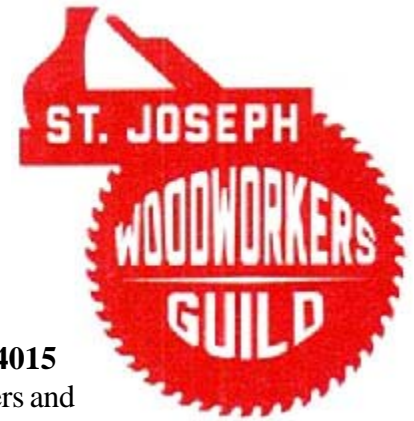

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December Meeting

Tuesday, December 10 at 6 PM

The December meeting will be at the San Jose Steakhouse & Mexican Grill, 4015 South Belt Highway. Our December meeting is a dinner and get together for members and spouses or significant others to celebrate the Christmas season. Order off the menu and enjoy good food and the fellowship of other woodworkers. We will have a very brief business meeting and a gift exchange for those who have made something to give. Come and be with us to end the year with a fun time together. And it's a chance to prove to your spouse that you really do go to a woodworkers meeting during the year.

November Meeting Notes

The meeting started off with our new President, Lynn Anderson, welcoming the audience and two visitors who introduced themselves and told a bit about their woodworking. Lynn then asked Dave Halter to come up and Lynn presented him with a certificate of appreciation for the years of service as President. The audience expressed their gratitude for his guidance for several years and his continued service to the Guild.

Lynn asked Treasurer, Rusty Cook, to give a report on the Guild finances. Rusty said we have a healthy bank balance and had received \$64 from sales at Bee and Thistle during the last month. Rusty also reminded the audience that January is the month to renew dues for the Guild. Our yearly dues are \$30 to cover the cost of the shop and the activities of the Guild. He mentioned that several have already given him their renewal.



Lynn presenting Dave with a certificate for serving as Guild President.

Lynn went on to talk about future activities and projects. The craft show at Stoney Creek Conference Center had been the past weekend and the Guild was there doing demonstrations for people attending the show. Rusty said the parts are completed for the doll cribs and the next stage is the sanding and assembly. It was decided that we will meet on November 21 at 6 PM to complete the cribs so they can be delivered to Community Services for the Adopt A Family program.

John Cool mentioned that he had made a cutting board for the Sugar Plum Festival, a money raiser for the Albrecht Kemper Museum, that happened the past weekend. He had Zack Workman to add the lasered image of the Noyes Home to the cutting board which looked very nice. John mentioned that we might want to contact the Albrecht Kemper Museum to see if we could do more projects with them.

Rusty reported that he is working on some shop projects to add more storage to the shop. He has added framing and drawer slides under one of the wall benches, but still needs to build drawers. He will use $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood for the drawers and asked if there was any interest in making the drawer build a Guild shop project where others could help and learn? Several people expressed interest in learning and building if a common time can be worked out. That will be emailed out when it is decided.

Val Jones came to the meeting and talked to us about inspire U Children’s Discovery Center. Located at 521 Felix in downtown St. Joseph, it is a multi-floor place to engage with children and families using activities and events, Val explained the concept and how the Guild might be able to help by having someone do different woodworking operations or use different tools to show kids and adults the fun and different skills of woodworking. She has blocks of time during weekends that one individual can do demonstrations while the people go through the center. There were several questions about the size of the space, accessibility, time frames, and other items that the members of the audience questioned. Guild Vice President Jennifer Persell has agreed demonstrate a bandsaw when the center opens on December 26. Several others were considering what they could do for demonstrations.



Val Jones talking about Inspire U.

Sho-N-Tell

We had some great sho-n-tell items this month, the most coming from a visitor, Roger Hansen. This was the first time Roger came, but he brought a box full of items to share: a bowl made of walnut, maple and purpleheart having around 20 segments per layer and 4 layers. He also brought a tractor silhouette cut on the scroll saw along with a John Wayne plaque also done on the scroll saw, some small cars, and a cane. He said the handle on the cane was not part of the original limb and was attached with a glue and dowels.



