

BCWG November Meeting Minutes
November Meeting Held at Jim Woodfin's Shop
The next meeting will be on January 20 at 6 PM
Attendance of 30 Members

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Szymanski at the new time of 6 PM.

Announcements

Decisions were made to eliminate membership dues for 2026 and increase the “Sawdust in the Hat” gift cards to \$35 (the latter also including the addition of Home Depot to the existing Lowe's awards). These changes are in large part due to the careful guidance of the Guild's finances under Treasurer John DeLapa. Congratulations to John on a job well done! New members will continue to be assessed a one-time charge of \$35 upon joining the Guild.

Tom Hurst outlined this year's Christmas project which will entail working in conjunction with the St. Joseph Senior Center's Wood Shop on November 19 from 12-3. A motion was approved for donating \$300 to the Senior Center to help fund their operations.

All Guild officers were unanimously elected for another year of service. The officers for 2026 are:

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| President | Dennis Szymanski |
| Vice-President | Mark McGrane |
| Treasurer | John DeLapa |
| IT Director | Chris Cook |
| Secretary | Lindsey Smith |

Presentation

Jim Woodfin gave a detailed presentation on the various methods and materials he uses for finishing his business related projects. Jim's wealth of experience with the nuances and “tricks of the trade” were on full display.

Show & Tell

Bob Brown

Bob presented a spice cabinet made of walnut and poplar with holly string inlay. The finish was oil.





Bob Brown's Walnut and Poplar Spice Cabinet

Dick and Kim Massa

Dick and Kim brought several cutting boards made from combinations of walnut, cherry and maple. One of the boards exhibited a very attractive 3-D effect.



Dick and Kim Massa's Walnut, Cherry and Maple Cutting Boards

Dennis Szymanski

Dennis showed a pair of turned candle holders. One was made from ash and stained with purple Transtint while the other was made from cherry and stained with RIT dye.



Dennis Szymanski's Ash and Cherry Candle Holders

John DeLapa

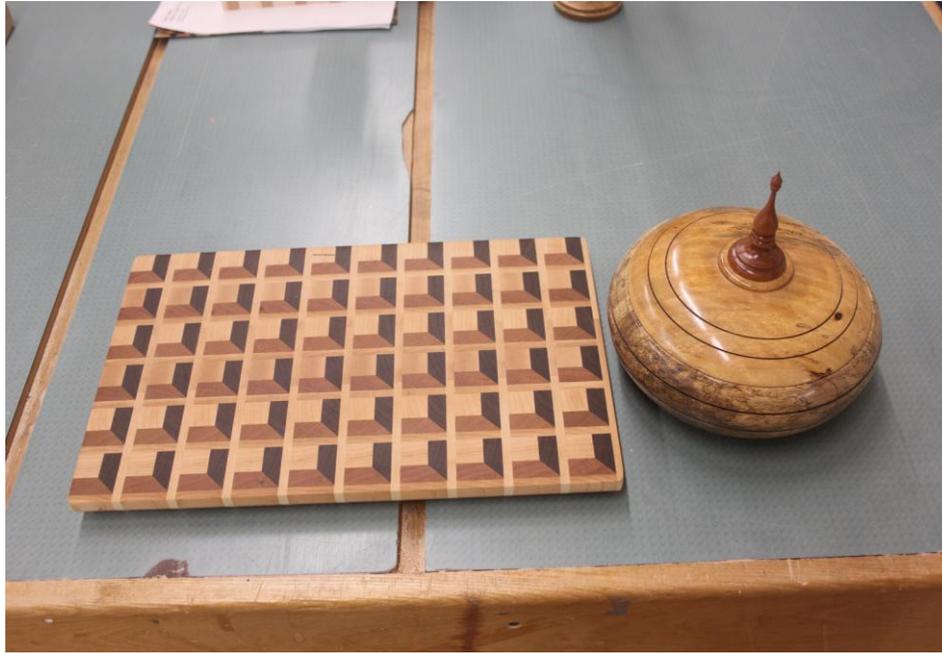
John displayed a parquetry box made of catalpa and finished with polyurethane.



John DeLapa's Catalpa Parquetry Box

Jim Woodfin

Jim showed a 3-D cutting board made from walnut, cherry and maple. He also brought a turned bowl made of spalted tamarind with a cherry finial.



Jim Woodfin's 3-D Cutting Board and Tamarind/Cherry Bowl

Dick and Kim Massa won the "Sawdust in the Hat" drawing for a \$25 Lowe's gift certificate.

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary