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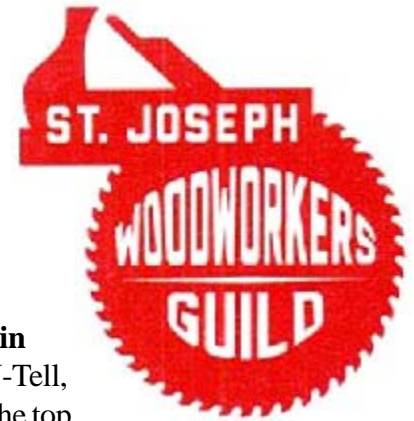
# ST. JOSEPH WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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## **March Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM**

**The March meeting will be at the Tobiason Studio at 302 South 8th Street (main level of the Guild shop building).** After our usual short business meeting and Sho-N-Tell, Dave Halter will provide a presentation on Tuning Up A Table Saw. This was one of the top items returned on our survey so come and see what you need to do to make the prime tool in your shop work better. Bring a chair and your project from the shop and come join us. Parking on the street or in the lot across the street from the building.

## **February Meeting Notes**

Our February meeting started off with a welcome from Dave Halter, Guild President, and the recognition of 4 visitors that we hope will return again. Dave asked Rusty Cook for the treasurer's report, which he provided, and then stressed that January was the month to renew Guild membership by paying the \$30 dues. Many paid their dues that evening. Rusty also reminded the audience that anyone mailing in dues to him should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if the member wants a discount card to be used at our sponsors.

Dave went on to talk about the ongoing projects going on in the Guild shop: several items for the Pony Express Museum (repair of a rocking horse and a wooden door for a toy stove), corbels for woman who had requested help from the Guild, and trophies for the Polar Plunge sponsored by Special Olympics. Dave asked Rusty for a shop update. Rusty stated that there wasn't much happening due to the colder temperatures in the shop. The work nights are still postponed until somewhat warmer weather. Emails will be sent out when the shop is again open for general use and possible classes that were discussed earlier.

The Pony Express Museum will have a family day on February 19 from 10 AM to 1 PM. The Museum staff has asked the Guild to help build cars as we have in the past. Cindy Daffron, Museum Director, also asked if someone could be available to talk about the small timber frame building that the Guild donated to the Museum several years ago. Several signed up to assist for the event and Ralph Alvarez agreed to be the teacher for the timber frame building. Cindy expects several hundred kids as we have had before.

Rick Tolbert reported that the AFL-CIO Adopt-A-Family staff liked the baby bed built by the Guild for the Christmas gift donations. The Guild is discussing what is needed for next Christmas and the possibility of AFL-CIO donating several sheets of plywood to make more baby beds.

Rick also mentioned that he had talked to some members of the Southside Lions Club about doing some sort of cooperative project with them More on that at a later date.

John Cool, who had talked about a build a ukulele project with school-age children earlier, said that 13 ukulele kits have been ordered and will arrive sometime late March. He asked for volunteers to be ready to help the kids build and instrument. The completed instrument will then be decorated at the Art Attack Studio. After decorating, Jason Reily, local string artist, will provide lessons to the kids. Once lessons are completed, the kids will provide a recital at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum. Volunteers will be needed from the Guild for the instrument assembly and an email will be sent to update.

The Woodworking Show was scheduled to return to Kansas City on mid-March. Dave discussed having a demo booth at the show and many were excited to be there again. UPDATE: the Show posted a message on their website saying that the Kansas City Show was cancelled along with Tampa and Nashville. Very disappointing for many of us who have enjoyed previous shows.

## **Sho-N-Tell**

Charles Kephart — Two bowls: one made of honey locust and the other made of spalted maple using epoxy in some cracks.



*Charlie showing his honey locust bowl.*



*Charlie holding the spalted maple bowl.*



*Dean with the staved bowl.*



*Shawna and her box.*

Dean Fleshman — A staved bowl made of quartersawed sycamore.

