



# The DoveTale

January 2003

## Woodworkers of Southeast Texas

### **Officers:**

President Waid Gauthier, 735-8392  
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Purchases Jerry Shivers, 794-2274  
Membership Richard Hicks, 982-5226  
Programs Rod Ruppel, 898-7041

Members:	79	Present:	40	Visitors:	34
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Our Next Meeting will be Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

January 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Passing the gavel

Cliff McLean called the meeting to order and



the new officers and committees assumed their duties with the traditional passing of the gavel. 2002 was a

fantastic year for our club:

- we added 17 new members
- started our Saturday Program Meetings
- built about 1,000 Christmas toys
- found a fantastic new place to meet

Committee members were introduced and approved by the members:

- Programs: Rod Ruppel (chairman), Ray Ward, Kris Castle, Dean Partridge, Gerald Brennan, John Phelps, Rebecca Phelps, Glen Kenny, Jerry Shivers and Sam Tobey
- Group Purchases: Jerry Shivers
- Newsletter: Richard Hicks
- Shows: Rod Ruppel
- Workshop: Lyman Frugia
- Membership: Richard Hicks
- Library: Don Lemp

Waid proposed adding a Website and a Project committee to the bylaws. The Project committee would be responsible for all projects and the Website committee will be responsible for the maintenance and content of our new website. The club will vote on this issue at the February meeting.

Waid reviewed the library rules - specifically that books and videos may be kept for one month and if you need them longer, bring them back and check them in and then back out for a second month. Don Lemp will assume his librarian duties next month. A library inventory will be prepared and placed on our website.

Waid asked for a motion to allow the executive committee to spend up to \$50 without having to have a membership vote. This rule will not apply to postage and supplies for the newsletter. Dick Osborn made the motion and we will vote on it at the February meeting.

The club will have a booth at the March 28-30 Houston Woodworking Show. Rod Ruppel will pass around a signup sheet at the February meeting. Gather up your projects so we can have a first rate booth again this year. Bring your small items to the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and contact Rod Ruppel at 898-7041 for instructions on larger items.

Several members have inquired about club shirts. Club members, Roy and Theresia Soliz, own Armadillo Graphics and have offered to help us with the shirts. They brought examples of shirts and caps with a proposed logo. Members like the dark shirts with a pocket. Ray Ward, Pete Nealley, Dick Osborn and Steve Brady volunteered to act as an ad hoc committee to finalize the design and color for our shirts.

The need for a blackboard or easel for meeting presentations was presented. Rebecca Phelps moved that one be purchased, the motion passed and Ray Ward volunteered to buy one before the next meeting.

Rob Emanuel demonstrated our new web site. Our website address is [www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org) and we



already have copies of the 2002 newsletters available on the site. Rob received a lot of suggestions from

the members and will work to incorporate them as soon as possible. Contact Rob at [rhe448@swbell.net](mailto:rhe448@swbell.net) or Steve Daigre at [sdaigre@gt.rr.com](mailto:sdaigre@gt.rr.com) with ideas for our website.

## New Members

We signed up two new members at the meeting – Richard Spinney and Wiley Brown. Richard is a member of the Gulf Coast Woodcarvers and wants to learn more about cabinet making and woodturning. Wiley wants to learn more about cabinet making and veneering. Several past members re-joined the club – Larry Neff and Dale Warren. Larry is a past president of our club and has done many different types of woodworking. Dale also does many different types of woodworking.

And our newest and youngest member, Gracie



Alaina Book, new daughter of club members Jeff and Becky Book. They made a beautiful combination baby and youth bed.

Jeff finished it 2 days after Gracie was born.

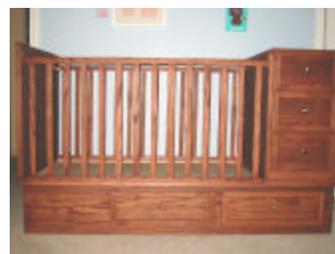
## Membership Renewals

If you haven't sent in your renewal, please do so by the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Club rules dictate the membership roll be finalized after the February meeting and those that have not renewed be removed from the roll before the March meeting. I've included a renewal card with this newsletter for those that my records show have not renewed.

## Show & Tells

I would like to start taking the show & tell pictures prior to the start of the meeting. I believe this change will improve the quality of the pictures and be less disruptive during the meetings. If we run out of time before the meeting, we'll take the pictures after the meeting adjourns.

We had a lot of show & tells this month! In addition to our members, the woodcarvers club also brought a lot of their handiwork to show. Robert Walter won the \$25 door prize.



Jeff and Becky Book made this combination baby and youth bed for their new baby. It has plenty of storage room and

when Gracie outgrows the baby bed, the rails and storage chest are removed to make it into a youth bed.



cutting jig.

Ray Ward with his cypress patio table. The table matches some chairs he built last year. He made the round top with a router and circle-



that's glued to the base.

Jewel Hymel with a 'quarter-pounder' toy. Basically a small mallet mounted on a pivot that hits or 'pounds' a quarter



shop.

Gene Warden made a chair that converts into a stepladder out of magnolia. Looks like a very handy tool around the house or



inches high by 22 inches wide.

