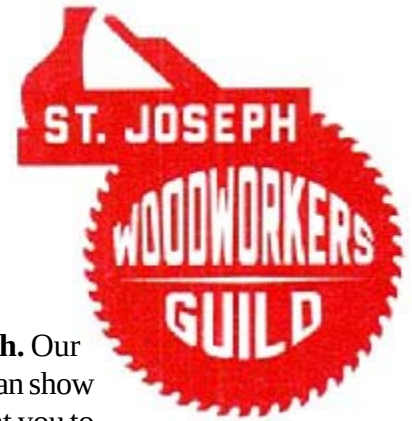

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October Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 at 7 PM

The October meeting will be at the Guild Shop, the lower level of 302 South 8th. Our meeting will begin with a short business meeting and the Sho-N-Tell time where you can show off your latest projects. Our October program will depend on the audience as we want you to bring ideas to be made for Christmas gifts. Simple or complex, show your examples, plans, and ideas and share with the others so we will all be making some great items for Christmas. Bring something for seating and your projects to inspire other people who appreciate woodworking and be ready to learn something new.

September Meeting Notes

Guild President Lynn Anderson opened the meeting looking for any visitors which there were none. After introducing the other Guild officers, he asked Rusty Cook, Treasurer, to give a report. Rusty stated that our bank balance was good. He said there would be a \$150 payment for a small bandsaw purchased for the shop. It will be good to have to be able to do smaller projects so the larger bandsaw can be kept for resawing. He also said that the Guild sold some slabs for \$145 so the that income balances out the expense. Rusty mentioned that we will have an annual liability insurance payment of \$465 to be paid yet this year. He described some of the coverage that the Guild receives from the insurance.

Lynn said that he received five tickets for the Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction and had one left to give away. After some discussion one of the audience members was chosen to receive that ticket. The others had been given to Guild officers and some of the chair makers. The rockers to be donated for the Noyes Home auction have been completed and will be delivered to the Noyes Home staff in the next few days.

Ralph Alvarez talked about the benches being made for the Remington Center from the burr oak Liberty Tree. There are three benches, two smaller in size and one large one. The benches have legs that are splayed to 10° on each side which were cut on a special jig. Most of the work on the legs was done using hand tools. Kevin Crawford is doing the inlay for the large bench on his CNC.



One of the small benches.



Top of the large bench.



Ralph explaining how the bench legs are cut on a special jig.

Keel boats, similar to those used by Lewis and Clark to navigate the Missouri River, will be the project for next year's Pony Express Day Camp. They will again be made of construction lumber and the kids will be able to add a mast, sail, and rudder and paint the boats. The next Guild project may be a small cabinet. We will again build it in our shop as a cabinet for each individual and also build one or more to donate to the auction. More on that in the future.

Sho-N-Tell

Kevin Crawford — three laser engraved plaques depicting humming birds, a Halloween scene, and a dragon, made from basswood plywood. Kevin also made the frame for each plaque. He also exhibited the walnut rocker he made on the CNC for the Noyes Home Auction.



Kevin holding the hummingbird plaque.



Kevin and his Halloween plaque.



Kevin's rocker made for the Auction

Don St. Cyr — a vintage Wil-Kro razor plane that uses double edge razor blades as a plane iron. He also exhibited a spalted hackberry rocker that he made in the past few weeks with the other rocker builders.



Kevin showing the dragon plaque.



Don holding the vintage plane.



The rocker that Don built.

Pete Peterson — a replacement wooden hand saw handle made to replace a plastic handle. He found a pattern and modified it to fit the saw plate (blade) he had. He is building a second handle for another saw he has having a broken handle. Pete said that there were several sizes of handles on the pattern to be used according to the size of the users hand.



Pete showing his new and old handle.



Showing the pattern and the completed saw.

Frank Shores — a cell phone amplifier made of box elder.



*Frank and his
cellphone speaker*

September Program

Timothy Wolf, Missouri Conservation Commission Forest Management Agent, came to the Guild meeting to tell us about Missouri forests and what we have to look forward to in the future. Timothy has been in this position for the past nine years and now is responsible for the area covered in the Platte Purchase: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Holt, Nodaway, and Platte counties. He talked about the time before the current forests which was prairie from Colorado to Missouri. He stated that it was common to have fires on the prairie as a part of the natural management. As man came west, so did the trees for the forests we have now. Forests now provide millions of board feet of lumber from a great number of family-owned lumber mills. Timothy said that the forests are highly sustainable having more growing than cutting. One of his concerns is the damage from invasive plant species such as Bush Honeysuckle. Wintercreeper is another invasive that grows up a tree and kills the tree over time. Other invasive plants are Bradford pear and Tree of Heaven. The invasive plants tend to push out the natural species keeping the forests from growing well. Timothy described our area as woodlands and not true forests. Our area does have what he described as “trash trees” such as cottonwood which are good for products like pallets and shipping blocking. We also have trees for the timber market used for decorative materials and flooring such as the different oaks, black walnut, and wild cherry. There is very little building structure trees such as white pine in our area or most of Missouri. Timothy works with land owners to manage the wooded areas cleaning up the invasive species allowing for the growth of existing trees and improving the land for the growth of new trees. Timothy provided a very interesting and informative program and ended up staying for a short time after the formal program to answer audience questions. Thanks to Timothy for spending the evening with us.



Speaking about the Missouri forests.



Timothy answering audience questions.



Timothy discussing timber production while Kevin looks on.

Noyes Home Block Party

Noyes Home had their annual block party on Saturday, October 4. The Guild was in attendance helping kids make tops, wagons, and cars. We also had the scroll saw there to make animals, birds, and dinosaurs. Lynn Anderson, Ed Roberts, and Roger Martin manned the tables staying busy for the two hour time of the party. The kids enjoyed the tops with one young man challenging Lynn to a contest



Lynn helping build a car at the Block Party.



Lynn and a young man having a top spinning contest.



Roger cutting animals on the scroll saw.



Ed working with a young man building a top.



Ed helping a young lady build a top.

seeing how long the tops would keep spinning. We believe Lynn was on the losing end more than winning! Roger stayed on the scroll saw cutting figures during the party having a hard time keeping up with the requests of animals and dinosaurs. It was fun to see the smiles as they took off with their toys. Thanks to Lynn, Ed and Roger for representing the Guild well.

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

Upcoming Events

- 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](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephwoodguild), 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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