



The DoveTale

December 2016

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	63	Present:	26	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be Jan 23rd

December 17th Board Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,744
- Richard Hicks - 62 members
- Toys - We made over 600 toys this year
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - Check out some of the new materials recently donated to our library

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 23rd, 2017 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Our January program will be announced in the December newsletter.

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.

Renewals

Just a reminder - It's membership renewal time again. We've have 36 renewals so far. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have a lot of programs planned with some special Saturday hands-on sessions.

Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list at the March meeting and I'll publish the membership roster after the March meeting. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

Toy Project

We made over 600 toys this year and the charities that received the toys were very impressed with the quality and assortment of the toys we supplied this year. They especially liked the stick horses, tractors and trains. They said our toys really make a difference to the children and families that receive them. They are "so much better than the plastic toys from the stores" and the parents are thankful that they don't require batteries.

The club has a good supply of wheels, axles and patterns for this year's effort. Richard has uploaded the plans for some of our most popular toys to our website. If you would like

to make toys on your own, contact Richard Hicks, Sam Tobey or Red Dressel for plans and supplies.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting was held at 9AM on December 17, 2016 at the club meeting facility.

Waid Gauthier, club treasurer, presented the club financials for 2016. We started 2016 with \$2,204.72 and ended the year with \$2,191.80 in the bank. The library spent \$223.42 of their \$250 budget. The toy project spent \$410.59 and their budget was \$300 but they added \$102 from toys they sold at the Rice Festival making them \$8.59 over budget.

The board and club members present approved the financial audit for 2016.

Richard brought up that several power tools were donated to the club with the intention that we would setup a small shop at our current meeting place. However, liability issues prevented our setting up the shop, so the tools are being stored in the toy project room. Richard suggested, and the group agreed, that we should contact the people that donated the tools and offer them back to them. If they don't want them back, the Board of Directors will offer them for sale to club members. Richard will be responsible to contact the owners.

The group discussed the upcoming club programs. Richard showed a list of the programs presented during the past few years and the group suggested several ideas for programs. The group scheduled the following programs:

- February 27th- Scroll Saw Fret Work
- March 27th - Dust Collection systems

- April 24th - using a CNC machine for woodworking
- May 29th - HVLP spraying equipment

The following subjects were suggested but no one agreed to do them:

- Tool sharpening
- Woodworking Jigs - Homemade and Purchased for table saw and routers
- Wood finishes - types and application methods

If you are willing to present a program on one of these subjects, or any other woodworking subject, contact Richard Hicks at 409-553-6157 or rhicks4@gt.rr.com . If you have suggestions for a program, please let Richard know or drop a note in the suggestion box located in the library.

Richard Hicks suggested a change in procedure for the meetings. He asked that we establish a Show & Tell / Tool Review sign in sheet so he can get pictures and descriptions of the items for the newsletter. After some discussion, the group agreed to the change and Richard will design the form. Now, when you come to the meeting and have a Show & Tell or Tool Review item, find Richard (usually in the main meeting room) and register your items. The club president will also use the list to call on the people with items to show during the meeting. The new sign in sheet will not affect the door prize drawing.

The door prize drawing rules used in 2016 will apply for 2017. At the conclusion of the Show & Tell part of the meeting, a number will be drawn and a "\$25 Door Prize Winner" will be announced based on the "Door Prize" sign in sheet. If the winner also brought a woodworking Show & Tell item or presented the program, they also win a \$25 Hartville Tools gift certificate.

Christmas Show & Tells

Since this was a special newsletter, I asked members to send me pictures of projects they did during the holidays for inclusion as Show & Tell items.



Bob Arceneaux made a Chevron design cutting board using maple, walnut and cherry. He trimmed it with Zebrawood.



Bob also made a box with tray using spalted magnolia and lined with red felt for his Treasure Chest collection.



This is a second domed box with tray. The lid was made with spalted magnolia, but he used Rosewood collected in Florida for the bottom.



Paul Magee made this step stool for his great grandson. He made one last year for his great granddaughter. Now they won't have to share one.



Jim Meadows made Christmas ornaments for his great grandson using his laser machine.



Jim also made these Christmas cards using his laser machine. They contained an ornament that 'punched out' ready to hang on the Christmas tree.



Ronnie Webb built his Joiners Bench using Benchcrafted Split-top Roubo Bench plans he purchased. He modified the plans to

fit his available lumber and hardware. The bench is 93" long, 25" wide and the top is 3 1/2" thick and he made it using maple, beech and poplar.

Ronnie added Eclipse Quick Release face and tail vises along with Veritas brass bench dogs. Ronnie used mortise and tenon construction of the bench. Ronnie's bench is designed primarily to accommodate using hand tools to build furniture.



Waid Gauthier made a kitchen utensil set that includes 'Toasty Tongs', a pasta set that includes a server and measuring tool, and spatula all made from 'tiger maple' and a banana hanger made from cherry. The pasta set, tongs and banana hanger were made from plans from Woodworker's Journal and Waid designed the spatula.



Waid Gauthier also made this 'shower bench' by repurposing a 6' section of Sauna floor he purchased in Connecticut for \$1. He thinks it is redwood. The bench measures 23" long, 9.5" wide and 18" high. He used Miller Dowels for all of the joints and stainless steel screws for the braces.



Adrian Wallace, one of our newest members, made a stand for this statue. The statue was the motivation for the stand. The statue came from a dear friend of his that was recently committed to hospice.

Adrian is new to woodworking but the stand was special to him and he was determined to make it special.

He used construction grade 2" x 2" pine from Home Depot. After several attempts, he finished the table by gluing the strips together for the top and making the legs and stretchers to stabilize the table. He stained the table with Minwax "Sedona Red" stain and finished it with Deft Clear Wood finish.

Adrian now has a special stand for his special statue and a good start to his woodworking knowledge.



Richard Hicks made four 12" x 12" tile trivets. They are made based on the same plans he uses for the 6" x 6" trivets but the frames are 1 1/2" wide. The tiles are available at Lowes and Home Depot for about \$1.00 so they made nice, inexpensive gifts. He added the revisions to the plans on our club website.