



The DoveTale

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Members:	66	Present:	17	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be May 22nd

April 24th Meeting

We held our April meeting at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - \$3,279.11
- Richard Hicks - 4 late renewals and 2 new members brings our total to 66
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports we have some new pictures on our website: www.wwset.org
- Toy Project: We're looking for ideas for new types of toys and a project leader
- Programs: Rob Emanuel is our new program chairman. Please help him with ideas and presentations.
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

Show & Tells



Steve Brady turned this tall vase from a large walnut log that was a victim of Hurricane Rita



Howard Hartman brought several items he created with his scroll saw



Earl Rutherford brought a turned brandy snifter and a basket full of turned wooden eggs



David Rutledge built this steady rest to use with his boring bar when he's turning deep vessels

Door Prize

Richard Hicks won the door prize and since he didn't have a show & tell, it was worth \$25.

Program

Lyman Frugia presented an excellent program about getting started turning wood. Some of his key points:

- Safety first! Make sure you are turning sound wood and stand to one side when turning on the lathe
- Use tools made from High Speed Steel (HSS) – they stay sharp much longer
- Most new tools aren't sharp enough to use – learn to sharpen your tools before you start turning
- Tools can be sharpened on a grinder or a belt sander. The best wheels are silicon carbide (usually white, pink or blue)
- Don't try to 'make something' at first. Practice cutting techniques on scrap stock, not expensive blanks. The more you practice, the better your technique will get
- Tools to start with:
 - Roughing gouge
 - Scrapers, square and round nose
 - Deep fluted owl gouge
 - Spindle gouge
 - Skews
 - Parting tools, flat and diamond profile
 - Specialty tools

Watch for wood lying on the side of the road. Green wood is easier to turn and it's free. Look for maple, pecan, walnut, ash and holly. They're easy to turn and aren't prone to cracking. Oak and cedar crack a lot as they dry. If you can't turn the green wood immediately, then use 'Green Wood End Sealer' or wax to seal the end grain. That will slow down the drying process and minimum cracks.

Thanks Lyman, for an excellent presentation!

Saturday Program

Twelve members, including two new ones, attended our May 6th Saturday Program Meeting hosted by Steve Brady. Lyman and Richard presented a program on sharpening turning tools and basic tool use.

Richard had a new One-Way Wolverine sharpening system designed especially for turning tools. The standard system comes with two mounting blocks, a large adjustable tool rest and a long pivot bar. With the basic system you can sharpen roughing gouges, spindle gouges, scrapers and skews. The vari-grind attachment is used to sharpen swept-back bowl gouges. There are additional attachments used to sharpen large skews and dress the grinding wheels. Wolverine recommends an 8", 3450 rpm grinder, but a 6" grinder will also work. Using the Wolverine sharpening system allows uniform and repeatable sharpening of your turning tools.

We had three lathes setup with turning stock and invited attendees to try their tools before and after sharpening them. They all remarked that the freshly sharpened tools really made a difference. As a result, we sharpened a lot of tools! Lyman and Earl Rutherford spent a lot of time helping our new turners improve their technique with their newly sharpened tools. It's amazing how easy tools are to use when they are properly sharpened

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be May 22nd at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City starting at 7PM. Waid Gauthier will present a program on the various joints you can make with a Kreg Jig. Be sure to bring a chair and a show & tell.