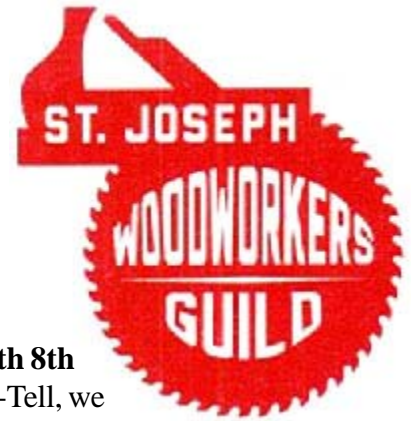

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November Meeting

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 PM

The November meeting will be at the Guild shop in the lower level of 302 South 8th Street (if weather is not too cold!). After our business meeting and the usual Sho-N-Tell, we will listen to Val Jones talk briefly about Inspire U, the new children's activity center in the historic Plymouth Building. After she presents, David Halter will do a demonstration on work holding and how to better secure your work project while performing different aspects of woodworking. Bring your project to show what you have been working on and a chair and join us.

October Meeting Notes

Dave Halter was traveling so the meeting was chaired by Roger Martin. Roger welcomed the group and asked for the treasurer's report. Rusty Cook said that the bank balance was still good and it would soon be time to renew dues as of January 1. Rusty mentioned that the eight shutters were completed for the Pony Express Museum. They were to be installed on the cupola, stained, and then the cupola would be reinstalled on the building roof. That was all to be done before Pumpkin Fest.

Rusty also reported that he had received \$800 from the Pony Express Museum for the shutters. Rusty then went on to say the laptop and the software for the donated laser has been received.

Mike Conard, who donated the laser and the laptop, also provided some training to start using the laser. We are definitely not proficient in running designs, but we are starting to use a new tool for the membership.

Dave Halter had received the information from the Noyes Home executive director for the items donated to the Take-A-Seat Auction in August and Roger shared the information. The Guild donated three items: an oak bench sold for \$65, an oak side table sold for \$125, and a hackberry slab coffee table sold for \$225. The Noyes Home exceeded their goal for the auction of \$500,000 and the Guild was happy to be a small part of it. There was some discussion of possible projects for the 2025 Auction.



One of the louvers before it was mounted in the structure.



Shutters on the completed cupola and mounted on the building roof.



A practice board from Rusty's laser work.

The craft show at the Stoney Creek Conference Center in on November 8th and 9th. The Guild will do demonstrations just outside the entry doors of the show during the two days. We are planning on having the lathe, the scroll saw, and the shaving horse for demos. This is an opportunity to visit with people who are visiting the craft show and tell them about the Guild and what we are about. Volunteers are needed to staff the demos.

Several Guild members participated in the Noyes Home Block Party on October 6. Guild members helped many kids put axles and wheels on wood cars and trucks during the afternoon. The only downside to the event was that the tables were situated just a few feet away and downwind of the hot dogs and tenderloins being cooked. Many thanks to Lynn Anderson, Pete Peterson, Tom and Jan Engle, Rusty Cook, Jennifer Persell, and Roger Martin for representing the Guild in a very popular event.



The Guild crew waiting for the beginning of the Block Party.



Jen Percell helping a Block Party participant.



A young man working on a car while Jen watches.



Jan and Tom Engel helping an adult to build a car.



Tom, Jen and Rusty working with the kids.



Some cars ready for the Adopt-A-Family Christmas.

AFL-CIO Community Services will have the Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas again this year and the Guild was asked to build more of the doll baby beds and toy cars and trucks for the kids. Community Services helped to get plywood donated from the Forge and Build store (Previously Porters) in Elwood, Kansas for the baby beds. The plywood will be cut up and processed into the beds by Guild members.

The Guild officer elections were held at the October meeting. Dave Halter asked to be replaced as Guild President as he has held the position for the past five years. Jennifer Percell, Vice-President, Rusty Cook, Treasurer, and Roger Martin, Secretary, agreed to serve another term. Lynn Anderson agreed to be President. Jennifer Percell made a nomination and Jim Jones provided a second for the nomination.

The vote was all yeas and no nays for Lynn to become President assuming the position at the next meeting.

Frank Shores mentioned that there is a lot of wood stored in the basement of his late son's home and his widow would like to have it moved out. Frank said that there is ash, sycamore, walnut, and maple, along with some other varieties that he will sell for \$1 per board foot. He asked that those interested contact him at (816) 248-6840 to arrange for a time to look at what is available.

Sho-N-Tell

For the first time since not having a face to face meeting due to Covid, there were no sho-n-tell items. Rusty Cook had done a project for a customer on the new laser and had shown it off earlier so I am including a photo of what he learned how to do. He did make sure that everyone knew he was not an expert on the new toy as yet but could see some great potential for projects in the future, both for Guild members and outside customers.

October Program

The October program was Building a Solar Kiln provided by Jim Jones. Jim spoke about the kiln that he built several years ago. He did not have any plans specifically for his kiln, but had printed off some similar plans from internet sites. His kiln is made of salvaged patio doors with the size of the doors determining the size of the completed kiln. Other plans call for using plastic film or storm windows for the clear covering. His kiln can hold about 1,500 board feet of rough lumber stacked inside using 1" x 1" stickers between the boards. Jim recommended that the ends of the boards be sealed to prevent cracks and checks that occur while drying. He also recommended that a heavy weight of some sort be placed on top of the stack to prevent some warpage. The kiln does not have to be super tight to allow for air flow. Using a small fan, such as a bathroom fan, will help to circulate the air. The fan in Jim's kiln is controlled by a hog farrowing house fan control set at 85° to aid in circulation. Circulating too much air can cause case hardening of the wood making the outside surface too hard due to the rapid removal of moisture. Jim loads the kiln with boards at about 35 to 40 percent moisture when first cut. The drying process takes about 2½ to 3 months to dry to around 8 percent moisture content measured by an accurate moisture meter. The drying time, Jim said, depends on the wood type as each wood dries differently. The kiln heats up during the day and cools off at night. The drying time also depends on the season of the year, the amount of rain, snow, and the thickness of the boards. When the kiln is loaded in the summer, the moisture in the wood will fog up the glass of the kiln. Jim found that the boards on the top of the pile will dry first because of the air circulation. He likes the wood dried in his solar kiln better than commercially kiln dried especially wood dried in steam kilns. He feels that the wood looks and works better from his kiln. As a different kind of kiln drying, his son dries wood in his basement using a dehumidifier and a fan in a closed room. Jim didn't feel like he would be able to provide a good program, but the audience reaction proved him wrong. It was a very comprehensive presentation and very much appreciated. Thanks to Jim for providing all the information.

Upcoming Events

- November 8 and 9, Craft Show at Stoney Creek Event Center, Friday: 9 AM to 4, Saturday: 9 AM to 2 PM

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.

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