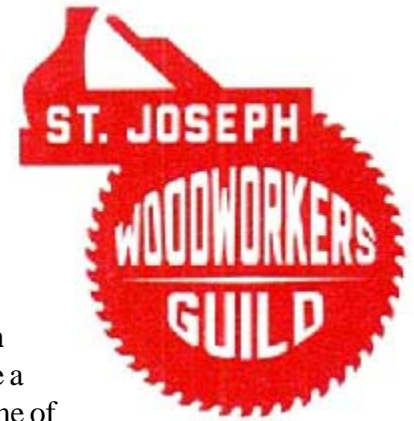

ST. JOSEPH WOODWORKERS' GUILD

Volume 16 Issue 6

June 2024



June Meeting

Tuesday, June 11 at 7 PM

The June meeting will be at the Guild shop in the lower level of 302 South 8th Street. After our short business meeting and Sho-N-Tell, Dean Fleshman will provide a program on Making Your Own Lathe Tools. Do you have a lathe and can't afford some of those pricy lathe tools you see in the catalog? Dean will show some ways to make those tools affordable and you will be able to point to them proudly and say "I made that!" Bring a chair and park in the parking lot across the alley from the building.

May Meeting Notes

Dave Halter, Guild President, was traveling so Jennifer Percell, Guild Vice-President, presided over the meeting. There was one visitor in the audience who introduced himself and told a little about his woodworking knowledge. Rusty Cook gave the treasurer's report and reminded the audience that dues still can be paid at the meeting. Jennifer talked about the projects that are being done by the Guild and what needs to be done in the future. Currently, we don't have any big projects but will need to start working on the toy wagons and porcupine wedges that will be needed for the Pony Express Museum Day Camp in July. We also have a high chair and a child's rocker that need to be repaired and then donated to the Noyes Home auction in August. Rusty mentioned that the Guild has some small tables that will be renewed which will also be donated for the auction. Jennifer mentioned that the Guild has no large items planned at this time to donate. If we want to do something, we will need to decide and begin the work soon. Individuals can also build items and donate them no later than two weeks before the auction.

Rusty Cook gave a brief shop update stating that he had been rebuilding some of the shelving in the shop to make it more usable. The dust collector system is working well and has a remote switch to assist operation. He has connected the machines to either the large dust collector or to a small collector next to the machine to minimize shop contamination with dust. He also said that we still have lumber to use if anyone wants to build a project for the Noyes home auction. You can buy wood at \$3 per board foot if projects are made for some other use. Contact Rusty if you need wood.

Jennifer stated that the Guild is assisting the Pony Express Museum for the Museum's summer day camp in July. There will be one morning for preschoolers, and two other days for the older kids. This year we will help them put axles and wheels on wooden wagon bodies or make a porcupine from a wooden wedge by adding the eyes and nose and hammering in 10 nails in the body. Guild volunteers will help with applying glue to the wheels and axles for the wagon or help hold the nails (using a pinch clothes pin for finger safety!) for the porcupine. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be at both the June and July meetings.

Rusty Cook mentioned that there should be some open Guild shop times to build the wagons and wedges for the Museum event. There was a short discussion relating to safety training if people are expected to run equipment for the building or for open evenings at the shop. Doc Arnett, our safety trainer, volunteered to set up some times to do safety training before an open shop time. He asked for suggestions as to what days or times would be good for the audience to participate and received some feedback. He will get with Roger and Rusty to provide times for safety training. Rusty suggested having the shop open on a coming Thursday evening for building toys for the Museum event. Doc will arrange time to do training prior to the open shop evening.

The Guild received the remainder of the items left after the tools sales at John Cox's shop. His wife donated the remainder to the Guild with thanks for the help that the Guild provided to complete the sales. Ed Roberts and Rusty Cook had divided the items remaining into two groups and held a raffle during the meeting so that the audience could pick an item after buying tickets for either \$1 or \$5. Ed read off ticket numbers and people picked out items from the remaining tools until most were claimed. Thanks to Ed and Rusty for getting it set up and successfully having the raffle.



Ed announcing numbers while Jim Jones goes after an item.

Roger told the audience of impending changes on table saws to implement a safety stop system to all saws. The Consumer Products Safety Commission is taking testimony about using Saw Stop-type technology on all table saws in the interest of making all users safer. The proposed change would possibly cause the selling price of table saws to rise by \$500 to \$600 each plus the cost or replacement safety cartridges and saw blades if the safety system trips. He wanted to inform people who might be considering buying a new saw that choices may be considerably different in the future.

Sho-N-Tell

Ed Roberts — A stove board (also called a noodle board) made of spalted maple. The board is sized to cover the working surface of the kitchen range while it is not in use.



Ed showing off his stove board.

Dean Fleshman — A piece of electrical cable similar to what he installed when he worked for the local electric utility. He also brought a crazy cutting board of walnut and maple, and a trivet of similar materials.



Dean holding the very large cable.



Dean and his crazy cutting board.

Cherie Riddle — A wall hanging made of a variety of woods



The wall hanging in front of Cherie.

Jeremy Burlison — A knife for which he made the handle in a segmented design on a knife steel which he bought on line.



Jeremy explaining the knife handle.



Dean and the complex trivet.

May Program

Roger Martin gave a demonstration on the bandsaw showing tips on maintenance and how to set up the saw for the most effective cutting. He talked about the uses for a bandsaw and the differences between it and a table saw. He discussed some of the maintenance items such as how to safely fold a bandsaw blade. After cleaning the sawdust from the Guild bandsaw, he went through checking the tires, some of the adjustments and how to properly set up the blade and guides using the method taught by Alex Snodgrass who teaches bandsaw operation and maintenance professionally across the country. Roger showed the proper method of tensioning the blade and how to adjust the blade for proper cutting. He stressed the importance of adjusting the guides properly to prevent the guides from causing the blade to deflect and cut wood poorly. Roger said that properly adjusting the guides will allow the user to change most blades without having to readjust the guides again. The program was good and we thank Roger for his presentation.



Roger starting the presentation.



Explaining basic maintenance.



Showing the bandsaw tire.



Adjusting the blade guides.



Showing what improperly adjusted guides will do in the cut.



Putting the table back on to finish the adjustments.

Upcoming Events

- July 8-10 and July 15-17, Pony Express Museum Day Camp

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, 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.

ST. JOSEPH WOODWORKERS GUILD OFFICERS 2023

President	Dave Halter	sjwwg.pres@gmail.com	(816) 351-9653
Vice-President	Jennie Percell	woodknotstop@gmail.com	(319) 795-1368
Secretary	Roger Martin	rhandyperson@hotmail.com	(816) 752-0893
Treasurer	Rusty Cook	treasurer.stjwwg@gmail.com	(816) 390-5983
	302 South 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501		
Shop Manager	Rusty Cook	treasurer.stjwwg@gmail.com	(816) 390-5983

WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS — PLEASE PATRONIZE THEM AND MENTION THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE GUILD FOR A DISCOUNT.



4243 South Noland Road
Independence, MO 64055
(816) 373-1710



9645 Blue Jacket Road
Lenexa, KS 66214
(913) 599-2800