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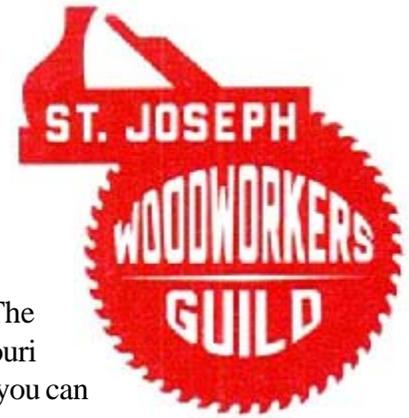
# ST. JOSEPH WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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## June Meeting

**Tuesday, June 10 at 7 PM**

The June meeting will be at the Guild Shop, the lower level of 302 South 8th. The program for the June meeting will be provided by Timothy Wolf, forester for the Missouri Conservation Department. He will be talking about the future of our forests and what you can do to continue to have a abundant lumber supply. We will have our usual short business meeting and a Sho-N-Tell time where you can show off the projects on which you have been working. Bring a chair and park in the lot across the alley to the west of the shop.

## May Meeting Notes

Lynn Anderson welcomed the audience and asked if there were any visitors. Seeing none, he asked Rusty Cook to provide a treasurer's report which he did commenting on the number of those who have paid their annual dues.

Rusty had a very brief update for the Guild shop. He then began a discussion about having fees for the use of the shop to help cover some of the costs of the Guild. The current rocking chair project started some thought that we need to look at some fund raising due to using machines and supplies. The combined cost of our insurance, utilities, and website is about \$1,500 per year. If there are 50 dues paying members, that would pay the annual expenses, but that does not cover all the incidental cost of supplies, materials, and other assorted costs to keep the shop operating. There was a lot of discussion with a lot of good ideas. At the end of the discussion, three ideas emerged as the most popular. 1) Project charge - the person heading up the project can set the cost to cover supplies. Wood would be sold at \$2 a board foot for plain boards (Bluetree wood is always free). Any needed machining on boards would increase the cost to \$5 a board foot. This would be voted on annually by Guild members. 2) A per hour charge (\$5 per hour with 2 hour minimum) for use of the shop and machines. 3) A cost per individual class (like rocking chair) to cover wood and supplies. Charges for the use of the laser engraver would be separate as we are still learning the process to do a quality job. There was also discussion to ask for a donation (similar to a tip jar) and to have an honor system with a suggested rate per hour. Another mention was to increase the annual dues to a higher amount. There was not a lot of support for this as we want to keep the dues lower to encourage more membership. No matter what the ending decision, all users must pass safety training before using the shop.

Lynn mentioned that our box project for the Noyes Home has been completed. Fifteen boxes were completed with a child's name on the top, the image of the Noyes Home on the inside lid, and the Guild logo on the bottom. A thank you to Ralph Alvarez and Ed Roberts for being the teachers and coaches for the box build and several Guild members for completing the boxes. The boxes were distributed to the students on May 10 at the Mother's Day flower box building at Noyes Home.



*Rusty, Tom, and Lynn with a Noyes Home student.*



*Lynn showing a Noyes Home box.*

The flower boxes were a hit with the Noyes Home kids as there were no others that signed up to build boxes. Several Guild members had built the flower boxes as kits earlier in April. Kevin Crawford created wooden flowers on his CNC to add to the completed boxes. A big thank you to Moffet Nursery for donating the flowers, Lynn Anderson for the soil, and to Ed Roberts, Rusty Cook, Kevin Crawford, Tom Engle, Jennifer Persell, and Ralph and Patti Alvarez for helping to complete 20 flower boxes.

Jennifer Percell stood to tell the audience that the Sisters of Solace have an engraving machine and to thank Kevin Crawford for assisting the group of women to use the machine.



*Lynn with a flower box kit.*

Lynn reported that there are seven or eight rocking chairs being build in the current Guild project. Individuals are building their own chair and also one for the Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction later in the year. Ralph Alvarez, Dave Halter, and Ed Roberts are the teachers for the project. Ed had built a chair earlier for his late-wife and had it at the meeting. Ed mentioned that former Guild member, Roy Hinton, had made the templates being used in the project build.



*Working on the rocking chair project.*



*Don, Ed, and Tom working on rocking chairs.*

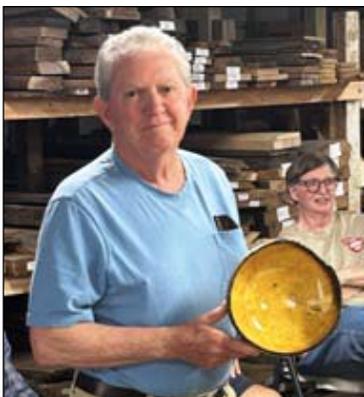


*The sample rocking chair.*

## **Sho-N-Tell**

Ken Gerber — a bowl made from a mulberry burl. The burl came from a tree that was near Lake Contrary and was burnt at sometime in the past.

Tom Engel — a bird house made in the shape of a cat. The pattern comes from the Winfield Collection catalog and was built for his wife. Tom brought the pattern so the audience could see the complexity of the patterns and how easily it is to build Winfield projects. Tom mentioned



*Ken displaying his burl bowl.*



*Tom explaining the cat bird house.*



*Tom showing the Winfield pattern.*

that he will be building cell phone holders for his co-workers before he retires later this year.

Dave Halter — an oak memory box built with oak splines to hold military items for a friend of his daughter. A folded flag and other items are to be added later.

Justin Smith — oak barrel lids and staves from a bourbon distillery in Kentucky he picked up on a recent trip. He explained the two different type of lids and why the staves were charred. Each top was stamped with a lot number, manufacturer, and date. He also brought some railroad spikes and rail ties from the Fort Knox area. He left his sho-n-tell items for the Guild use.

Ed Roberts — a rocking chair made of ash - which is the example being used for the Guild rocker project.



*Dave showing the memory box.*



*Justin showing a barrel stave*



*Justin showing the barrel lids.*



*Ed showing his rocking chair.*

## **May Program**

Lou Dreon, a welding engineer, provided a very comprehensive program of steel used in woodworking tools. As woodworkers, we know a lot about the characteristics of wood and what that affects when we build. But we know very little about the material we use to cut and shape the wood. Lou started by talking about what is steel and then went through the different types of steel. He talked about how the carbon content varies in the different types and what that means in the steel's ability to be used in woodworking tools. He mentioned that the carbon content affected the steels's toughness and bendability. Lou had an illustration of the grain in steel and discussed how grain size and the grain direction also affects the characteristics of steel and how it can be used. He went on to talk about the classes of steel and what each one would be typically used on which tool so the



*Lou starting his presentation.*



*Lou discussing metals.*

audience had some idea what there were the differences. He also briefly discussed steel can be cryogenically treated with very low temperatures and some of the advantages of that treatment. Lou passed out a large handout with a great deal of technical information which the audience could look at later. His very interesting discussion was interrupted a bit when the

folding chair, in which Lynn Anderson was sitting, collapsed placing Lynn's backside squarely on the floor. It was a very interesting presentation and we thank Lou for spending the time to research and present the information.



*Lynn disturbing the presentation!*

## Upcoming Events

- Sawdust Fest - 8 to 5, June 14 at King City MO. Sponsored by Millers Rustic Sawmill (info at sawdustfest.com)
- Pony Express Museum Day Camp - July 14-17 and 21-23
- Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction - 6 PM on September 13 at Fulkerson Center on MWSU Campus

## 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](http://www.stjosephwoodguild.com), that you can use to let others know about your hobby.

## 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.

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