



The DoveTale

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Members:	58	Present:	24	Visitors:	5
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February 25th Meeting

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

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,682.51
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 58 and 2008 renewals at 47
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation.
- Toy Project: Rebecca Phelps will lead our toy project this year - and she's received the order of parts and wheels.
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - John Phelps, Howard Hartman and Rob Emanuel will review the library and it's use
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact Rob Emanuel

Our Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, March 24th at Acadian Hardwoods. Not sure what the program will be, but as usual, bring a chair I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tell items.

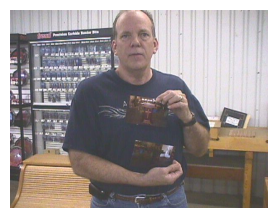
Show & Tells



Earl Rutherford made his "end grain" cutting board from maple, walnut and cherry from a Wood Magazine plan.



John Phelps brought a leg and the plans for a shaker style table he's making with the Alabama Guild.



Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a podium he made for the church they attend. They wanted it lightweight, so he made it out of basswood.



Lyman Frugia brought a miniature tool he made for turning his Christmas ornaments.



Jerry Shivers made some walnut raised panel doors with inlays for a vanity cabinet.



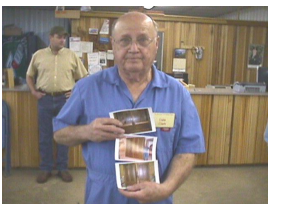
Steve Brady a new Sunhill table saw blade he bought on sale for \$10.95 that he says "cuts pretty darn good".



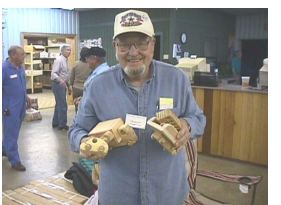
Rebecca Phelps brought a router plane made by Lie Neilson that she says is excellent for cleaning out dados and grooves.



Ian Stewart brought pieces of his tambour door that he made with a custom-made bit that eliminates the need for a canvass backing.



Dale Clark brought pictures of an armoire he built for one of his children.



Howard Hartman brought some toys that he made from shop scraps.

are showing above the wood you're cutting. Some were of the opinion that, for safety's sake, it should barely clear the top of the board. That way, if you accidentally get your hand in the way, you would only have a "very shallow dado" in your hand.

We also discussed another case of starting up a table-mounted router without making sure the motor was securely locked in place. This time it only tore up a router bit - it could have just as easily been a part of your body.

We were also reminded not to use our hand as a backup when power nailing or drilling a hole. This time he was drilling a hole and the drill stop collar slipped allowing the bit to drill too deep and it went into his hand.

Club Business Items

Glen Kenney made a motion to provide \$500 for toy drive supplies. Lyman Frugia seconded the motion and the motion passed. Rebecca Phelps will manage the toy supplies and project this year.

Ian Stewart still has some lumber and hand tools for sale. You can contact him at (409) 834-2881 if you're interested.

We discussed reviving our mentoring process. The club will provide a list of members that are willing to work one-on-one with other members on various aspects of woodworking. The mentoring could be done in the students shop so they can learn to do projects with their own tools. We might also want to video some of the mentoring sessions for use by other members.

Shop Safety

We had a lively discussion about how high you should set your table saw blade. A lot of instructions say to set it so that three teeth

Lyman Frugia found an Art Gallery in Crystal Beach that would like to have a wood turners show. He believes that you would be able to sell your items. He would like to know if the

club is interested by the March meeting so he can get back to the gallery owner.

Gen Kenney agreed to head up a publicity committee that would explore ways to attract new members. Some suggestions included making up business cards and dispensers to put at various business. They could also be put on bulletin boards, etc. He also plans to put notices in the "What's Happening" sections of the local papers.

Programs

Ian Stewart presented out program by



describing the construction techniques he used in making his Roll Top Desk #41.

Ian made the desk out of quarter-sawn red



oak. He made the desk in three major assemblies and two minor ones. Making it in sections allowed it to be moved easily -

even upstairs if needed. The sections lock together to provide alignment and rigidity.

The pedestal sections feature round corners



and aprons and the drawers featured hand-made handles. He even put a spare handle on the back of the pencil drawer.

The interior of the top features various sized drawers, pigeonholes, an old post office box door, and tambour doors on two storage areas.

Ian made a lot of allowances for wood movement in the design of the desk. The

bottom of the top unit has a 3/8" allowance at the back for wood movement.

Ian believes in making templates for any parts if going to make more than one. That way, they will all be the same and they will be easier to make. He also discussed his views on hand cut vs. machine-cut dovetails. The machine-cut dovetails are much faster. But they look 'manufactured' and 'not natural'. Ian designed a jig to make the machine-cut dovetails look like hand cut ones.

Ian used a Minwax Golden Oak stain with a Deft Satin Finish lacquer top-coat finish. He sprays the Deft even though the can says that it's "not designed for spraying". It appears that the statement on the can is to satisfy the environmental concerns about VOC's. He like Deft because it's easy to apply, he doesn't have to cleanup his gun and any mistakes or damage can be easily repaired.

Ian's desk is a beautiful piece of furniture and his presentation was very informative. He plans to do a Saturday meeting at Woodworker's Paradise that will cover more construction details and the various jigs he uses to construct his desks.