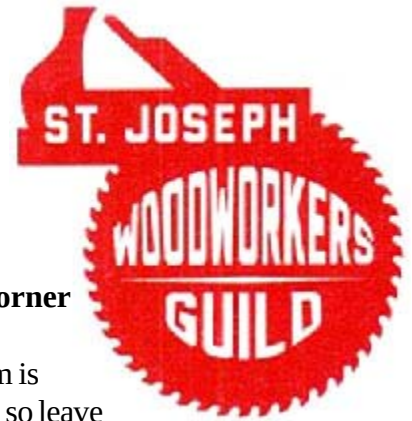

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 8 at 7 PM

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

With the hot weather in the past few days and forecast of the same ahead, the Museum is allowing us to meet there in air conditioned comfort. There should be plenty of seating so leave your chairs at home. Come and celebrate the beginning of Fall at the September meeting. After the usual business meeting and all the Sho-N-Tell you will bring, we will have a demonstration by Kevin Crawford on operating a laser to do a project. Bring your latest project to brag on and get together with other people who like sawdust glitter!

August Meeting Notes

Greeting the audience and introducing the Guild officers, Lynn Anderson started off the meeting at the Pony Bar asking our one visitor to introduce herself and talk about her woodworking experience. The visitor said she knew very little about woodworking and was there to learn more followed by applause from the group welcoming her. Treasurer Rusty Cook reported there was no important changes in our fund balance and asked if the audience wants more detail in his reports than just the fund balances. The consensus was that the level of detail was good and that he always explained any changes and answered all questions. Tom Engel made the motion to accept the treasurers report and Steve Davidson provided the second with the motion passing.

Rusty also gave a short shop update stating that it was too hot to do much in the building with the weather we have had. The Monday/Wednesday crew has been meeting at the shop of Ralph Alvarez for a few weeks since it is air conditioned. Rusty announced that he wants to step down as shop manager and the Guild needs another person to volunteer for the position. There were no immediate volunteers at the meeting. We will continue to look for Rusty's replacement.



Some of the Monday/Wednesday crew at Ralph's: (l to r) Kevin, Jay, Pete, Ralph Tom, and Jan.



Kevin and Jay discussing a project.



Lynn working on the hutch.

Lynn reported that there was no old business. There was several items of new business:

- Lynn stated that the continued shop cleanup resulted in a number of tools and other items that will be given away to Guild members. The event will occur on a Saturday morning and will be open ONLY to Guild members. An email will be sent out prior to the event telling of the date and time.
- John Cool asked if the Guild could make some items ahead to be used for other not for profit organization's events such as silent auctions. He suggested things like cutting boards, boxes, or other smaller items and inventory them in anticipation of requests for other organizations. It would help the Guild be more visible in the community and also help other organizations to raise money. Several members expressed interest in doing a project both for skill learning and to be ready to donate to others.

Lynn said there were no past projects being worked on at this time. There are some projects that will be given to the Noyes Home for the Take A Seat Auction fund raiser later in August. Those include boxes similar to those made for the Noyes Home graduates for 2025 and 2026. Ralph Alvarez showed a hutch he and other members are completing that will go to the auction. It is built of plywood and poplar and will be painted country slate blue. The hutch is made with sliding dovetail jointery and no fasteners. It features home made molding and a ship lapped back. Ralph mentioned that the hutch could be a teaching project in the future.



Lynn and the 2026 Noyes Home box.



Holding boxes for the auction.



Showing engraved top of the box.

Ralph also reported that the Guild has 160 airplane kits and asked if anyone knew if the 139th Air Guard at Rosecrans would be interested in using them at a Christmas celebration later this year. Dave Halter will check and see if there is interest at the Guard and get the name of a contact person at the Guard.

Noyes Home Auction Update

Ed Roberts, Kevin Crawford, and Tom and Jan Engels attended the Noyes Home auction on August 22nd. Ed reported the following items and their selling price at the auction.

Mahogany Chair donated by Kevin Crawford: \$135

Two bowls donated by Bob Donaldson and sold together: \$135

Bob also donated a lidded vase, but Ed didn't get a selling price on it.

Two walnut boxes made like Noyes Home 2025 boxes: \$70 each

Six sided walnut box with hackberry lid like Noyes Home 2026 box: \$120



Holding the 2026 box.



Ralph explaining the hutch build.

Country slate blue hutch: \$235

Paduk box with birdseye maple highlights donated by Ed Roberts: \$225

Thanks to all those who helped make the projects for a great organization.

Sho-N-Tell

Tom and Jan Engel — Two very fancy indoor birdhouses done with the scroll saw.



Tom showing one of his birdhouses.



Jan and Tom and their birdhouses.



Kevin speaking about his chair.

Kevin Crawford — A chair made of mahogany using dowel jointery so the attachment points are nearly invisible. The plan was from an on-line source and the wood was from De Kalb Missouri school bleachers. It was finished with Odie's Oil and featured cushions that were ordered on-line. Kevin may donate it to the Noyes Home Auction.

August Program

We were honored to have Seth Ebling, manager of Metro Hardwoods in Independence Missouri, as our featured speaker for the August meeting. He brought along his college student daughter, Mady, to assist him. Metro is one of the Guild sponsors where a member can get a 10% discount on wood products. The store is located at 4243 South Noland Road, just south of I-70. Seth came to tell us about what Metro can provide Guild members. He started off talking about extending the hours (7:30 AM to 7:30 PM and all day on Saturday) so the store is open to better serve the woodworking crowd. Seth listed some of the inventory he stocks including 60 species of wood, and Baltic birch plywood in both 5 x 5 and 4 x 8 sheets. The Baltic birch is in thicknesses from $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " by $\frac{1}{8}$ " so you should be able to get any size and thickness needed. Seth had developed several new ideas for the store. He keeps a rack for small pieces of exotic lumber that are 16" or less in length. He said that rift sawn white oak is very popular right now for projects and gave some idea of the comparable costs of some of the more popular species of wood. Seth also said he can cut down lumber so it can be loaded into a vehicle. Seth provided a lot of information and we were very happy to have him and his daughter come to the meeting. He was also generous and bought anyone who wanted a root beer or sarsaparilla from the Pony Bar. We thank for his generosity and his time for us.



*Mady and Seth Ebling talking to the crowd
(Seth drinking root beer).*

We had a second speaker at the meeting in that Kevin Crawford provided a comparison of the laser and the CNC for us to consider as to a future purchase. Kevin provided a handout comparing the two pieces of equipment and discussed what each could do. He also provided several examples of both laser and CNC projects for the audience to look at. He stressed

the laser can get very high detail and accuracy while the CNC can have a high level of accuracy and an increased depth of cut over the laser. There are some machines that provide a combination of a router CNC and a laser module. The Guild had acquired a used laser which no longer is functioning and is contemplating purchasing either a CNC, laser, or a combo machine. Kevin was asked to do some research about cost and report back to the membership at a future meeting.

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 meet-

ings, 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.



Seth answering a question.



Kevin talking about engravers and CNCs

Upcoming Events

- Stoney Creek Craft Show, **November 13-14**, Stoney Creek Event Center
- Army National Guard Christmas Party, **December 6**, National Guard Center, 301 N. Woodbine

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.

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