

St. Louis Woodworkers Guild

Next Meeting Thursday, May 17, 2018

Meeting Location:

Moolah Shrine Facility
12545 Fee Fee Road
St. Louis, MO 63146

[Click here for Map to the Meeting Location](#)

President's Letter – May 2018

This is the first time many of you may have heard of me, so I would like to introduce myself. I joined the Guild in 2009 when the Guild was still meeting at Woodcraft. I became a shop monitor when the open shops at Faust Park became a reality. In 2011 I assumed the duty of managing the Mini-Workshops for the Guild until I passed this task off to James Payne. In 2012, I became a

director, a position I have held for 6 years.

I was first introduced to power tool wood working while I was still in high school. I worked in a custom Door and Window shop for the next 3 years where I learned to use a table saw and routers, which became the primary tools I used for 40 years while I pursued a career as a cost accountant. Following my retirement in 2007, I purchased most of the other commonly used stationary tools.

It was only when I assumed the management of the Mini-Workshops that I was able to make full use of the new tools I had purchased, although I was introduced to many of the techniques by watching Norm Abrams on the New Yankee Workshop. I was a student of many of the Mini-Workshops. I managed to learn enough that, by practicing the things I learned, I was even able to actually teach others those same skills.

Enough about me, last month Jason Dakis gave an impressive presentation on how he goes from a concept idea to a finished product at Goebels & Company. One of the biggest surprises for me was that much of the mortise and tenon joinery needed screws to help hold it together because of the stress caused by the complex angles of the pieces.

This month we will be hearing from **Ken Stahl** of **Stahl Furniture Makers**. He will be telling us about **Steam Bending and Bent Wood Lamination**. His company only makes pieces that he designs, or uses a design furnished by the customer. If you would like to see samples of his work you can go to <http://www.stahlfurnituremakers.com> .

I look forward to the Guild continuing to grow and expand with your assistance over the next year. This can only happen with your help and ideas. Please feel

free to let me know anytime that we are doing something well, or if you feel we are drifting off course. My contact information is available on the private side of our website or you can send me an email at president@slwg.org and my phone number is listed below in this Newsletter.

I hope you can attend our meeting on the 17th, I will see you there.

Bob



Incoming President Bob Brinkman presented a Ron Bontz custom saw to outgoing President Mike Sistek.

Officers Elected at the April Meeting

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| President | | Bob Brinkman |
| Vice President | | Wayne Watson |
| Secretary | | Keith Lissant |
| Treasurer | | Tom Tierney |
| Director 4 Year | Violet Oman | Replaces Wayne Watson |
| Director 2 Year | Grant Black | Replaces Bob Brinkman |

Highlights of the April Meeting



Joinery Techniques in Custom Furniture

Jason Dakis

Goebel & Co. Furniture

Jason Dakis very capably substituted at the last minute for the owner of the company, Martin Goebel, who was called away at the last minute for a client

meeting. But Jason is the one who makes the designs happen, taking the ideas that Martin conceives and translating them into actual furniture that can be built using both simple and complex woodworking joinery techniques.

One of the first steps in the design process is to develop a model in SolidWorks, a 3D computer program. The design then evolves as production and joinery methods are determined in order to construct the furniture in the shop.

Jason presented several images of projects in various stages of construction and assembly.

You can see more of their products on their website at:

<https://www.goebelfurniture.com>



This Luna rocker was developed from a chair design by just adding the rockers. The rockers are based on a 44 foot circle. Only 5 inches of the rocker bottom contacts the floor when the rocker is used normally.



The curved benches were developed a few years ago and some of them were installed at Washington University about 2 years ago.



This table has a very complex leg assembly that uses various joinery techniques. Slip tenons are commonly used on their furniture construction.

Annual Financial Report

Tom Tierney, Guild Treasurer, presented the annual financial report to the membership for approval at the April Meeting as required by the Guild Bylaws. The report was voted on and approved by the membership.

Last Month's Show and Tell



Tom Zeller showed a couple of turned platters, one from cherry/maple/purpleheart and one from maple.

Jeff Nasser showed a 12" pepper mill he made from cherry and holly. He finished it with lacquer.





Jeff Morgan showed projects made on his homebuilt CNC machine including flags made from MDF and a walnut on maple maintenance badge replica.



Don Snyder gave a tool review for the Bridge City Tools Kerfmaker. He used a 3D printer to make a special holder for the Kerfmaker which attached to the saw table instead of the manufacturer's recommendation of putting in on the saw fence bar.