Shawna Flowers — A jewelry box made with a purple heart cross. She might have had some coaching from Ralph Alvarez in the construction.

## **February Program**

Dave Halter gave a presentation on Basic Spindle Turning. And he was high-tech! Dave had set up a camera and monitor so that he could show the details while he was demonstrating. He began by pointing out the various parts of the lathe and explaining how each one is involved in spindle turning. One important factor for comfortable turning is the height of the lathe so that the spindle is at elbow height. Dave went on to discuss lathe safety such as no loose clothing or long hair that can get caught in the turning. The amount of dust created is also a safety factor meaning there should be good dust collection or use of a face mask. Having a variable speed lathe is also a benefit in spindle turning. Before beginning to turn, the lathe centers should be checked and adjusted, if needed, so that they are aligned. Dave talked about the tools needed for spindle turning. A  $\frac{3}{4}$ " roughing gouge, a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " spindle gouge, a skew, and a parting tool are the basic set of tools needed. Dave said he favors tools made of HSS (high speed steel) rather than carbon steel as the carbon steel tools will not hold an edge as long. He emphasized the need for a sharpening system for the tools is just as important as the tools. Using a sharpening jig for the gouges may also be needed. Spring calipers and a center finder to mark the centers of the stock are also tools used in spindle turning. Dave went on to talk about what are the best



*Dave talking about lathe construction.*



*Describing the type of wood to turn.*





*Dave turning and our high-tech set up.*



*Demonstrating turning procedures.*



*Turning a cove.*

woods to use. He described soft woods, such as pine, as not suitable for good results as the wood splinters and tears more than being cut. He said maple is a very good wood to start with along with several other hardwoods. A lathe speed of 6,000 to 9,000 RPM is good to begin spindle turning. Dave stated that he follows the A, B, C's for turning: **A**nchor the tool on the tool rest; ride the **B**evel; raise the handle to **C**ut. Cut downhill as the tool is moved across the wood. Dave said that practice always makes you a better turner. He advised to get some wood and try turning beads, coves, and vees until feeling comfortable with the tools. Spindle turning can be very creative and still be simple to do. Dave provided a very complete presentation encouraging us to try something new. Thanks for giving us lots to think about.

## Pony Express Family Day

The Pony Express Museum had Family Day as part of the Presidents Day celebrations on February 19. The Guild provided cars and volunteers to help kids take home a car. Thanks to Boyd Cunningham, Jennifer Percell, Frank Shores, Dave Halter, Tom and Jan Engel, Ralph Alvarez, and Roger Martin for helping with the event.



*Boyd helping one of the kids.*



*Ralph teaching about timber framing.*



*Frank persuading a wheel to fit.*



*Boyd helping while other kids wait their turn.*



*Boyd, Tom and Frank helping kids.*

## **Membership**

**January is renewal month for the Guild annual membership dues of \$30.** The membership helps cover the costs of our shop, the treats at most meetings, and this newsletter and to maintain our website and mailing list. Paid membership provides you with a card that allows you to get a discount at Metro Hardwoods, Woodcraft, and possibly at the new Rockler store. Guild Life Memberships (\$100) are for those 70 and above and that amount covers your dues forever! Treasurer Rusty Cook will be happy take your dues at meetings. If you are unable to attend, you can mail the check to him at the address at the end of this newsletter. If you would like the discount card mailed to you, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope when sending the dues to Rusty.

## **Caps and Shirts**

Guild logo ball caps and tee shirts (in limited sizes) are available for sale. The cost is minimal for either. Contact Roger Martin if you are interested.

## **Social Media**

Don't forget that the Guild has a Facebook page, [St. Joseph Woodworkers Guild](#), and a website, [www.stjosephwoodguild.com](http://www.stjosephwoodguild.com), that you can use to let others know about your hobby. We are going to try to do more on this to encourage some interaction between members and to invite others to join the Guild.

## **Guild Classified Ads**

Have something to sell that is woodworking related? Email Roger with a description and the price and he will send out an email or add it to the newsletter.

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