom of the pancake tank.
- Show 'n Tell followed and can be viewed below.
- Warren Dufrene gave a presentation on a variety of woodworking joints.

-Pat Robbert
STWG Secretary

Show 'n Tell



Bill Olson from Coastal Cruisers in Slidell presents a \$200 donation to John Fisher, vice-president of the guild.



This is one of the award plaques the guild members assisted Bill with.



Brian Stauss followed up his presentation from last month with a live demonstration of the hollowing jig he uses. Brian also turned the mesquite vase shown at the top of the newsletter. It is finished with Watco butcher block oil.



Brian shows the finished frame for the laser etching Tom Gustafson did for him. Brian used a tung oil finish and got a matte look.



Monty Hall shows small bowls he makes with a 1/2" drill and a spindle gouge.



Monty turned this bowl, not from burl, but from a place on the olive tree where the wood healed over a cut branch.



Collin Avery tried his hand at making a wooden knife, similar to those Ed Jameson showed us.



Collin's wooden knife.



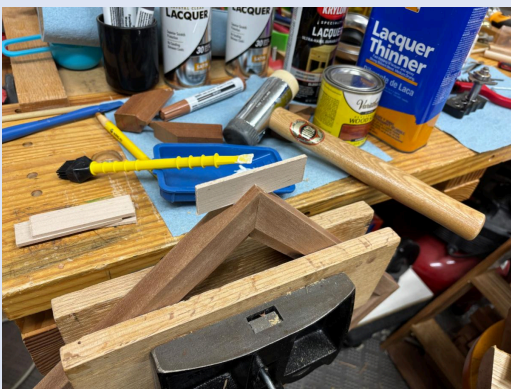
Pat Robbert shows a finished miter key frame and the steps she uses to make them.



Pat uses the miter trimmer to perfect the angles and the lengths of each piece.



Pat has had success using this jig which secures all four joints at the same time, minimizing any error.



Pat cuts the miter key slots on the router table with a slot cutter and then glues in keys that are thickened with a hand plane.



Aaron Mahnke shows a slab flattening jig he uses to flatten the top of a breadboard or wood slab.



The flattening jig consists of a plastic router base, a plastic bar holder, and two pieces of square aluminum tubing. The plastic pieces are 3-D printed. Plans are free and available on the internet from Tim Nummy in Maker World. The links below take you to three versions of the jig: one with a Milwaukee palm router base, one for a DeWalt palm router, and one with a universal router base.

[Milwaukee Router Base](#)

[DeWalt Router Base](#)

[Universal Router Base](#)

Demonstration



Warren Dufrene, Jr. gave the presentation on woodworking joints and showed many different types. A few examples are shown. Here he resaws a board and prepares it for a continuous grain mitered box.



Warren shows a jig that can be set to various angles using a set of templates. This allows him to cut pieces that will be joined into n-sided polygons.



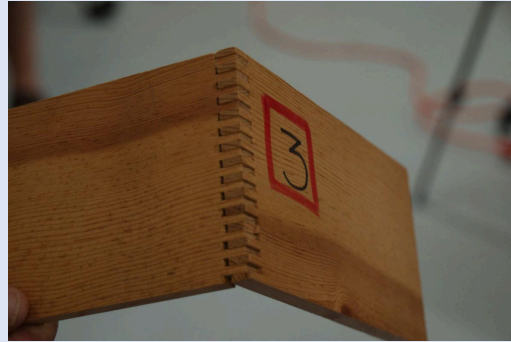
This pot uses miter joints to connect the pieces cut using his polygon cutting jig.



Here we see half-lap dovetails.



This is a sample dovetail joint with the lower joint mitered.



Here is an example of a box joint or finger joint.

Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet was held at the Fleur de Lis Event Center. We reviewed the activities of the year, ate good food, and had fun with the gift exchange.





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