

Lately, several members have mentioned how our meetings are really just large social gatherings with some woodworking in the background. I agree wholeheartedly. It is this social aspect which drew us to our first meeting, and kept bringing us back. Luckily, we still have two social events on the calendar in August. On Sunday, August 23rd, we've reserved space at the Stone Grille and Taphouse, which is just down the street from the I-83 Queen Street exit. (204 St, Charles Way, York, 17402). We've reserved a space at 2 pm. Let's get together and have a drink with some pub food, or a meal if you like. Bring something for show and tell and we can enjoy a relaxed Sunday afternoon together. We're planning to meet on the patio.

The second social event will be our August meeting on Aug 27th at 7pm. I've got an assignment for Show and Tell:

- 1) Along with your usual item, bring your favorite marking gauge, especially if yours is homemade.
 - 2) Make a joint with two pieces of wood.
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- 1) We'd like to hear your opinion about this question: "What is the first power tool a new woodworker should have in their shop?"
 - 2) Can someone bring a Scrub Plane to demonstrate how it is superior to a bench plane for removing wood? Send a note to: STWG1@outlook.com

This month, we'll continue our focus on furniture joints, and examine the dovetail. I'll demonstrate my method for making a dovetail joint. Will someone join me and demonstrate their method as well? Contact me at STWG1@outlook.com if you want to participate.

Feedback and comments before and after our meetings are always welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at the Stone Grille next Sunday, and then again at our August meeting. Until then, keep making sawdust and chips.

Mark Conley
STWG President



**Humans are social
beings, and we are
happier, and better,
when connected to
others.**

Paul Bloom

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Mark's 1:1 templates



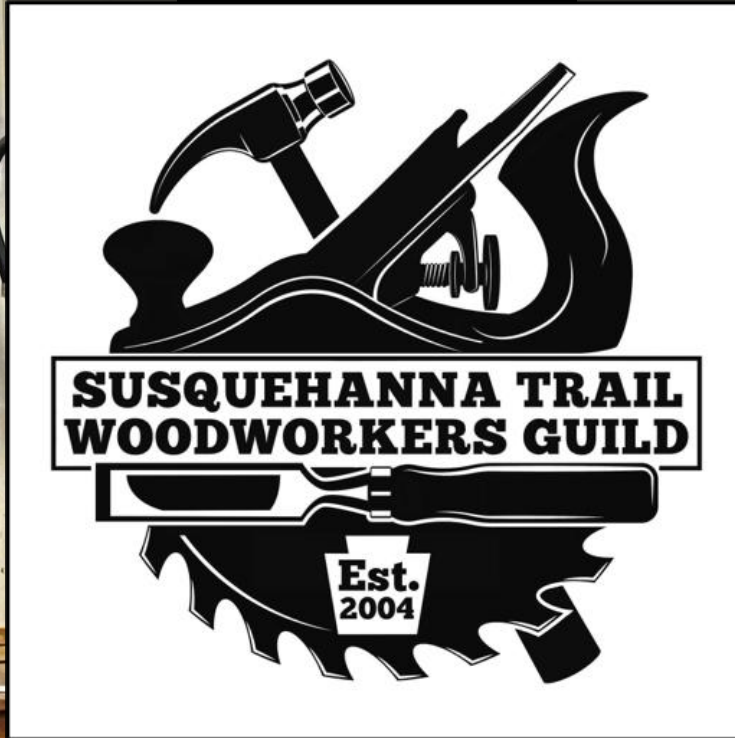
This was a 3D printed template. Until it sat in a hot car, (on the day of our meeting!) and melted.





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The beginning of a mortice and tenon joint.





The tenon. (in-progress)