Jim McGee brought pictures of a VCR tape cabinet that used mortise & tenon joints. The cabinet was 42



cherry and a mesquite version of the box.

Rod Ruple brought one of the three jewelry boxes he made with ash and wenge inlays. This was the mahogany one - he also made a



Meeting on woodturning.

Sue Caldwell finished her mesquite bowl from a blank Lyman Frugia passed out at our Saturday Program



Marie Badeaux brought a pen made from deer horns. She's just getting back in the shop after her surgery.



presents from his wife.

Pete Nealley turned his first bowl, also mesquite from Lyman, on his new lathe. The lathe and tools were Christmas



best price.

John Phelps with two new books - one on routers and the other on cabinets. John has a talent for finding the best books and at the



and a mesquite bowl from one of Lyman's blanks.

Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a kitchen island cabinet, and a red oak dining table. He also brought doll display case



Glen Kenney made this Adirondack chair out of cypress from Acadian. He got the plans from Norm Abram's New Yankee Workshop

and modified them slightly to use different fasteners.



Richard Spinney, a woodcarver and one our new members, brought a walking stick with a carved moose head handle

and a cardinal perched on a branch.

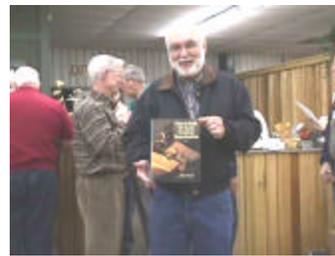
## Woodcarver Visitors



Joe Cochran with a mesquite bowl from Lyman's. He also brought a lidded box and some framed artwork he cut with a scroll

saw.

A large contingent of the Gulf Coast Woodcarvers Club visited our meeting. They



brought a lot of show & tell items, donated a carving book to our library and presented a short program.

They've offered to

do a formal program presentation and/or a Saturday Program meeting on any type of carving.



Gerald Brennan salvaged a piece of sycamore and made a set of salt and peppershakers. He got the rubber stoppers from

Craft Supplies



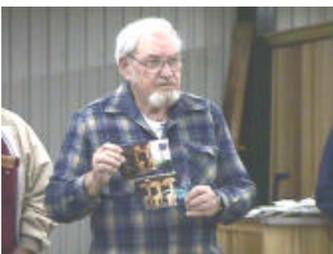
A member of the Woodcarvers Club, Herman Davis, presented a short carving program. He took an ordinary tallow

stick and, in the wink of an eye, made a flower and a bird on a perch. Very entertaining!



Lyman Frugia brought a bowl turned by one of his students and a mesquite 'mini bowl' trimmed with a dark colored wood.

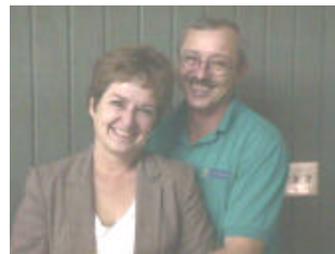
## Acadian Hardwoods



Howard Hartman had pictures of some saddle racks he built for a customer. Howard builds everything from belt buckles

to furniture.

February 13<sup>th</sup> is the BIG DAY at Acadian



Hardwoods. Our friends, Wes and Norma are getting married! Our club offers them it's congratulations and best wishes

for a long and happy life together.

## Wood Dust Officially Added to the Human Carcinogen List

The federal Department of Health and Human Services has added wood dust to its list of "known human carcinogens."

The department's biennial Report on Carcinogens listed wood dust based on evidence that long-term exposure increases the risk of cancers of the nasal cavities and sinuses. The Report itself has no regulatory impact, although it may prompt legislative action.

Wood dust was one of more than a dozen substances added Dec. 13 to the government's official list, which now totals 228 substances linked to cancer. Other new additions include steroidal estrogen, broad spectrum UV radiation produced by the sun and artificial sources, and beryllium.

Wood dust's addition to the report came as little surprise. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, which advises the department's National Toxicology Program, had voted unanimously to recommend adding wood dust to the carcinogen list two years ago. The NTP generally accepts NIEHS' recommendations.

The Inter-Industry Wood Dust Coordinating Council, a group joining more than 20 wood products associations, is funding a six-year study on wood dust exposure effects. The \$2 million study, being conducted by Tulane University, involves 3,000 woodworkers at 10 plants.

– *Source: Custom Woodworking Business Magazine, December 2002*

For your health's sake, you should always wear dust protection when you're in the shop. Any type of mask will provide some protection. But

I prefer the 3M Easi-care mask. It's light, certified for paint fumes, pesticides and dusts. I use a fresh mask when I spray lacquer. When the vapor absorption cartridge is spent, I continue to use the mask for dust protection. The masks are relatively inexpensive (around \$20) and they're available from several sources.

## Saturday Program Meeting

Our first Saturday Program Meeting will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Ray Ward's shop. Rod Ruppel and I will demonstrate pen turning. If you have some pen kits but you've been reluctant to try making them, bring them to the meeting and we'll help you make a pen. Ray has bench space for several lathes. If you have a mini-lathe, bring it and your tools to the meeting and we'll help you get started.

For directions to Ray's shop, check your e-mail meeting notice or call Ray at 898-4542.