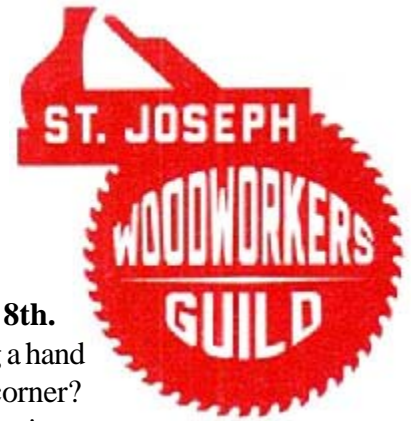

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February Meeting

Tuesday, February 11 at 7 PM

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

Brian Graham will have a program for our February meeting talking about refurbishing a hand plane for use in the shop, Do you have an old Stanley Number 5 that you have in the corner?

Come and listen to Brian tell you how to get it working again. We will have our usual business

meeting and a Sho-N-Tell time where you can show off your projects. Park on the street or across from Tobiason Studio.

January Meeting Notes

On a cold evening in mid-January, the Guild had our first meeting of 2025. Our group was smaller, probably due to the weather, but enthusiastic to get together. Lynn Anderson, Guild president, welcomed everyone and recognized one visitor who gave a brief overview of his woodworking experience and a desire to learn more about turning. Lynn asked treasurer, Rusty Cook, to tell the audience our financial position. Rusty reported that our bank account was in good shape with the annual cost of the website the only upcoming expense. Rusty also stated that the annual expenses for the Guild total about \$1400 and, that if about 50 people pay Guild dues, that will cover our expenses. That said, Rusty reminded the audience that Guild dues were to be paid in January and mentioned that several had paid before the meeting.

Lynn asked Jen Percell to tell about her experience at InspireU in December. InspireU, a 35,000 square foot discovery center for the entire family, is a new addition to the downtown area. Jen did a bandsaw demonstration at the soft opening on December 20. She and Lynn and Rhonda Anderson made Christmas ornaments using the bandsaw. Jen explained what she did and the space involved for the demonstration. She talked about the interaction with the InspireU participants, both children and adults. She stressed that more demonstrations are needed of many kind, not just woodworking. She encouraged others to contact Val Jones at InspireU to sign up for more demonstrations. Val's phone number is (816) 752-2228.

Jen is also working with the Sisters of Solace, a not-for-profit organization helping women survivors of trauma and addiction who may also be homeless. The organization has an area where Jen is building a shop to help some of the women to learn woodworking. She will be teaching the women to make small wood objects in general. She has managed to build eight workbenches and now needs some tools to use to teach. She mentioned sanders, sandpaper, clamps, a shop vac, small electric tools, and anything else that could be used to help teach the women. Anyone who would like to donate any tools and materials can contact Jen. Her phone number is listed with the other officers at the end of this newsletter.

Jen reported that there was a nice donation for the Christmas basket for Rick Tolbert. Ralph Alvarez said he and his wife have visited with Rick and he is improving. Ralph mentioned that Rick's medical treatment is completed and he is feeling good and regaining weight. He is beginning to get out an bit and his appetite is much better. We all wish the best for Rick and hope he can be back at Guild meetings soon.

Sho-N-Tell

Sho-N-Tell time was good for the beginning of the year. Several members provided what they had been working on for the past month or more and we look forward to many more in the future meetings.

Jim Jones — a cherry rolling pin. This was the first thing he had made on his new lathe.



Jim talking about the rolling pin.



Lynn and the boxes he's building.

Lynn Anderson — two boxes that are in-process. They were made from walnut scraps donated to the Guild.

Dean Fleshman — several homemade, carbide tipped, lathe tools along with a cutting board made of maple and walnut, and a distance gauge for the tablesaw.



Dean talking about his lathe tools.



Dean and his cutting board.



Dean holding the measuring tool.

Roger Martin — a baby rattle made of maple and several Christmas ornaments made on the scroll saw from several different kinds of wood.

January Program

Our January program was provided by Roger Martin on designing a small shop and an update on safety. Roger began asking the audience to think about the work flow in their shops. He stressed to understand the work flow, you must build something to see what you actually do. Building projects helps us to understand what we can do with the tools we have. He then talked about production and looking at the space needed to build projects you want to build. He suggested, again, that we get in the shop and build something to see what we can do with the space and tools we have. By doing that, he said we can then look at production. As hobbyists, we don't need to do projects quickly, but to make our process smoother and less tiring. Roger recommended that we use the tools we have to build projects and see what tools are not used. Those tools can be sold or stored somewhere not in the shop and out of the way. Finish a project and see what space is needed. Roger then said the next step is maximization. He mentioned that putting mobile bases on tools help make the shop more effective. He gave a numerical system using numbers for the storage space, the tools, and the most common areas where work is done in the shop to help design the shop. Bigger is not always better and don't change too quickly were two ideas Roger gave to help provide the maximum use in the shop. After talking about shop design, he went over 11 safety notes to help remind the audience of continuing safe practices in the shop. The program was interesting and made us think of some of the things we do each time we are in the shop, Thanks to Roger for providing the presentation.



Roger holding rattle and ornaments.

Soft Opening at InspireU

Guild members were asked by Val Jones at an earlier meeting to assist with InspireU opening. The soft opening was on December 20 with the official first day was December 26. Jennifer Percell and Lynn Anderson, along his wife Rhonda, used a small bandsaw at the December 20 soft opening. The bandsaw was set up in a special area for demonstrations in the building where Jen, Lynn, and Rhonda spent the time making Christmas decorations. Jen said they had several people watch and talk to them during the time they were there. Jen, Lynn, and Rhonda enjoyed their demonstration and are willing to do another demonstration later.



*Rhonda drawing patterns while
Jen cuts at the bandsaw.*



Jen working at her bandsaw.

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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