



# The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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| Members: | 47 | Present: | 19 | Visitors: | 0 |
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## August 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,603
- Richard Hicks - 47 members
- Toys - We have a number of toys ready for the Rice Festival show
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - We've added several new books on turning and new DVDs on woodworking equipment and bowl turning.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Jerry Shivers and Richard Hicks will discuss planning a project, including preparing a cut list and buying project materials.

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.

## Dean Partridge



Club member, Dean Partridge, passed away on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our club meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, was postponed to Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> so our club members could attend the visitation services.

At the Thursday meeting, Troy Gallier made a motion that we dedicate the meeting to Dean. Everyone seconded the motion. We had a "period of remembrance" for Dean by those that cared to share their feelings and experiences with Dean.

Dean joined the club in 1998 and served as our president in 2006 and 2013. He served on many of our special committees and headed the Toy Project from 2009 to present. Dean

was always quick to volunteer for club related activities like planning our participation in various woodworking shows, wood projects in support of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the wooden boxes we made for the Beads of Courage project and program presentations at our meetings.

Dean's woodworking skills were varied. We'll



all remember his bread and recipe boxes with the tambour doors. He made them out of many different

woods, but really liked doing them in Oak. We'll also remember



his cutting boards, Adirondack Chairs, porch swings, jewelry boxes and hundreds of toys he made every year for our club Toy

Project.

Dean seldom missed any of our club meetings and we'll all miss Dean's smile and words of wisdom and kindness.



Paul Magee shows pictures of a Red Oak, twin pedestal, desk he recently made for his son.



Jerry Shivers shows pictures of a table he recently made for a customer from some harvested wood provided by

the customer. He shared the challenges and solutions he used dealing with the wood.



Steve Brady showed pictures of a 7' porch swing he and Dean made using cypress.

Steve Brady won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show & tell item. Richard Hicks won the Craft Supplies gift certificate.

## Show & Tell



Terry Turney shows a shop mallet he made from Bloodwood and Yellow Ash. Terry also donated a woodturning book.



Raymond Fontenote shows a four section router bowl made from White Oak and Mahogany.

## Club Gift Certificates

Waid Gauthier mentioned during the board meeting, and later in the club meeting, that some members haven't used their club gift certificates. We would like to encourage you to use the certificates in a timely manner so you won't misplace them. The club gift certificates are redeemable at:

- Wes Vise Hardwoods and Supply
- Acadian Cypress and Hardwoods
- Steve Brady's Saw Mill
- Schmidt Saw & Knife Works

Since Woodworkers Paradise is closed, and most of the club gift certificates were

redeemed there, we discussed the possibility of changing to a Visa gift card that could be used anywhere, for anything. We'll continue the discussion at the September meeting and vote on any proposed changes.

## Elections

It's that time again. Troy Gallier, our President Elect, will appoint a three-person nominating committee at the September meeting. They will meet before the October meeting to propose a slate of officers. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or being a club officer, let Troy know at the September meeting.

## Program

Rob Emanuel presented a program covering scroll saw basics. Scroll saws are used to make intricate cuts on smaller woodworking projects like intarsia, marquetry, and fret work. They are relatively safe to use and they don't make a lot of noise. There are a number of saws available with prices varying from around \$150 to well over \$1,000. Rob



uses one of the older model DeWalt saws (made in Canada) costing around \$500. He cautions that the newer DeWalt saws may look like his but they're now made in China and there have been many reports of problems with the motors. A magnifying light helps him follow the pattern and he always wears a dust mask when sawing.

Rob prefers the "Flying Dutchman" blades he orders from [www.mikesworkshop.com/blades](http://www.mikesworkshop.com/blades). He says they are sharper and stay sharper longer than the Olson blades. The blades follow a numbering system that indicates the size of the blade and the number of teeth.

Blades with a reverse tooth design provide a smooth cut on the bottom and the top of the project.

For patterns, he likes the books by scroll saw expert Patrick Spielman. Patrick has written numerous books that include simple to intricate patterns along with instructions and sawing tips. "Creative Woodworks & Crafts" magazine also has scroll saw projects and patterns. For intarsia patterns, he likes the ones published by intarsia expert Judy Gail Roberts. Her patterns are full size, show the grain orientation and they're printed on heavy weight vellum stock.

Rob makes a copy of the pattern on a copy machine and he uses "Loctite General Purpose Spray Adhesive" to attach the patterns to the wood. It holds well, but it's easy to remove the pattern when you've finished



cutting the project. He adds a layer of packing tape to the top of the pattern to lubricate the blade while making the cuts.

Rob demonstrated a series of different cutting techniques, using a practice pattern, including inside and outside square corners and tight curves. A copy of his practice pattern is posted on our website.

Thanks Rob for a very good Introduction to Scroll Sawing presentation. A video copy of Rob's presentation is available in our club library.