THE TOY CORNER



Faust Park Toy Build Day

Five members met on April 25th at the Faust Park shop to build toys. Four hours of fun produced 26 pickup trucks pulling trailers rolling off a well-honed assembly line. Thanks to those that participated (left to right) Bill Schuchat, John Mutrux, Vickie Berry, Bob Zahner. Not pictured was Wayne Humphrey. More Toy Days are planned so we hope to see a few more members participate...stay tuned for our next project announcement!

Rockler Toy Build Day

We're also happy to be participating in Rockler's Toy Build Day. Rockler customers will be invited to their store on Saturday, May 19th to build race cars

which will be donated to our toy program. The Guild needs to provide 4 people to work from 1 pm to 4 pm that day to supervise and assist customers in the construction. See below for address and link to map for Rockler. If you can work that day, please contact Wayne Humphrey at wehumphrey@hotmail.com.

Toy Tally

| Collected | Delivered |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| April -- 823 | April -- 561 |
| YTD -- 3,587 | YTD for 2018-- 2,464 |
| | Since 1994 -- 56,323! |

2018 Target and Challenge Results

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| Target for Delivered Items: 6,141 | To Date: 40% |
| | <i>Ahead of Schedule!</i> |
| Target for Member Participation: 30% | To Date: 9% |
| | <i>Still Looking for a few more 1st Timers!</i> |

Key Toy Contributors

| Over 100 Club | Over 300 Club |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bob Zahner - 260 | Steve Briner - 480 |
| Keith Lissant - 175 | Bill Meuth - 457 |

David Knudsen - 170

Rich Sanders - 437

Dale Norman - 160

Bill Schuchat - 130

Over 500 Club

Dan Sudkamp - 106

Wayne Humphrey - 678

Hospitals that we currently donate toys to include:

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

St. Louis Children's Hospital

Mercy Children's Hospital St. Louis

Shriners Hospitals for Children - St. Louis

Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital

Toy Committee

Wayne Humphrey: (314) 440-2173

Bob Zahner: (314) 291-1878

Vickie Berry: (972) 741-1944

Hal Donovan: (314) 570-6563

Bill Schuchat: (314) 406-1823

Please contact us with comments, suggestions or if you need to arrange pickup or delivery of toys.

SAVE THE DATE

Toy Build Day

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

Location: Rockler Woodworking and Hardware
11977 St Charles Rock Road - Suite 110A
Bridgeton, MO 63044

[Click for Map to Rockler Woodworking and Hardware](#)

Bring Me a Book Team Makes its First Delivery

The first batch of book boxes built by Guild members has been given to Bring Me A Book St Louis and were presented to first graders at the North Side Community School in St Louis on April 27, 2018. **Michael Shipley** presented the boxes and a book of bedtime stories to each of the children. **Tom Tierney** described how the boxes were built and answered questions from the children. KSDK TV was on hand to film the presentation and interview the participants in the event.

Thanks go to **Tom Tierney** who heads up this project for the guild. About 20 Guild members have participated in the project so far. If you would like to participate in the project, please contact Tom.

For those Guild Members who are delivering boxes to Tom Tierney at the meeting, please see Tom before unloading them from your vehicle. It will save some effort if the transfer can happen in the parking lot.



Shown in the above photograph (left to right) is Michael Shipley, Stella Erundu (Founding Principle of the school) and Tom Tierney. Not shown but who also participated is Wayne Humphrey.



Michael Shipley talking to the First Graders who received delivery of their first books and boxes.



Fundamentals of Woodworking Class

Beginning in May!

Learning the Essential Skills of Good Craftsmanship

Are you new to woodworking? Wondered how to get started? What tools to buy and when? If you answered yes to these questions, the Saint Louis Woodworkers Guild has the answers.

A new class, which is tailored for new woodworkers, is being formed. The class will meet once a month for ten total sessions. The course will cover the essentials needed to start you on your woodworking journey. For example in *lesson one* you will learn about wood, its properties, how to select it and how to buy it. Each following lesson will build on the previous class throughout the course

Succeeding lessons will introduce you to hand tools and their proper use. Woodworking machinery and the safe use of both stationary and portable power tools. How to plan a project and purchase the materials required through finishing will be covered. Joinery techniques from mortise and tenons to hand cut dovetails will be taught.

Throughout the course, lectures will be followed by practical hands on exercises that will build your skills and provide the knowledge required to become an accomplished and safe woodworker. The course will wrap up with the construction of two projects which will challenge you and put your new knowledge into play.

Some “homework” will be required between sessions. While not required, it is highly recommended that class members attend the Guild’s Safety Class so that they may utilize the shop between classes.

The class size will be limited so don’t put off signing up! You can pay for the class, one of two ways; either monthly, (at \$30.00 per session), or an upfront, onetime charge of \$250.00 for the total course. The cost of materials is extra and you should plan on acquiring some basic hand tools along the way.

