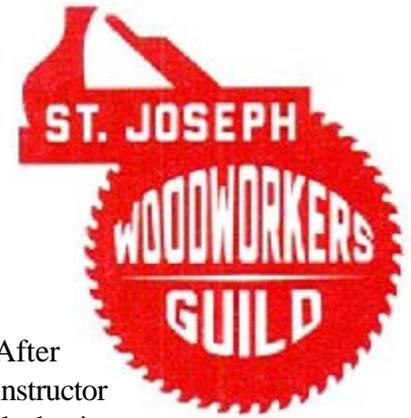

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July Meeting

Tuesday, July 8 at 7 PM

The July meeting will be at Tobiason Studio, the upper level of 302 South 8th. After the business meeting and Sho-N-Tell time, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Industrial Technology instructor at Central High School, will provide a program about woodworking in high school and what is in the future of our craft. Bring your project to show off to the audience and a chair and enjoy an evening with other woodworker types!

June Meeting Notes

After welcoming two visitors, Guild president Lynn Anderson asked for a treasurer's report and shop update from Rusty Cook. Rusty reported that our balance was still in good shape and the shop was busy with projects. He said the current project is building 175 to 200 toy covered wagons for the upcoming Pony Express Day Camp. Guild volunteers will help at several events to help the kids complete the wagons during the camp. Rusty said that Guild members have completed about 75 wagons at the time of the meeting.

Lynn stated that the rocking chair builds were coming along well. The next step will be to begin assembling the chairs by drilling holes in the various parts. Then the parts will be glued together. All the volunteers will be assembling a separate rocker which will be donated for the Noyes Home Auction in September.

Lynn began a discussion about the shop costs and usage which was talked about some at the May meeting. He reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting in detail. Two subjects were initially agreed upon: all users of the shop must be dues paying members and all users must pass the safety training and tests. The discussion then was broken down by material and project or shop use.

Material:

1. Wood that is supplied from Bluetree Caseworks is free to members when it is available.
2. Wood purchased from the Guild without any milling is \$2 a board foot (BF).
3. Wood purchased from the Guild and requiring milling on the Guild shop equipment is \$5 BF.
4. Wood furnished by a member and requiring milling on the Guild shop equipment will have fee of \$3 BF.

Projects

1. If the project is being built in a Guild class, the class would be taught by an experienced Guild member who will also decide the cost of the class and any supplies furnished by the Guild. Class participants will pay for the cost.
2. A community support project is one built for the good of another community organization. If it is proposed by a Guild member, the costs for the project is to be covered by the Guild member. If the project is proposed and is approved by Guild members at a monthly meeting, the costs will be covered by the Guild.
3. Open shop time (member working on a project of their own) will have a fee of \$5 per hour with a two hour minimum. Open shop time will depend on the availability of the shop manager or another member to open the shop and stay until the individual's work is completed.
4. Use of the engraving machine will currently be set by Rusty Cook as he is the only person trained on the operation and use at this time.

The above fees will be in effect until the end of 2025 and then will be reviewed and voted on annually. Ralph Alvarez made a motion to approve the above and Rick Tolbert provided the second. The vote of the audience approved the program.

Ralph Alvarez brought up a possible project for members to work on next. He said he had plans for a small cabinet, about 10" x 24" in size. Ralph had a photo of the cabinet that was passed around the audience. He said it would be a good teaching experience to learn a number of woodworking skills including mortise and tenon joints, moldings, raised panels, tongue and groove boards for the cabinet back, drawers, and doors. More about this in the future.

Lynn mentioned at the end of the business meeting that he had spoken to Darwin St. Myers and he is continuing treatment for his medical situation. Frank Shores said that Richard Phillips had been in the hospital for some back problems and an infection.

Sho-N-Tell

Tom Engel — some of the cell phone holders which he is making for his coworkers before his upcoming retirement. He making about 50 cell phone holders in various animals and sports figures on the scroll saw from walnut, cherry, and poplar.



Tom holding some of his cell phone holders.



Tom showing some of the detail on his cell phone holders.



Tom and the plans for his project.

Justin Smith — a live edge walnut serving tray with an oiled finish. He is donating the tray for the Noyes Home Auction in September.

Ken Gerber — a sculpture made from a purple heart bowl that blew apart on the lathe. He also brought a staved bowl made of sipo, also called sipo mahogany, a wood from Africa. The bowl may be donated to the Noyes Home auction. Ken also passed around a photo of the tree from which the bowl came that he showed at the May meeting.



Justin showing the serving tray.



Ken showing the sculpture piece.



Ken and his Sipo bowl.

Kevin Crawford — a seven-layer wall hanging made from plywood on his CNC. He finished it off with a handmade oak frame.



The burnt tree that yielded the burl.



The burl bowl that came from the burnt tree.



Kevin explaining his wall hanging.

June Program

A scheduling hiccup caused a change in our program for the June meeting. The Guild has a great variety of member skills and Kevin Crawford stepped up and explained some of the processes he used to create the wall hanging he displayed in the meeting. He briefly talked about what is required to create a project on the CNC. He commented that creating the image and setting it in the software that will run the CNC sometimes takes longer than the actual time on the CNC to create the project. Kevin discussed the Aspire software used to create the image and it's difficulty of operation. He went over some of his projects and the different aspects of image creation and the actual creation on the CNC. He also talked about the different materials that can be cut on the CNC such as plastic for signs. His information was easily understood and very helpful to look at if individuals were interested in venturing into the CNC world. Kevin was very helpful to answer several question through the presentation and further explain some of the different points he talked about. We very much thank Kevin for stepping in and doing a great job of our June program.



Kevin talking about his CNC projects.



Kevin answering a question from the audience.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Stoney Creek Craft Show - November 7 and 8 at Stoney Creek Event Center

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.

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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