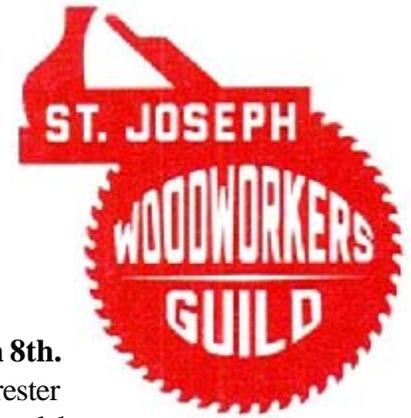

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM

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

We will have our usual business meeting and Sho-N-Tell time. Then Timothy Wolf, forester with the Missouri Conservation Department will be talking about our Missouri forests and the future of where our wood comes from. Don't forget to bring your project to show off to the audience and a chair and be ready to have a fun evening with other woodworkers!

August Meeting Notes

Guild president, Lynn Anderson, introduced to officers and called for any visitors. There was one visitor who introduced himself and told a little about himself. Rusty Cook was asked for a treasurers report which he provided and then gave a shop update. He mentioned that the rocking chair project was going well and most of the chairs would be done soon. He has started a sign-in sheet for anyone who comes to the shop during one of the work times so that the Guild is covered for liability. He and Ralph Alvarez have built a storage case for the cordless drills and chargers. It has been installed on a wall using a french cleat. He said we are getting a good quantity of MDF and particle board from a local cabinet shop. It is free to Guild members. Rusty announced that the shop would be open from 9 to 11 AM on most Monday and Wednesday mornings for members to use the shop and for shop maintenance.

Lynn stated that the Noyes Home rocker ended up being two chairs. The people making their own chairs made one rocker for the auction. And Kevin Crawford created another rocker from walnut using his CNC machine. Lynn mentioned that a new project will start building a bench and two stools from slabs cut from the Liberty tree burr oak that was cut down several years ago in Hyde Park. These will be donated to the Remington Center for the St. Joseph Parks Department.

Lynn said that the Guild needs to think about what we can build for the next Pony Express Day Camp. Ralph Alvarez showed a prototype toy boat he built from a 2 x 4 which looks like those Lewis and Clark used on their trip through Missouri to the west coast. Pete Peterson suggested a pull toy horse or cow might be a good item. Another idea suggested was a locomotive and Frank Shores mentioned a wagon made from sections of stair railing. More discussion will be held at later meetings.

Lynn stated that we need to decide on another project for people to work on in the shop similar to the rocker project. He said some suggestions are a sandpaper holder, a small table or cabinet. It should be a project that is simple enough to encourage people to want to build but that will also build on the skill levels of the participants.

Lynn announced that there will be a sawmill day on Saturday, August 16. He is furnishing the logs and will share half of the slabs that are cut with the Guild. Lynn will deliver them to the sawmill site at Ralph Alvarez's shop and bring his skid steer to help handle the logs. It will start at 8 AM and he asked for some volunteers to assist the work.

Rusty Cook asked LeRoy Gray up for an announcement at the end of the meeting. LeRoy said that through different purchases he has several table saws. He announced that he was going to donate a Powermatic 3 phase saw to the Guild. The saw will be moved sometime in October to the Guild shop. Rusty said he had been wanting to replace the Craftsman table saw we have been using with something more powerful and that has some better safety features. A huge thank you to LeRoy for the generous contribution to the Guild and our mission.

Sho-N-Tell

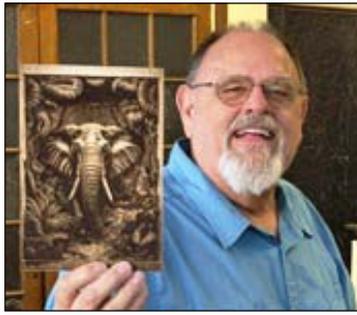
Kevin Crawford — a laser cut elephant plaque and a box made of Kentucky coffee wood and walnut. The box was finished with Odie's Oil.

Rick Tolbert — one of the plaques he made to thank nurses for his care during his past illness. The plaques are made of 1/2" baltic birch.

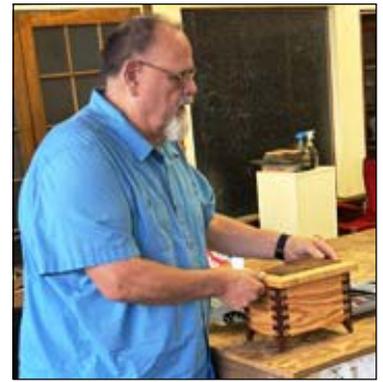
Lynn Anderson — a serving board made from ash.

Ralph Alvarez — a carving of a seashore scene with lots of textures and different techniques. Made of basswood with a walnut frame.

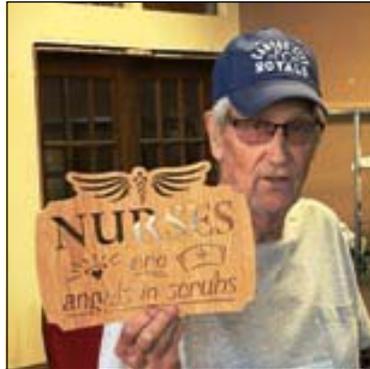
LeRoy Gray — two of the carvings of birds on pieces of slate he was giving to his wife. Kevin Crawford actually did the carvings on his laser.



