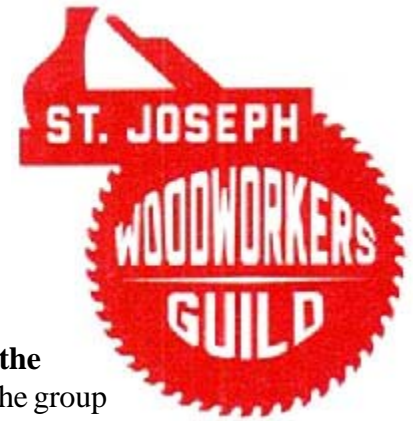

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 10 at 7 PM

The September meeting will be at the Guild shop (temperature permitting) in the lower level of 302 South 8th Street. Come with your sho-n-tell items to display to the group after our short business meeting. After a break, Roger Martin will talk about the basics of stains and finishes explaining the differences and the usage of the different products. Bring your chair and join us to learn new ways to make your projects look even more beautiful.

August Meeting Notes

Dave Halter greeting our audience and asked if there were any visitors, which there were none. Rusty Cook, treasurer, gave his report and reminded the group that dues can be paid if they hadn't been already. Dave went on to report that the unveiling of the bust of Drew Brown at MWSU is scheduled for August 19. The bust is to be mounted on a pedestal that was built by the Guild and was a paying job for the Guild to do. The Guild has a couple of projects coming in the near future. One is rebuilding the little free library at the Bartlett Center with the assistance of the Noyes Home Scout troop and a Lehr Construction worker. Another is building shutters for the cupola that has been removed from the roof of the Pony Express Museum building. The cupola has been removed and materials have been purchased for this project and it will be starting in the near future.

Rusty gave a shop update announcing that Mike Conard donated a laser engraver to the Guild. Mike had purchased a newer and larger model and was looking for someone that could use the tool. Mike did a demo to Rusty, Dave, and Jennifer Percell before the Guild accepted the offer of a free tool. In mid-August, Dave, Rusty and Mike moved the engraver from Mike's shop to the Guild shop. It will need to be connected to a computer to be able to be used.



The pillar made by Guild members for the Drew Brown bust.

Dave mentioned the Guild participation in the Pony Express Museum Day Camp in July and thanked the volunteers that helped out during the event. The Guild received a very nice thank you from the Museum and a prairie doll like the ones made in the event. He announced the Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction on August 17 and that the Guild donated three items. The Guild provided an oak bench, an oak side table, and a hackberry slab coffee table. Dave pointed out all the work which Rusty Cook did to complete the projects this year. He replaces the top of the side table and built the coffee table. A big thanks to Rusty and others who helped build the items so the Guild would have items to donate.



The hackberry slab table for the Noyes Home Auction.



The bench for the Noyes Home Auction.

The last item Dave mentioned the need to find a person to serve as President in the October officer election. Dave has been in that position for several years and will no longer serve in that role. We have several good people to serve in the officers role and we encourage others to step up and fulfill the positions.

Sho-N-Tell

Rusty Cook — A box made of oak with walnut splines for the use of his daughter to store the remains of her cat who had died. He had an outside company etch the photo of the cat on the top of the box.

Frank Shores — A cribbage board using MDF for the board and aluminum nails of the game pieces.



The end table finished for the Noyes Home Auction.



Rusty showing his cat box.



Showing the detail on the top of the box.



Frank holding the cribbage board.

Jeremy Burleson — a table made of spalted hackberry with an epoxy insert and an epoxy border. He said he sanded the table to 1200 grit to achieve the finish.

August Program

The program for the August meeting was sharpening tools. Dave Halter led the discussion by defining what is sharp: two flat surfaces meeting at an edge. He talked about how to achieve the two flat surfaces on several tools. Having a perfect edge is a goal, but is very difficult to achieve due to many factors. Before sharpening, Dave stressed that the proper safety equipment must be used especially eye protection. Many people may want to use some sort of gloves to protect fingers from sharp surfaces. Dave went on the talk about some of the different metals and the specific sharpening characteristics of each. Starting into sharpening different woodworking tools, Dave began with the hand plane. Using an Eclipse jig, or a similar blade holder, can improve the consistency of sharpening a specific angle on a plane iron. Polishing the back of the iron is just as important as sharpening the cutting edge. The Lie-Nielson website has plans for a jig to help set up the Eclipse jig for different bevel angles. Sharpening angles for many plane irons is at 25° and many add a microbevel of 30-35° to make the sharp edge last longer. Dave listed many of the different sharpening systems such as Scary Sharp, diamond plates, water stones, oil stones, motorized stones running in water (Tormek and others), and Work Sharp. He explained some of the differences between



Jeremy explaining his table.



Closeup of the table top.



Beginning the sharpening presentation.



Showing the use of a sharpening jig.



Explaining stropping.



Showing how to set up the sharpening jig.



Talking about sharpening lathe tools.



Dave showing audience members the sharpening jig.

the systems he listed and then explained some of the materials needed to sharpen tools with the different systems. Use of liquids on stones and diamond plates is required to minimize damage to the sharpening media. Dave also talked about stropping a tool after sharpening. He said many use diamond paste on a piece of MDF or strop on a piece of leather or MDF charged with polishing compound. After his presentation, the audience had the opportunity of sharpening a tool that they brought from home which many did. Thanks to Dave for spending the time to put his presentation together and provide the information to the group.

Upcoming Events

- November 15-16, Craft Show at Stoney Creek Event Center

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.



Jen Persell setting up the jig.

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.

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