The **first class** will be held at **U Pick Hardwoods** in St. Charles and is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. **Following classes** will be held at the **Faust Park Workshop** and will continue on the third Sunday of each month for the next ten months

To enroll see James Payne.

For questions contact Wayne Watson at workswood@earthlink.net or 314-541-3047

Additional Woodworking Classes

Held at Faust Park Workshop

Basic Veneering

When: Saturday, 23 June 2018

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Decorative Veneering

When: 17-18 Nov 2018

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$25
Materials: Veneer provided
Tool list: To be determined
Class Size: 6 students
Instructor: Mike Sistik

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Materials: Veneer Provided
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Payment for the above classes:

- Payment in advance required
- By check, mailed to Guild's PO Box
- Pay online Guild web page through PayPal
- Pay at the meeting to James Payne

Registration or Questions?

Contact James Payne jpayne.2011@gmail.com

Looking for a Web Site Designer

The Guild has found that the current web site is in need of upgrading so that it can be maintained by current operating systems. We are looking for an experienced volunteer(s) from the Guild membership to lead the effort to design and implement the new website to replace the existing one. Please contact one of the Guild officers or Directors if you would like to help out with this exciting project.

Faust Park Workshop Information

- ***To participate in the Workshop Safety Class or use the shop, you must have paid your 2018 Guild dues and have your new membership card.***

- ***To use the Guild Workshop during open hours, you must have passed a Workshop Safety Class.***

June Shop Hours

Next Shop Safety Class

June 2 & 3, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

June 5 & 6, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

June 9 & 10, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

June 12 & 13, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

When:

Thursday, May 24
6:30 PM

Where:

Faust Park Workshop

Duration:

Plan for 3 Hours

Cost:

\$20 for Current Members



If you are a current or retired Boeing employee you can now contribute to the St. Louis Woodworker's guild through the Boeing Gift Match program. The guild is now an approved charitable organization with the Boeing program. As an employee participant, your donation of \$25.00 USD or more or the equivalent volunteer hours of 25

hours or more will be matched 1:1 by Boeing. The maximum individual contribution is \$6,000 .00 or 6,000 volunteer hours. Your contribution is tax deductible as long as you follow three simple steps:

Step 1: Eligible Boeing employees or retirees first make a contribution directly to the guild

Step 2: After making your donation go to Total Access and click on My Community Giving – GIVE – Gift Match on the Boeing Gift Match page.

Step 3: Register your donation whether it's monetary or volunteer hours and select The St. Louis Woodworker's Guild and enter the total amount and the date of the contribution.

It's that easy, you get a great tax break and it benefits the guild directly. If you have any questions, please email Mike Sisteck at president@slwg.org and if I don't

know the answer, I will try to find it for you.



The St. Louis Woodworker's Guild is now listed with Amazon Smile.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite woodworker's guild every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the St. Louis Woodworker's Guild.

Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select the St. Louis Woodworker's Guild as your organization that you want to receive donations from your eligible purchases. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. You don't make the donation, Amazon Smile does. It truly is at no cost to you. Just make

sure you go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. If you have any questions on how the program works, just send an email to Mike Sistek at president@slwg.org .

Join The Guild Today!

Member Benefits Include:

- > Discounts at Guild sponsors
- > Access to the Guild Shop & Project Workshops
- > Access to a local community of woodworkers
- > Access to the secure portion of the website

Just Complete & Return This Application!

Or, bring the completed form to the next meeting and Join right there!!! Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted.

SLWG Officers, Board Members and Committee Leaders

President:

Bob Brinkmann - 314.378.1893

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Wayne Watson - 314.541.3047

Directors:

Grant Black (exp. 2020)

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Wayne Watson

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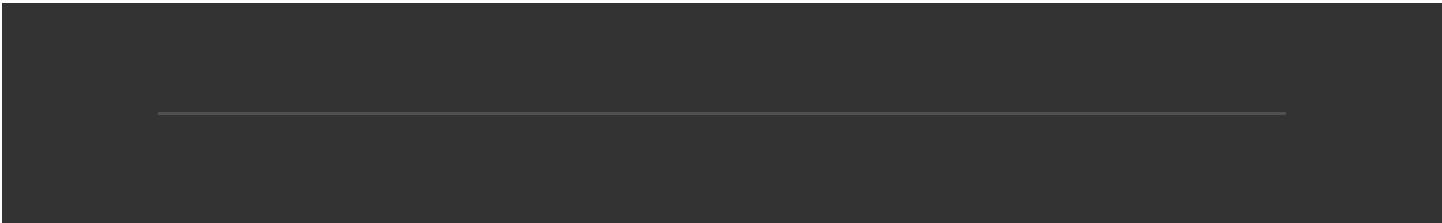
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