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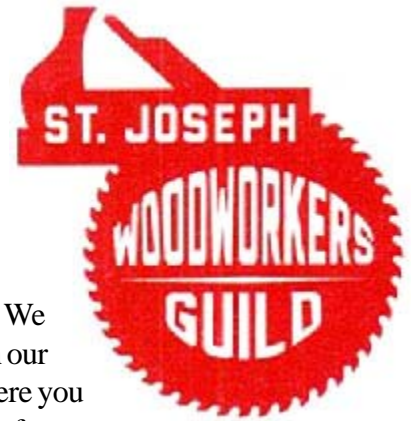
# ST. JOSEPH WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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## **April Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 8 at 7 PM**

**The April meeting will be at the Guild Shop, the lower level of 302 South 8th. . We**



will celebrate National Woodworking Month with our usual business meeting and a Sho-N-Tell time where you can show off your projects. John Debey is coming for our April meeting to do a program on pocket hole joinery and how to camouflage the holes after you complete the project. Bring a chair and park in the lot across the alley to the west of the shop.

## **March Meeting Notes**

Two visitors and a good crowd were in attendance for the meeting on a much better weather evening in March. Lynn Anderson asked the visitors to introduce themselves and then asked Rusty Cook, treasurer, for a report. Rusty said our fund balance was still good and that several members had paid their dues already that evening. He also reminded the audience the annual dues were to be paid in January. He went on to give a shop update. The next month will be a clean up and organize time. He will be buying lumber to make wood racks so that some of the material we have is better stored and organized. Rusty said that he would be starting that the next Monday and asked for volunteers to be at the shop at 9 AM that day to help. Rusty also stated that there were two tables of tools and other items for anyone in the audience to take home that night. Anything remaining was going to be disposed of after the meeting. The last item Rusty talked about was the laser and a trial run with some small projects. There is still some learning of the best methods to apply images to different items. Rusty mentioned that the owners of Bee and Thistle may want some logos done later that will be done on the laser.

Lynn talked about future projects. He has talked with Chelsea Howlett, Executive Director of the Noyes Home, about building boxes for the students who will graduate from high school this year. Chelsea said there are 12 students graduating. Lynn had also talked to Ralph Alvarez about the boxes and some basic building styles. Ralph and Lynn presented the idea of building 13 boxes, one for each student and one to be donated for the Take A Seat auction in August. The consensus was that it was a good project and that we should start soon to have them done for the May graduation. Volunteers will meet at Ralph Alvarez' shop beginning the evening of March 17th at 5 PM and will continue until the boxes are completed.

Lynn mentioned that the Guild needs to begin a larger project to donate for the Noyes Home Take A Seat auction in August. Ed Roberts stated that he and his son had made a table to be used for poker or other card games and that might be a good project to build. His is a six-sided table made of oak and pine, but he thought a walnut table would also be a good project. Lynn listed some other ideas such as using the slabs of walnut we have to be made into a coffee table, a puzzle table with drawers, or look at some of the magazines and books that are in the Guild library for other projects. Any of the projects can be used as teaching lessons for Guild members. Lynn stressed that we did not have to restrict our donations to one project.

Jennifer Percell reported on her work with the Sisters of Solace women. She said their first projects were simple cutting boards and coasters, Jen commented that the women were excited to build the projects and did a really good job with them. She still needs sanders and other tools, she said, to be able to expand their ability to do other projects.

Lynn then talked about the Guild participation in Family Day at the Pony Express Museum and again thanked those who volunteered to help make cars with kids. He said the next event we in which we will participate is the judging for student projects for NWTEAM. That will be at MWSU on April 25. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be at the next meeting.

Several people had member health updates. Darwin St. Myers had a leg injury some time ago and is home and doing physical therapy to strengthen his leg. Richard (Rick) Tolbert is improving from cancer treatment and is beginning to get out and do more but gets tired easily. And Allen Kline had knee replacement surgery in late February and is home.

