



The DoveTale

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Members:	55	Present:	22	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be Mar 24th

February 24th Meeting

We held the February meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont.

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,405
- Richard Hicks - 55 members, 46 renewals as of 2/26/2014
- Toys - We'll start making toys for this year's toy drive
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - We will renew our subscriptions to ShopNotes and Woodsmith magazines.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 24th, 2014 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Terry Turney will present a program about veneering small projects.

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.

Business Items

Dean Partridge discussed the toy project and requested a budget of \$300 (the same as 2013) for the various parts of the toys that we have to buy like wheels and axles. Larry Trahan made a motion to fund the toy project. Steve Brady seconded it and the motion passed. Contact Dean for toy project supply needs. He has a large amount of donated wood in his shop.

Larry Trahan discussed the library and asked for input from the members about new items that we might add to our library and asked about a budget amount for those additions. Dean Partridge made a motion that we fund the library for \$275 (the same as 2013). Sam Toby seconded the motion and it passed. Contact Larry with requests for new library materials.

Show and Tell



Dean Partridge shows a step stool he built and finished with a new process he read about in a WOOD Magazine.



Richard Hicks shows a vase turned from a piece of Jerusalem Thorn wood salvaged after Hurricane Ike. The other was a piece of hickory from trees removed when he built his shop.



Richard Spinney carved an abstract face sculpture based on the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Terry Turney showed some veneer samples he glued and sealed with hide glue. He plans to use them in his program presentation scheduled for March 24th.

Steve Brady won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a show and tell item. Rob Emanuel and Jerry Shivers won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Visitors from Lake Charles

We had 3 visitors from the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club and they each brought a show & tell item. They meet once a month in one of their members shop. They've invited us to attend their meetings



Ray Kebodeaux shows a walnut box he made. He explained how he used mineral spirits in the sanding process to produce a very smooth and glossy finish.



Steve Thomas used 960 pieces of various woods to build his segmented vase. He also explained the process he used to assemble and turn the vase.



Joe Comeaux shows a pen he turned using a special inlay blank he ordered from Wood-N-Whimsies. He turned this U.S. Marine Corps inlay pen for a friend.

Outdoor Project Finishes

Do you have an outdoor project that needs a clear finish (that will last longer than a year)?

Dean Partridge recently read an article in WOOD Magazine (Issue 207, on page 19) about using house paint on outdoor projects. The process involves using "deep base" oil based house paint without added pigments. Since it's house paint, it contains UV inhibitors, mildewcides and fungicides that protect the wood and finish from the weather. He recently built several outdoor projects and finished them according to the instructions in the article.

Dean used Behr oil based house paint from Home Depot. He asked the clerk for their oil based, semi-gloss enamel house paint in a "deep base" formula. It cost about \$30 per gallon compared to spar varnish at about \$30 per quart. He had the clerk shake it up and he checked it before leaving the store. It was a light tan color. Since he planned to brush the finish, he thinned it about 10% with naphtha (but regular paint thinner would also

work). He only thinned the amount he thought he would use at one time.

Dean applied three coats with a natural bristle brush and each coat took about 24 hours to dry. The result was a clear semi-gloss finish that didn't appear to change the color of the wood.

Time will tell how well the finish will last.

Program

Waid Gauthier presented a program about



building kitchen cabinets. Waid shared a lot of tips and information he's gained from his years as a

commercial kitchen cabinet and furniture builder.

Waid used a book, *Basic Cabinetmaking* by Mark Duginske, as a basis for his presentation. A copy of the book is available as a no charge PDF download at:

https://www.kregtool.com/prodImages/basic_cabinetmaking_booklet.pdf

Waid said that the book is a good basic book and guide for building "standard cabinets" but he offered his considerable "real world" experience by pointing out changes he makes when building custom cabinets. For example, he uses a 3" toe-kick instead of the 4" the book calls for. Waid says it looks better, offers plenty of toe clearance and gives the customer an extra inch of cabinet space.

Waid prepared a handout of the steps he uses when designing and building a set of cabinets. His experience has helped him avoid common pitfalls such as building the cabinets and not being able to get them through doors

Waid says that the most important thing is to understand the entire job BEFORE you start cutting the wood to build the cabinets. Some things like what type of countertop material and cabinet hardware will be used are obvious. Less obvious things are where electrical outlets will be placed and what type of lighting will be used.



Waid builds his cabinets in a different order - he builds the face frames and then builds the cabinets to fit

the face frames. He uses Kreg screws to assemble the cabinets. They eliminate the need for complicated and expensive clamps and make the cabinet assembly faster. He does caution that you have to think ahead about the location of the Kreg screws so you can minimize the number that are visible after the cabinet is assembled. A copy of Waid's handout is available on our website.

Waid will lead the club effort to build the cabinets for the Navajo cabinet project.

Thanks Waid for an excellent presentation. A video copy of Waid's presentation is available in our club library.