



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	92	Present:		Visitors:	
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NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Our Next Meeting will be Jan 26th

Houston Woodworking Show

The Houston Woodworking Show will be early this year! The show is February 6th thru 8th in the Reliance Arena. Our club will have a booth again this year. Rod Ruppel passed around a 'worker signup sheet' at the November meeting and we had a good response. If you missed the meeting and would like to work the show, give Rod a call at 898-7041. If you work the show, you get in free and the vendors always have newly released tools as well as bargains. We need display items for the show. We plan to display some of the Christmas toys and have some club brochures for handouts. **PLEASE BRING YOUR DISPLAY ITEMS TO THE MEETING.**

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time again - time to renew your membership for 2004! Next year will be an exciting one! Our Saturday meetings will continue. We have 64 renewals so far. Thanks to those that have already renewed by mail - it's been a BIG help to me. If you

haven't renewed, please take care of it as soon as you can by sending the information card along with a check (Make check payable to W.W.S.E.T.) for \$24 to me by return mail. My address (in case you lose the envelope) is:

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City. *They are still working on I H-10, so if you're coming from Orange, take the first exit after HWY 105. Stay on the feeder road and cross under the freeway after you pass the Asher Turnaround. From Beaumont, take the Old Hwy 90 exit and stay on the service road to Acadian Hardwoods.*

The meeting will start at 7PM but I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tell items (Hint: you can use your display item as your Show & Tell item). The folks that are working the show on Friday will store your items and make sure they get to Houston and back. The Graco representative will present the program on finishes and a demo on spraying with an HVLP spraying system.

Be sure to bring a display item and a chair!

Christmas Projects

No one sent me information about their Christmas projects, so I'll tell you about a couple of mine...

FLAG CASE

My wife's uncle recently passed away. He was a veteran and I offered to make his widow a display case for his flag. She asked that I make it out of walnut and design it so that she could hang it on the wall or place it on her mantle. I looked at a couple of catalogs and found a nice plan from Meisel Hardware. They offered a full size plan along with detailed instructions and a hardware kit for a very reasonable price. This saved me a lot of design and planning time - well worth the money.



I made a couple of changes to the plans. I used 1/8" Baltic birch, with a walnut stain, for the back and Plexiglas instead of regular glass (she has several

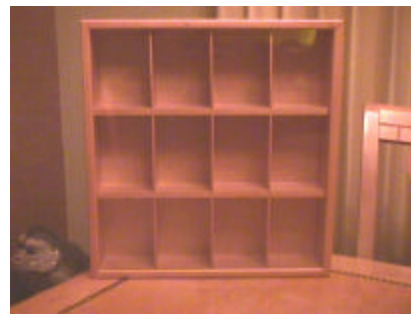
grandchildren) for the front.

Some construction tips:

- Sand the areas of each board that will be on the inside of the box - easier now than after it's assembled
- Cut the center divider AFTER you build the box - their measurement might not be correct if you miss the measurements slightly on the box
- Finish the back, door, divider and case separately - then assemble the project
- Mount the Plexiglas with silicone adhesive
- I elevated the padded board about 1"

ORNAMENT DISPLAY CASE

My niece has collected a number of Precious Moments Christmas Ornaments and asked me to build a case so she could display them. The series is called "The Twelve Days Of Christmas" so the case had to have 12 compartments. It needed a way to hang the ornaments and a simple way to open the case to add additional ornaments. I couldn't find a commercial plan, so I had to design the case from scratch. It actually took almost as long to design as it did to build.



I used some of Acadian's new German Beech for the case, Baltic Birch for the back and Plexiglas

for the front. Each compartment is 4 1/4" tall x 2 1/2" wide x 2 1/4" deep. The sides are 1/2" thick, the shelves are 3/8" thick and the dividers are 3/32" thick. I assembled the case with the shelves and the top, left side and bottom mitered trim. Then I finished the case, back, dividers and the right-hand piece of the mitered trim separately.

When the lacquer dried, I glued the dividers in place and added the back. The case is designed so that the Plexiglas front slides out of the case to the right, so I glued the right-hand piece of mitered trim to the Plexiglas with Silicone adhesive.

The German Beech is really nice to work with. It machines cleanly and sands really smooth. It stains evenly, but looks really good with a clear finish. Give it a try - you will like it!