Kevin and his laser drawing.



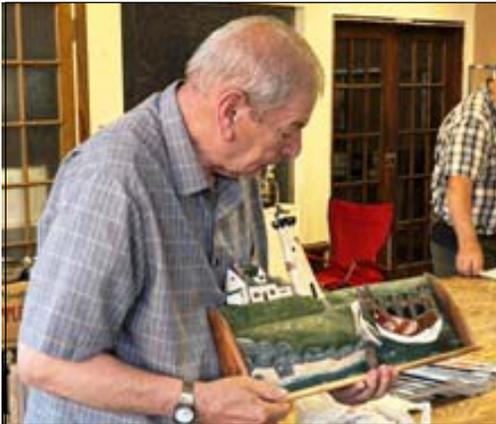
Kevin showing his box.



Rick holding the nurses plaque.



Lynn explaining the serving board.



Ralph holding his carving.



LeRoy holding the slate pieces.



Steve holding his animal.

Steve Davidson — a piece of yard art he created from chunks of wood donated by Cherie Riddle. We couldn't decide if it was a salamander, lizard or a mythical being.

David Halter — a scraper shave made with maple on the handle and walnut as the scraper blade holder.

Frank Shores — a number of Handyman and other similar magazines to give away.

August Program

The Guild was happy to have Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Industrial Arts instructor at Central High School, come and tell us about woodworking in schools. She teaches six classes - about 175 students - in grades 9 through 12 for both beginning and advanced woodworking. She has both boys and girls in the classes with the number of girls increasing. She also has to deal with non-English speaking



Dave holding his scraper shave.



Frank talking about the magazines

students. Jennifer said that there had not been a woodworking teacher for several years before she started last year. She listed some of the equipment in the shop: SawStop table saw, planer, scroll saws, and jointer. She recently received a laser engraver through a successful grant application. The shop is well equipped and pleasant to work in she said. Jennifer begins with safety as the first item she teaches the students. She said 75% of the students had not even picked up a cordless drill before coming to the class. She stressed that she is trying to teach technology along with tradition to engage the students better. Jennifer wants to help her students know what careers are available through teaching wood shop and better equip them for the future. She talked about one of her projects the students completed. Jennifer asked the students to create signs from businesses both current and closed in St. Joseph. The students had to research the business and then create the sign the business used. Students created 22 different signs for the project. Jennifer wants to display the signs and the company write up somewhere so the public can see the students work. Jennifer asked the Guild to become more involved with the students and the classes. She said we could be guest speakers, donate material, or think of other ways to help. Thank you to Jennifer for a very interesting and informative program.



Jennifer talking about woodworking in school.

Sawmill Day Photos

A group of volunteers gathered Saturday morning, August 16, to saw logs at the Guild sawmill site. Lynn Anderson donated the logs to be milled for half of the lumber giving the Guild the other half. The crew worked hard and the sawmill worked well and the logs were milled. The slabs were taken to the Guild shop entry and were stickered and stacked for use later after they air dry. Thanks to Don St. Cyr, Lynn Anderson, Frank Shores, Ralph Alvarez, Ernie (Ralph's neighbor, Rusty Cook, and Jay Hales for a hard morning working at the mill.



L to R: Ralph, Frank, Lynn, Rusty (behind Lynn), Jay, and Ralph's neighbor.



Ralph running for the mill.



Rusty standing and Lynn behind the mill.



Jay, Pete, and an unidentified young man watching the milling.



Rusty doing his Egyptian Walk imitation!

Noyes Home Rocker Display

On August 21st, some of the Noyes Home rockers makers came together to both show off their skills and be interviewed by KQ2 in order to promote the Take A Seat Auction occurring later in September. Don St. Cyr, Pete Peterson, Lynn Anderson, Jennifer Percell, Ralph Alvarez, and Kevin Crawford joined Ed Roberts in front of the Noyes Home building to display the rockers the individuals made along with the two rockers made for the auction. KQ2 interviewed Lynn, Kevin, and a very reluctant Ed for the television video. All had great interviews, but, sadly, the final video only featured parts of Lynn's interview due to the restrictions of time. Look for the video on KQ2's website.



The rockers on display in front of Noyes Home.



Don St. Cyr talking to bystanders.



Ed, Chelsea Howlett, Noyes Home Director and Lynn before Ed's interview.



The makers in front of the Noyes Home rockers.



Lynn being interviewed.



L to R: Jennifer, Don, Kevin, Ed, Lynn and Ralph sitting in the chairs which they built.

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



Kevin behind the walnut rocker made on the CNC.

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

Upcoming Events

- Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction - 6 PM on September 13 at Fulkerson Center on MWSU Campus
- Noyes Home Block Party - 12-2 PM on Saturday, October 4
- Stoney Creek Craft Show - November 7 and 8 at Stoney Creek Event Center

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

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A European band saw powered by a farm tractor. Don't you wish you had that kind of power?

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