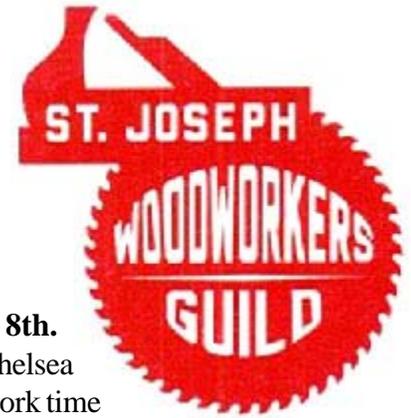

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November Meeting

Tuesday, November 11 at 7 PM

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

After our business meeting and Sho-N-Tell, we will listen to a short presentation by Chelsea Howlett, Executive Director of The Noyes Home. After that we are going to have a work time finishing and assembling doll cradles and wooden cars for the Adopt A Family event. We want to be able to finish the items for the kids to pick up before Christmas. Please come and be a part of getting all the items completed and work with some other great woodworkers.

October Meeting Notes

Having no visitors, our president, Lynn Anderson, asked the treasurer for the report, which was good, and then started off with a report of our last month's activities. He said the Noyes Home Block Party was well attended with lots of kids stopping by the Guild table to make cars or tops. He reported that the items donated to the Noyes Home Auction sold well. The walnut rocking chair built partially with the CNC by Kevin Crawford sold for \$1069 and the rocker built as a Guild project from Burr Oak brought \$607. The two rockers were bought by the same couple. Jeremy Burleson also donated a project that sold for \$180. A big thanks to all the people who worked on the rockers for the auction.

Lynne reported on the progress of the the current projects in the shop. The benches for the Parks Department which will be used at the Remington Center are coming along well. Kevin Crawford inset some butterfly patches in the bottom of the big bench to repair a crack that was developing in the wood. The benches still have to have the leg stretchers installed and the finish applied to the wood. Upon completion, the benches will be delivered to Jeff Atkins, Director of Parks and Recreation.



Butterflys under the bench.



Darrell looking at airplane.

Lynn discussed several potential projects for the future.

He stated that the group meeting on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the shop had built an airplane as a possible toy for future Adopt A Family events. A possible future Guild project that could also be put in the next Noyes Auction would be a bookcase. Lynn had also been asked by the Noyes Home Director to see if the Guild can build some shelving in the building's attic. They would furnish the bulk of the materials and the Guild would provide the labor. This would mean that the materials would have to be carried up three flights of steps to the attic area. He suggested that we think of creating kits of material that could be moved to the attic area. Lynn had taken the measurements and is waiting on the Noyes Home Board to approve the plan.

Lynn told the audience that North Central Missouri College had contacted the Guild to ask if we could build a mace similar to the one we built for MWSU a few years ago. A group of Guild members have met with NCMC staff and begun planning for the mace construction. NCMC will provide more detail before Thanksgiving so that the Guild can begin construction for planned delivery in March or April, 2026.

November 7 and 8 is the craft show at Stoney Creek. The Guild is going to set up in the lobby of the event area with lathe and scrollsaw demonstrations along with possibly the shave horse. A few volunteers are needed to staff the booth either to operate the tools or just to visit with the people.

Lynn announced that Cherie Riddle's brother had died the week prior. Larry Riddle had been a Guild member for several years and had attended meetings even though he lived in Kansas City. His wife had died just a short time before him. Our condolences to Cherie and her family.

There was a short discussion about having the shop open one evening a week so members can work on Christmas gifts. It was decided that the shop would be open on Thursday evenings from 6-8 PM for a few weeks. This would be open to members only and each must pass the safety course before operating any equipment. Members can bring their own wood or purchase Guild wood at \$2 per BF. Members must also furnish their own supplies: sandpaper, fasteners, finish, etc.

Sho-N-Tell

Leslie Crum — a fairy house carved from basswood. The house opened up to show the tremendous detail just as was on the outside of the house.

Don St. Cyr — a trio of two wooden sabers and a dagger The sabers were made of pine and poplar with the dagger made of maple



Leslie and her carved fairy house.



The inside of the fairy house showing the detail.



Don and his wooden swords.

Ralph Alvarez — a Halloween carving of basswood with a walnut base.

Jennie Percell — talked about wooden kits she made for her grandson. She cut out the shape of a shield on the bandsaw and ordered medallions and other items to put on the shield. She gave it to her grandson who had to attach all the parts to the wooden shield and finish. Jennie also made him a sword to compliment his shield. She had previously made cars, a fire truck, and other items for a small town display for him.

Kevin Burelson — Winnie The Poo village made of hollow logs. He even decorated and finished the inside of the logs so Winnie and friends can stay warm and enjoy the time inside.



Ralph explaining his Halloween carving.



Jennifer describing her kits.



Kevin showing the Winnie The Pooh village.



A closer view of the village.



An inside look at the house.

October Program

The October program was more of a show and tell as it highlighted Christmas presents that can be easily made in the shop. Members were asked to bring projects that can be made for Christmas for all ages.

Lynn Anderson — A simple string and button toy. Pulling on the string spins the button (in this case, it was a wooden disk) and letting off the tension spins the button the opposite direction.

Coasters that were also puzzles.

A plan for a speaker made to amplify the sound of a cell phone.



Lynn demonstrating the string toy.



Closeup of the coaster puzzle.

Ed Roberts — A box made for a 9mm pistol. He brought the parts that were finished using the Beall Buffing System later to be assembled.

A box made of book matched wood to be completed with splines on the corners that will also make the feet for the box.

An octagonal box. All of the boxes will need lids made for each that will be glued on and then the box will have to lid cut off on a table saw.



Holding the plans for the cell phone speaker.



Ed describing the pistol box.



Ed holding the octagonal box.

Jennie Percell — Pairs of knitting needles made of wood. Jennifer talked about commercially made knitting needles costing \$50 a pair. And the wood hand made versions are less costly and can have much more variety. She spoke about making several different sizes from small to large. The needles can be made on a lathe or simply dowels that are sharpened and carved. She also said that crochet hooks can also be made if the hook is carefully carved on the end.



Jennifer and her knitting needles.

Ralph Alvarez — A napkin holder made from cutting board scraps.

Small baseball bats made on the lathe.

A catapult made to fire marshmallows across the room.

A simple whistle made from wood or from deer antler.



Ralph holding the napkin holder.



Ralph tooting his whistle.



Showing the catapult.

Roger Martin — House numbers made from wood to dress up the exterior of a home.

Simple 4 or 5 piece puzzles (his was a cat) made for small children. Roger warned that any items for small children should be of a size that will not go into the child's mouth and choke the child.

Christmas ornaments made on either the scroll saw or band saw.

Wooden toys such as cars, trucks, tractors, and train engines.

The items were quite inspirational and gave the audience some good ideas for projects to work on for Christmas or any other gifting time. Thanks to all who brought items to share with the audience.



Roger showing the puzzle with other toys in front of him on the table.



Talking about toy cars and train engines.

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](#), 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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