



The DoveTale

April 2013

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

Officers:

President Dean Partridge, 722-7647
President elect David Mayer, 242-0674
Secretary Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Treasurer Waid Gauthier, 735-8392

Committees:

Newsletter Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Librarian Larry Trahan, 866-3075
Purchases Jerry Shivers, 794-2274
Membership Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Web Master Rob Emanuel, 729-9315
Programs Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Toy Project Dean Partridge, 722-7647

Members:	52	Present:	19	Visitors:	0
----------	----	----------	----	-----------	---

Our Next Meeting will be May 27th

April 22nd Meeting

We held the April meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,423
- Richard Hicks - 52 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website is up to date and he will investigate adding our program videos to the site
- Library - Please return any past due items so other members can enjoy them

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 27th, 2013 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Richard Hicks will discuss jointer alignment and maintenance and Jerry Shivers will discuss jointer safety and proper use.

Directions: Take the MLK exit on IH-10, go South on MLK and then turn West on Ashley. Go two blocks and you're there. The business meeting will start at 6:30 and the regular meeting starts at 7:00.

Show & Tells



Earl Rutherford shows a lidded bowl he turned from 'side of the road' wood with a walnut finial.



Larry Sonnier turned his vessel from a piece of spalted buckeye burl.



Thomas Ellis turned this walnut bowl at the recent club turning meeting. It was Tommy's first bowl.



Steve Brady turned his sycamore bowl from blanks he prepared for the club's turning meeting.



Richard Spinney shows a tool he designed to turn on his dust collector. It also has magnets so he can hang it.



Raymond Fontenote brought several router bowls and used them as part of his program presentation.

Larry Sonnier won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show and tell item.

Toys

Dean Partridge presented a suggestion that the club accept assistance from residents of the Rose House, an assisted living facility in Port Arthur, to help assemble toys for our toy project. The Rose House activity director said that the residents needed productive things to do and they could sand and assemble the wooden toys we build for local charities.

After some discussion, the group decided to give it a try. Dean, Richard and Sam Toby delivered sandpaper, glue, and 25 race car and boat kits to the Rose House on May 9th as a trial. Dean will have an update at the next meeting.

Program

Raymond Fontenote presented a program about making router bowls.

You need a variable speed plunge router (1 1/3hp minimum), a 'bowl' router bit, a router bit extension and a 1 1/4" forstner drill bit.

Whiteside and CMT make the router bit and extension. You also need to add a large base plate to the router to support it over the entire area of the bowl. Raymond uses a thick piece of Plexiglas so he can see what's happening while he's routing. You can use commercially available patterns or design your own. Raymond uses 1/2" MDF for his custom patterns.

After you decide on a pattern, you need a bowl blank that's larger than the pattern and a little thicker than the planned depth of the bowl. The block can be a solid piece of wood or you can laminate a blank from pieces. Raymond likes to add a contrasting wood to the top edge of his bowls.

Raymond sets the maximum plunge depth on his router to the desired depth of the bowl. Then he secures the pattern to the blank and uses his drill press to remove most of the waste wood from the inside of the bowl. Then he uses his router and slowly routs out the bowl cavity. Next, he uses a compass to mark a 1/2" wall on the pattern and uses his bandsaw to cut the waste on the outside of the bowl.

When he's finished cutting the outside of the bowl, he sands out the saw marks, removes the pattern and uses a small round-over bit on the edges of the bowl. Then he does the final sanding and applies an appropriate finish. He uses a 'food safe' finish if he thinks the bowl might be used for food items.

Raymond also played a YouTube video about making router bowls made by the CMT Company. The link for the video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=PvwmhuJMAKA# A video of Raymond's presentation is available for checkout from the club library.

Thanks Raymond, for an excellent presentation on making router bowls.