



The DoveTale

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Programs	to be appointed
Purchases	Jerry Shivers, 794-2274
Membership	Richard Hicks, 982-5226

January 2002 Meeting

Members:	60	Present:	39	Visitors:	4
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Passing the gavel



After thanking all of the club members that helped her during 2001, our president, Rebecca Phelps, passes the gavel and leadership of the

club to our new president, Cliff McLean. Rebecca did double duty in 2001; she published our newsletter and lead our club as president. Thank you, Rebecca, for all your hard work! Now you can relax and enjoy the meetings...

New Members

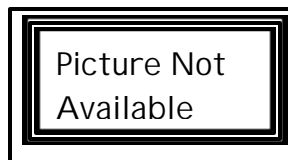
Please welcome our newest members:



Richard Stimek, from Beaumont, would like to learn more about turning and marquetry



Reid Taylor, from Orange, would like to learn more about cabinet making and finishing



Mark Schmidt, from Port Arthur, likes cabinet and furniture making

Houston Woodworking Show

Rod Ruppel, show chairman, announced that the Houston Woodworking Show will be held Friday, April 5th through Sunday 7th at the Astrohall. He needs volunteers to work the show. Admission is free (if you work the show) but you still have to pay the parking fee. The Friday crew will have to transport the show items and setup the display. The Sunday crew will take down the displays and bring show items back. This is a good chance for you to see all the new woodworking items. A couple of suggestions; Howard says "bring your own lunch - the food is expensive" and someone else said, "leave your charge cards at home!"

Local Shows

Jerry Shivers asked that we pursue having a local show for the club. We use the shows to recruit new members for our club – and that’s hard to do in Houston. We’ve had shows at the local malls in the past, but mall management has changed they have a lot of restrictions. Rod Ruppel will look into this for us.

Christmas Toys

We’ve received several letters of thanks from the charity groups that distribute the toys we make every year. They tell us that the children really like and use them – and beg for more! Bob & Laura need your help with this years toy drive.

January Show & Tells

We had a lot of show and tells at this meeting. Thanks to everyone who brought one – we all learn from other folk’s projects. Remember, if you win the door prize AND bring a show and tell, it’s worth \$35!



Howard Hartman -
Bought his wife some new fiesta dinnerware, then had to build a cabinet to display and store them!



Lyman Frugia -
Explained how he turned a mesquite birdhouse, especially how he hollowed out the inside of the body



John Phelps -
Loves to read woodworking books and found “Half Price Books” in Houston a good place to get a bargain.



Rebecca Phelps -
Turned a pocket watch from Juniper and is looking for a small hanger for the top.



Kathy Dressel -
Picture of her finished “Christ” intarsia. It took Kathy a long time to figure out how to shape the nose.



B. J. Holt -
New Porter-Cable battery powered router. A lot quieter and only \$259 at Woodworkers Paradise



Ray Ward -
Cypress chair from plans in American Woodworker. Very comfortable chair!



Richard Hicks -
A band saw jig used to cut really small pieces of dowel. It keeps your fingers away from the blade.



Dean Partridge -
Recipe box with tambour door that got 'over done' in the oven while drying



Gene Warden -
Cedar Storage cabinet



Gerald Brennan -
Adjustable fence with a unique locking mechanism for his table saw miter gauge



Jewel Hymel -
Damaged router base. His bit was too long which caused the base to grip too little of the motor which dropped out when it was turned on. OUCH!



Jody Cowart -
Has a new baby and built a room full of custom baby furniture. He described how he made a false front to disguise a deep drawer as two shallow drawers.



Sue Caldwell -
Her first pen & pencil set, turned on her Shopsmith from Honduras Rosewood.



'Tee' Bruce -
'Smoking Table' constructed with miniature raised panel bits and Kreig Jig screws - NO glue! He also brought a push stick designed especially for a Delta Uni-fence.

Door Prize

Darrell Woodard won the \$25 door prize this month. With a Show & Tell, it would have been \$35.

Safety Item

Waid Gauthier shared a close call he had with a router...

He removed the motor from a bench mounted Porter-Cable 690 router so he could install it in a free-hand base. His router table has a separate power switch so he always leaves the router switch on. He plugged the motor into an outlet before it was secured in the base and when the router started running, it bounced all over the top of his bench and really made a mess. Luckily, Waid wasn't hurt - just shook up a little!

Play it safe! ALWAYS turn off AND unplug your router before you detach the motor or change the bit.

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