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SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD

Too often I hear things like "you're not a real woodworker if...". The "if" is some tool or technique that the speaker feels is beneath them and you are lesser for using it. What crap! There are schools of thought like "Japanese woodworking", "Wester (Hand-tool)", "Shaker", or "Powered". They are styles. They are not mutually exclusive.

No style is truly better than any other. For example, you can make a chest using any style of woodworking. However, with each style you would use different tools and that would determine the most efficient techniques used, which in turn would determine the look of the final piece. A chest made with hand tools is likely to have dovetails because it is the fastest and easiest way to join the boards without fasteners. Powered woodworkers are likely to use a joint that allows for mechanical fasteners like a butt joint and pocket holes, or finger joint with glue. Same chest, different style. Others might have a preference on which they like better, but a well constructed chest is well constructed, regardless of style.

Let us not use the styles of woodworking to divide. Each "style" is just a labeling of a particular point in time; a way of doing woodworking which was driven by the values and tools of that time. No better, no worse, but worth learning or at least understanding.

-John





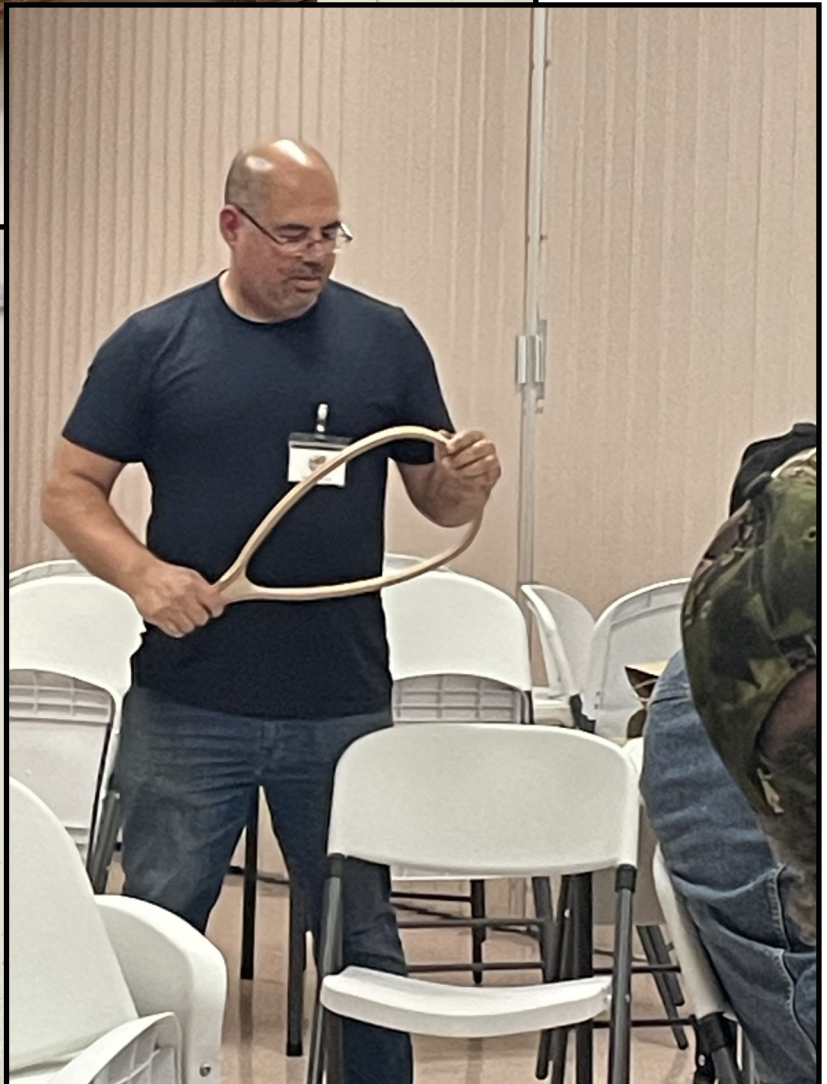
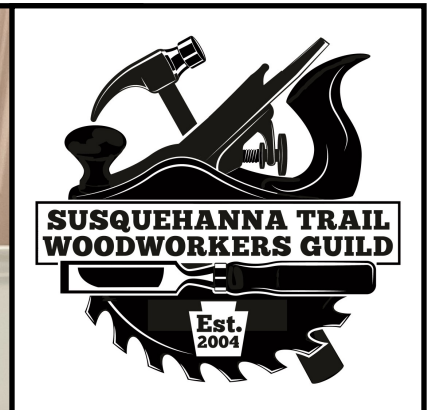


Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 27th, at 7 pm.
The usual location at the church.

Our guest will be: You! Please bring a recent or favorite project. Or perhaps a tool, or jig, that's served you well over the years.











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HELP WANTED

STWG has an opening for Treasurer. The successful applicant will be responsible for monthly financial collection, record keeping, check writing, and any banking needs.

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