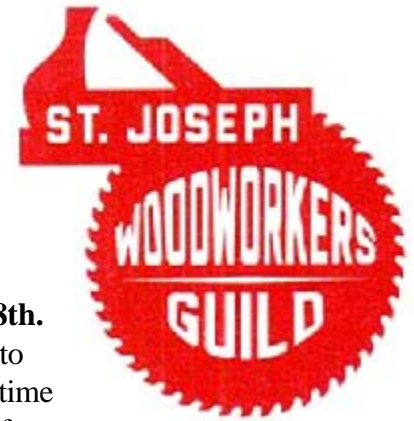

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January Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 at 7 PM

The January meeting will be at Tobiason Studio, the upper level of 302 South 8th.

Starting off the New Year getting together with others that like sawdust is a great way to begin 2025. Our meeting will have our usual short business meeting and a Sho-N-Tell time where you can show off the items you might have made for someone for Christmas. After a short break, Roger Martin will have a presentation on designing a small shop and an update on safety. Come and learn how you can plan for a better shop and have more enjoyment woodworking. Park on the street or across from Tobiason Studio.

December Meeting Notes

Our December meeting was at San Jose Steakhouse as the annual dinner for members and significant others. There was a good sized group and all seemed to enjoy the evening and the food. Keith Percell offered an opening prayer to start off the evening. After a good meal and conversation, Lynn Anderson, Guild president, welcomed those attending. He asked Rusty Cook for a brief treasurer's report which he provided. Lynn asked if there were any other announcements. Dave Halter reported that sales for the Guild in the Kansas City West Bottoms First Friday events has netted about \$1000. That was sales of wood slabs, cutting boards, and other objects Guild members created.

Jennifer Percell stated that she was going to be at Inspire U Children's Discovery Center for their soft opening on December 20 doing band saw projects. The actual opening of Inspire U is December 26. She also said she had spoken to the staff at The Sisters of Solace located on Frederick Avenue. This is an organization helping women who are survivors of trauma and addiction. They have a store where they sell soaps, candles, and other various products. Jen wants to help them have wooden products to sell. To help do that and to help some of their clients, Jen is going to start a wood working class for the clients to both help the store and the women. The class is limited to about 10 women and, because of the nature of client backgrounds, men will not be allowed to assist. Jen asked for any donations of tools and materials that could help the start-up. Several audience members were interested.

Lynn reported that the Guild made about 40 baby cradles to donate to Community Services Adopt A Family program this year. The Guild also gave about 100 wood cars and trucks. Lynn singled out Rusty Cook as the individual who coordinated getting the material, having it cut by Kevin Crawford, and directing



Getting ready for the prayer.



Ready to order.



Lynn explaining baby cradle construction.

the finishing and assembly of the cradles. The Guild thanks Rusty for all the behind the scenes work to get the cradles all completed. Without his guidance, the cradles might not have been done!

Jennifer Percell mentioned that \$120 were gathered for a gift to Rick Tolbert to let him know that the Guild is thinking of him. He has had medical issues for about a year and will still require care for about another year. Our thoughts and prayers are with him to be back with us soon.

Sho-N-Tell

The Sho-N-Tell this month was different. Ken Gerber started it off showing a bowl and the remainder are the gifts given at the December dinner meeting. Those who brought a gift could pick a gift at the end of the dinner. Numbers were picked from a hat and gifts were chosen accordingly. The gifts were supposed to be valued at \$20 or less, but several pushed that limit.

Ken Gerber — bowl turned from a crotch wood. And he didn't gift that to anyone!

Jennifer Percell — compound cut words made from spalted hackberry by Frank Shores

David Halter — bread board and cutting knife made from walnut and oak by Jennifer Percell



Ken talking about hisl bowl.



Jen and husband, Keith, looking at the word art.



Dave holding the cutting board and knife.

Frank Shores — a tool set consisting of pliers and knives and blades given by Lynn Anderson.

Richard Phillips — a lazy susan made of burr oak by Jim Jones.

Jim Jones — a set of drill bits and doweling guide given by Frank Shores.

Lynn Anderson — a mahogany and ash turned birdhouse ornament and a maple icicle ornament made by Dave Halter.



Richard with the lazy susan in front of him.



Jim holding the doweling jig and drill bits.



Lynn and wife, Rhonda, with the ornaments.

U.S. Army Reserve Christmas Party

The Guild was asked to be a part of the Army Reserve Christmas Party on December 8. The Guild provided wood car and truck bodies for the kids to complete. We were just one of several community members who participated by helping at the event or donating products to be raffled off to the audience. Due to Jim Jones hard work, we believe every child in attendance left with a car or truck. Thanks to Frank Shores, Jim Jones, Kevin Burleson, and Roger Martin for helping with the event and to Rusty Cook for getting all the materials ready to go.



Jim encouraging a young lady to build a car.



Jim and Frank busily helping kids.



Frank and a father helping a youngster.



Jim helping two young ladies make cars.



Jim and Frank assisting kids.

Upcoming Events

- None at this time

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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