



# The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	56	Present:	21	Visitors:	0
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## August 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,581.04
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 56
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports he's going to redesign our website: [www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org)
- Toy Project: If you need supplies to build toys, contact Glen Kenney
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact Rob Emanuel
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

## Our Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Acadian Hardwoods. Dan Orgeron will present a program on the construction of a single pedestal, frame and panel desk. Be sure to bring a show & tell item and a chair. As usual, I'll be there early to take pictures of the show & tell items.

## Club Social

In spite of Hurricane Humberto, we had an excellent turnout for the club social. Hats off! to the planning committee - Raymond Fontenote, Dean Partridge and Glen Kenny.

Glen's cooking was fantastic! He has a very fancy cooker that uses compressed wood pellets for fuel. You set the cooking temperature, and it automatically feeds in the fuel pellets needed to maintain the heat setting.

The extra items that some folks brought put the 'finishing touches' on the chow. Everyone raved about Jim Dunaway's 'dirty rice'. Lot's of 'shop talk' and the presentations were great.

All 30 or so attendees thought we should certainly do this again!

## Gene Warden

I'm sad to report that one of our long-time members, Gene Warden, passed away. In remembrance, the club will make a donation to Gene's favorite charity. Gene always had a smile on his face and laughter in his voice. I'll always remember his 'ruler' suspenders! We will certainly miss Gene at our meetings.

## Show & Tells



Sue Caldwell and Winnie Rudd have started doing other woodworking projects like this raised panel door.



Steve Brady has been doing some heavy duty turning on his new lathe and he made these 'long & strong' lathe tools.



Howard Hartman fashioned these walking sticks out of limbs and grape vines he found on the side of the road.



Earl Rutherford found that Cocobolo is a very hard wood to turn but he persevered and made a nice bowl and egg.



Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a bedroom suite he made for a customer. It features Barley Twist posts.



Lyman Frugia made a small hook tool out of an Allen wrench and a small piece of mesquite. Sure beats buying one!



Our newest member, Paul Magee, brought pictures of some rocking chairs he recently made.



Rebecca Phelps made some replacement arrows for her grandson. She used dowels and plastic screw protectors.

### Pictures not available:

Jerry Shivers brought pictures of house furniture and repairs from Hurricane Rita

Richard Hicks brought a carved sign he's making for his wife. He and Steve Brady are taking carving lessons from Richard Spinney.

Raymond Fontenote brought some turning pictures.

## Door Prize

Jim McGee won the door prize drawing. Since he didn't have a show & tell, it was worth \$25. Remember, if win and bring a show & tell item, the prize is \$35.

## Richard Spinney

Club member, Richard Spinney, recently underwent heart bypass surgery. Richard is a master carver, woodworker and an excellent teacher. Steve Brady and I have had the privilege of taking carving lessons from Richard and we always enjoy his wit and humor. I understand he's making a speedy recovery and we wish him well!

## Tool Review

John Phelps brought one of his Universal Fence Clamps. These compact, lightweight fence clamps allow you to secure a large variety of shop-made auxiliary fences to your



existing fences without having the clamp interfere with your work. The clamp arm simply fits into a 3/8" hole in the top of the auxiliary fence, keeping it out

of the way. That means no more clunky wood screws and C-clamps and no need to screw into your expensive fence! They work great for table saws, band saws, cutoff saws, router fences and more. The clamps can be used singly as stop blocks, or in pairs for sacrificial fences, half-fences, re-saw fences, and a variety of other fixtures. One set of clamps will do it all! They're \$14.95 per pair and they're only available from Rockler Woodworking and Supply.

## Program

John Phelps presented an excellent program on making a raised panel door using mortise and tenon for the frame instead of the usual coped rail & stile frames we usually make. The mortise and tenon frame is harder to make, but they are much stronger and especially suited to large, heavy panel doors.

John's spice cabinet is designed with an 'inset door' which means you have to build the cabinet first, then size and build the door to fit the opening. An ill-fitting inset door really looks bad on a project like this!

Pick and prepare your stock carefully if you want really 'good looking' doors. You should use straight grained and color matched wood. Be sure to prepare extra pieces in case you

have to replace a damaged piece. You will also need them to accurately setup the bits and fences on your machines.

For the tombstone style door, you also have to 'hand carve' the inside corners of the panel. John suggests using 13/16 or 7/8 inch thick stock to provide more room for the 1/4 by 1/4 inch grooves that hold the panels. John also used a full size pattern made from 1/4 inch plywood. This assured accurate sizing of all the pieces of the door.

Safety is essential when using a shaper. Always use a starting pin when 'free hand' routing and a fence on straight pieces. You get cleaner and safer cuts if you use a 'zero clearance' sacrificial fence.

John plans to do a Saturday meeting on this type of door construction as soon as his leg heals.

## Club Building Project

John has suggested a 'hands on' building and instructional project. The project involves making a nightstand since they incorporate almost every aspect of woodworking and joint construction. The class would be limited to 3 - 4 people and would be for 4 hours every other Saturday. John suggests moving the class from shop to shop depending on what part of the project is being worked on.

He proposed that the club furnish the bits and blades they would remain the property of the club. The students will their own wood and routers. The instructors will not be compensated.

If you're interested, please contact John Phelps at 409-883-7437.