Dean Fleshman announced that the St. Joseph School District is having a surplus auction on March 29. The advertisement from Masoner Auction shows some small lathes that will be in the auction. Dean said that there is a wide variety of equipment, cabinets, and other items that could be used in a wood shop.

Tom Russell said he has a number of Stanley plane parts that he would like to sell or give away for people to repair their planes. Contact him (tomrussell@stjoelive.com) to see what he has available. He also needs some help replacing a part on his table saw.

## **Sho-N-Tell**

There were some good projects for the Sho-N-Tell time this month.

Kevin Crawford — a large sign for a friend made from a slab of pine he bought at Menards. He used a glaze over a seal coat of shellac and then a final finish coat of spar polyurethane.

Andy Hastings — a maple and cambia (heat treated ash) segmented bowl finished with 24 coats of wipe-on polyurethane.

Ralph Alvarez — a knife and scabbard. The knife handle was made from burl wood given away at the February meeting. He also brought a relief carving of a pelican made of basswood.

Dean Fleshman — a bowl for his granddaughter made of mahogany, purple heart, walnut, and curly maple.



*Kevin describing building his sign.*



*Andy showing the before and after for his bowl.*



*Andy showing the end result of his bowl turning.*

Frank Shores — a round cribbage board of walnut.



*Ralph and the pelican carving.*



*Ralph with the knife and scabbard.*



Tom Russell — two bowls: a maple one that was patterned from a Norse drinking bowl and an oak segmented bowl.

Justin Smith — a box of small crosses he made from oak staves reclaimed from bourbon barrels.



*Tom explaining the bowl assembly.*



*Dean pointing to the different woods in his bowl.*



*Frank holding his cribbage board.*



*Tom showing his two bowls.*



*Justin showing his small crosses.*

## **March Program**

The March program was provided by longtime member Ed Roberts. He brought several items to show the audience about picture framing. He started off showing several different styles of frames from square, rectangular, and hexagonal. He also had an antique frame that was very crudely assembled, especially compared to the modern frames Ed built. Ed showed the use of splines to join and strengthen the corners of all types of frames. Splines can be decorative or simply a method of reinforcing the joint. Ed explained that gluing the corners of frames is not always the best way of joining the angled ends. That is because the cuts are end grain to end grain joints and do not glue together with adequate strength. Ed brought the jig he uses on the table saw to assure accurate cuts on the frame ends. Dean Fleshman also brought a jig that was more complex but would do the same thing. Wooden biscuits can also be used on the back side of a frame to strengthen the corners of frames. Ed stated that he used his miter saw for many of the cuts and has no problem with accuracy but stresses that each miter saw should be checked before making the cuts. He showed one frame that was made with two levels on the face of the frame. The splines he added to this frame were attached to the outside corners of the face of the frame instead inside the corners. Ed showed the Bessy band clamp that he uses to hold the four sides of the frame together. He mentioned that bar clamps tend to make the parts slide apart when the clamps are tightened. He described the methods he uses to cut the rabbet for the picture and glass and for the moldings. Ed said that it is much easier and safer to cut the rabbets and molding in a long board and then cut the angles for the corners. Using the miter saw to cut compound



*Showing and talking about a rustic frame.*



*Talking about a typical frame.*

angles can lead to a very unique frame that is not flat. Ed also had several different jigs that he used to cut splines in the frame corners. Some were straight, some were angled, while others used a dovetail bit on the router table. Thanks to Ed for providing an excellent program.



*Showing the jig to cut 45° frame corners.*



*Dean showing his angle jig.*



*Explaining the cutting of hex frames.*

## **Upcoming Events**

- NWTEAM Judging - April 25, 8:30 AM to NoonM
- Pony Express Museum Day Camp - July 14-17 and 21-23

## **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.



*Explaining the rabbit cutting.*

## **Social Media**

Don't forget that the Guild has a Facebook page, [St. Joseph Woodworkers Guild](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephwoodworkersguild), and a website, [www.stjosephwoodguild.com](http://www.stjosephwoodguild.com), that you can use to let others know about your hobby.

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