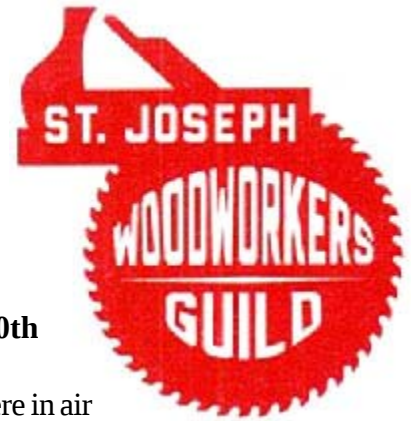

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August Meeting

Tuesday, August 11 at 7 PM

The August meeting will be at the Pony Bar, 1224 South 10th (NW corner of 10th and Mitchell). Parking in the Museum lot or on the street.

The Guild helped to renovate the Pony Bar and the Museum is allowing us to meet there in air conditioned comfort. There should be plenty of seating so leave your chairs at home. Our speaker for our meeting will be Seth Ebeling, manager of Metro Hardwoods in Independence, talking about what his store provides for woodworkers. Make sure to bring you items for a great Sho-N-Tell.

July Meeting Notes

A good crowd came to the meeting at BlueTree Caseworks including one visitor and Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting. After introducing herself, the visitor explained she wanted to learn more about woodworking. Lynn asked Treasurer Rusty Cook to tell about the finances. He said the balances were good and there was no outstanding bills requiring payment at this time. Rusty did mention that the Pony Express Museum was very happy with all the projects we have completed for them in the past few months.

Rusty also provided a shop update stating that Ed Roberts, Kevin Crawford, and Ralph Alvarez have met with Terri and Rick Rader. Terri and Rick want to begin sorting and organizing the tools and materials in the east side of the lower floor in anticipation of the sale of the building. The east side has had tools and materials belonging to the Raders and they want to clear it out so that the Guild can expand our shop area. Tools will be sorted as to what Raders want to keep, what can be sold, and what the Guild can have. Raders will have a dumpster for disposal of the trash after items are sorted out. An email will be sent notifying the membership when the clean up will occur. Update: the clean up occurred on Saturday, July 18. Thanks to those who came on a hot Saturday morning to get the clean up done: Lynn Anderson, Ed Roberts, Ralph Alvarez, Jay Hales, Bob Jomes, Steve Davidson, Tom Engel, Rick Rader, Darrel Magee, Tracy Smith, Dale Andrews, Rusty Cook, Steve Bunse, and Dave Halter .



The shop after some of the clean up



The hard-working crew that helped clean up the east side of the lower level.

Lynn reported that there was no old business and no new business.

- Lynn did state that he brought another load of $\frac{3}{4}$ " particle board from a local cabinet shop in St. Joseph. He urged the membership to get all anyone wants for free. Some is larger pieces, some longer and narrow pieces, and many of the pieces are covered with laminate making the pieces good for shelving and many other uses if a slick surface is needed.

- Ed Roberts is completing a rocking horse that was being made for a local woman. Unfortunately, when he finished the horse, he discovered the woman to which it was intended had died. The family was deciding what to do.
- Guild members helped kids complete about 160 keelboats for the Pony Express Museum's Summer Camp on July 13th and 20th. Kids added a sail and rudder to each boat and then the kids could paint their boat before taking it home. On July 16th, Guild members helped 8 to 10 preschool kids complete their boats. Thanks to Jan and Tom Engel, Dave Halter, Rusty Cook, Roger Martin, Steve Bunse, Steve Davidson, Lynn Anderson, Jay Hales, Bob Jones, And Ralph Alvarez for helping campers.



Cindy Daffron, Pony Express Director, talking to the crew before kids arrive.



Jay, Tom and the others assisting kids.



Two campers working on mast installation



Steve, Jan, Tom, Dave, Lynn and Jay working with the kids.



Helping kids build the keelboats.



Completed keelboats waiting for the paint to dry.

- Projects for the Noyes Home annual auction will be started in the next week or two. This year Guild members will make quilt racks from walnut, oak, and other species for the auction. There are two boxes already completed to donate. Members may also donate projects for the auction.

Sho-N-Tell

Rusty Cook — A shoe bench made from oak that was donated by Blue Tree Caseworks. He used pocket hole joinery and finished the entire project with lacquer. The bottom shelf is tongue and groove pine. He said it is a very nice place to sit while he is removing or putting on his boots to go outside.



Rusty telling how easy pocket joinery is to build a project.



Rusty showing building details.

July Program

Our July program was taking a tour of BlueTree Caseworks and learning about what they do. Mike Richardson, Director of Production, gave us a tour of the facilities from delivery of the lumber to shipping of the final product to restaurants or to an individual locally. Bluetree specializes in commercial restaurant interiors building everything from cabinets, counters and complete interiors. They have been awarded several times for outstanding completion of jobs, customer service and rapid delivery. Mike took us through the process of building components showing us the lumber area where the basic items are cut and finished, the machining areas using CNC machines to cut sheet goods to minimize waste and errors, and the finish area where all the components come together. Bluetree also has a metal shop to provide whatever the job requires. With a relatively small staff, Blue tree provides major restaurant chains with what is needed to build or update their stores. One job required 300 cabinets to be built, delivered to multiple locations, and ready for installation in 60 days. Bluetree did it without missing a shipment and with no missing parts. The tour was very interesting to see the commercial side of wood-working and cabinet making. Bluetree has been a provider of free wood from their scraps for many years and the Guild thanks them for all the material that has made hundreds of projects. And a big thanks to Marc Hausman and Mike Richardson for allowing us to tour the facility and learn about one of our home town businesses.



The group before the tour.



Mike Richardson explaining buying lumber to Rusty, Lynn, Brian and the group.



Looking at the lumber area with a large cut off saw on the left and a glue up machine for table tops on the right.



Walking through the machining area with an edge bander on the left.



Darrell, Steve, Dave and Pete listening to Mike explain more about the machining area.



Mike explaining the finish area.

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 the 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

- Noyes Home Take A Seat Auction, **August 22**, St. Joseph Civic Arena
- Stony Creek Craft Show, **November 13-14**, Stony Creek Event Center

Social Media

Don't forget that the Guild has a Facebook page, [St. Joseph Woodworkers Guild](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephWoodworkersGuild), 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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