



May 2026



May marks our fourth month at the Craft Guild. Each meeting has always had “Show and Tell” to showcase our projects. Wouldn’t it be great if we could incorporate a hands-on section to our monthly meetings, so members could demonstrate a skill or technique they use? After all, the Craft Guild is just a big workshop.

I think it’s time to introduce a new segment to our meetings. In addition to ‘Show and Tell’, lets incorporate a new segment called ‘Sawdust Secrets’. If you have a jig or technique that takes 15 minutes or less, then show us. We’ve got a workbench and a camera. You bring the jig or tool, show us how to use it.

Basically, it appears that our group is (more or less) divided into three groups of woodworkers. Roughly one third are turners, one third are flat workers, and one third are both. At the January meeting, I asked members what projects they were interested in. The top three answers were: 1) Making furniture, 2) doing lathe work, and 3) Making boxes. That means there’s a lot of ‘The way you do it’ stuff out there just waiting to be revealed.

Think about a joint, jig or technique you would like to see, or show us. It doesn’t have to be innovative or unique. But then again, it might be. Bring that idea to the meetings and let’s begin throwing some chips and show us the way you do it.

We don’t have a guest speaker for our July meeting, so I propose we kick off ‘Sawdust Secrets’. Until then, keep making sawdust and chips!

Mark

April meeting



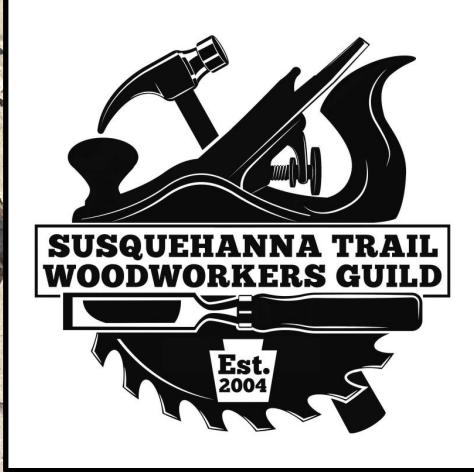


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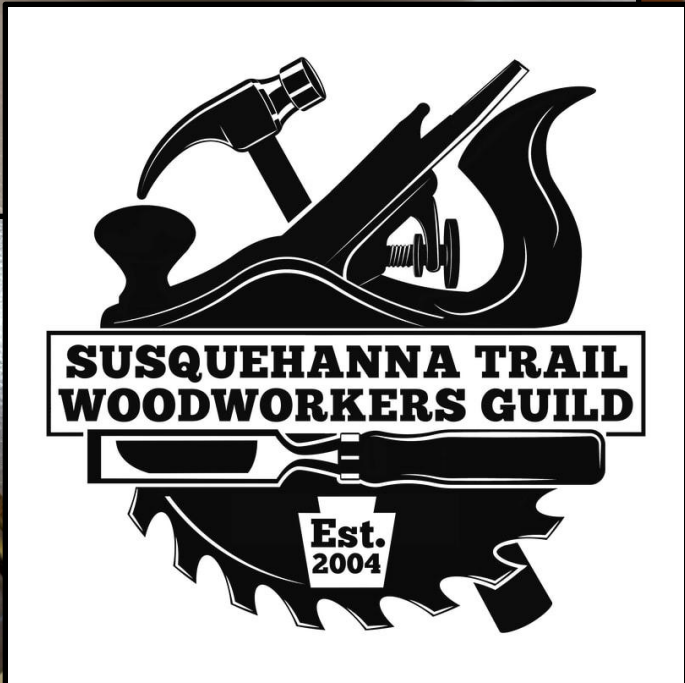
Leather has been utilized for over 7,000 years, with origins dating back to prehistoric times, when hunters used hides for clothing and shelter. Early civilizations, including the Egyptians and Romans, perfected tanning using natural tannins (bark, leaves) to prevent decay. It became a vital, durable material for footwear, armor, and luxury goods throughout history.

Leather: The skin of an animal, with the hair removed, prepared for use by tanning or a similar process designed to preserve it against decay, and make it pliable or supple when dry.





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In fact, full grain is considered the best quality leather available on the market.