Roger holding his segmented bowl.



Roger with two of the small cars he builds.



Roger holding the cane he made.

John Cool — cutting board made of various woods with lasered image.



Val Jones examining John's cutting board.



John showing the copy of the lasered image he used for a cutting board.



Roger and his John Wayne plaque.

Frank Shores — photos of shelves he had built for the Shady Lawn Nursing Home and an activities board used in therapy for Alzheimer patients. He also mentioned that all the wood he had for sale at the last meeting had been sold.



Frank and the photo of the activities board.



Lynn and his bull cut out.



Lynn and his Christmas trees.



Lynn holding two walking sticks and branches that will be walking sticks.

Lynn Anderson — silhouettes of a cow and bull cut out on the scroll saw. He also brought some canes he had made from pine tree branches found along the seacoast. The seacoast environment causes the branches to be very hard and durable. He also had some Christmas trees he had turned on the lather from 4 x 4 cedar posts.

November Program

Dave Halter provided a program titled Work Holding and both described and demonstrated the many ways to hold project pieces and parts. Dave started off with simple devices like the holdfast to secure the work to the bench. He had a bench hook he had made. It allows him to quickly place the bench hook on the edge of the work bench and cut off smaller pieces



Explaining the use of a holdfast.



Talking about the bench hook.



Dave and Brian demonstrating how to stretch a clamp.

of wood. He showed different ways of using different clamps and how to “stretch” the clamps using a piece of wood if the clamps are not long enough. He demonstrated several uses of hand clamps to hold both round and flat objects and the secret to opening and closing them easily. Dave illustrated one way to secure beveled cut corners whether they were on a box or a picture frame. And he talked about several uses of painters tape in clamping unusually shaped objects or smaller objects



Clamping a round object with hand clamps.



Showing one way to clamp a bevel joint.



Speaking about using blue painters tape.

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such as octagonal boxes. Dave provided the audience with many possibly new ways to help us hold our projects more securely. Thanks to Dave for a great program.

Stoney Creek Craft Show

Seven of our members came out to Stoney Creek Conference Center on November 8 and 9 to provide demonstrations and visit with the craft show attendees. We had the lathe, scroll saw, and shaving horse and a variety of completed projects there to use and to show the people. We received six new sign-ups for the newsletter and many who expressed interest in the projects and activities. Thanks to Darwin St. Myers, Ralph Alvarez, Lynn Anderson, Jennifer Percell, Rusty Cook, David Halter, and Roger Martin for helping with the event and moving the equipment.



Darwin, Ralph, and Lynn ready to do demonstrations.



Lynn and Ralph at the craft show.

Doll Crib Assembly

A crew of Santa's helpers got together on the evening of November 21 to sand and assemble cribs. After an introduction and overview from Rusty Cook, we went to work sanding the openings, edges, and sides of the parts that Kevin Crawford had very graciously cut out on his CNC. He had also previously cut the parts from the plywood sheet and sanded off the tabs required to cut the parts on the CNC. Santa's crew started at 6 and by 8:30 had 44 cribs sanded and assembled. The cribs and about 100 toy cars were taken to AFL-CIO Community Services the next week for the Adopt A Family program participants. A big thank you to Kevin Crawford, Rusty Cook, Ivana Calhoun, Don St. Cyr, Pete Peterson, Don Pike, Tom Engel, Dale Andrews, LeRoy Gray, Jennifer Persell, Lynn Anderson, David Halter, and Roger Martin for spending time to help out and for making a lot of kids very happy in a few weeks.



Tom and Pete listening to Rusty's instructions.



LeRoy and Dale doing quality control.



Rusty doing the first assembly.



Tom and Lynn assembling while Jennifer and Ivana do finish sanding.



Pete and Don St. Cyr doing the sanding.



Doll cribs and toy cars and trucks ready for delivery.

Upcoming Events

- November 8 - National Guard Armory, 301 North Woodbine Road, 9 AM to Noon. We will help Guard members kids assemble cars. Volunteers are needed.

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.

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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