



The DoveTale

January 2005

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	92	Present:	35	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Feb 28th

January 24th Meeting

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

- Howard Hartman - over \$2,000
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 92 - 61 renewals so far
- Rob Emanuel - We have several new magazines in our library.
- Rob Emanuel says to be sure to check out our website: www.wwset.org
- Bill Chanley & Rob Emanuel - Total of 1,474 toys were distributed to local charities - They were very appreciative!

Raffles

Howard Hartman donated a CD storage and carrying case to the club for a future raffle. Could this be the start of something new for our raffles? Steve



Brady, our raffle chairman, would like some input for future raffles. Should we continue them? What would folks like to have raffled?

Our next meeting

Our next Saturday meeting will be at my shop in Port Arthur (3849 Memorial Blvd, Phone: 982-5226 for directions). The subject will be "**Woodturning, Basics and Beyond**" and we will cover tool selection and sharpening, wood selection and basic to advanced turning techniques. Lyman Frugia, with some help from other club members, will present the program. The meeting will start at 9AM and end around 3PM and will be on a "come and go as you can basis". If you have a portable lathe, lathe tools or some wood, please bring it. I'll have plenty of room for extra lathes.

Our regular Monday Night Meeting will be held at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City on February 28th. The program will cover sharpening techniques for hand tools. The meeting will start at 7PM (I'll be there early to take pictures of your show and tell items). Be sure to bring a Show & Tell item and a chair.

Renewals

We've had 61 renewals so far. Remember, according to our club bylaws, dues are due by February and the final roster is published in March. Dues are still \$24 per year.

Show & Tells



Earl Rutherford turned two goblets, one with a 'captive ring' on the stem. He, and Richard Hicks, worked on jewelry boxes for Christmas presents. They used German Beech for the box and various exotic woods for the hummingbird intarsia inlays.



Richard Osborn used Cherry to build this easel for his church. It featured an adjustable rail to accommodate

various size pictures.



Red Dressel turned a small birdhouse Christmas tree ornament. It's difficult to turn them really thin so they will make a

light ornament.



Kathy Dressel cut this intarsia for a friend's child that really liked 'Free Willy, the Whale'.



Dale Clark brought pictures of 34 Red Oak stair treads. They required a lot of time for stock preparation and were a lot more work than Dale anticipated.



Sue Caldwell built this jewelry box out of Cherry and added a beautiful burl veneer top.



John and Rebecca Phelps brought this set of Micro sized dovetailing chisels. They're small enough to clean out the smallest

recesses in John's hand-cut dovetails.



Joel McLean carved and painted this bass fishing lure. I suspect it will be irresistible to fish!



Dean Partridge brought pictures of a large porch swing he made out of pine. Sure looks comfortable!

Door Prize

Richard Osborn won the door prize drawing and since he brought a show & tell item, his prize was \$35.

New Club Officers

Our outgoing president, Ray Ward, passed the



official club gavel to our new president, Richard Osborn and introduced the officers for 2005. Howard Hartman

will continue to be Treasurer and Richard Hicks will continue to be Secretary.

2004 was a good year for our club! We had a good variety of programs – especially our popular Saturday programs last year.

Attendance was very good and we added raffles to our club activities. But, we really need more involvement from our club members. The burden of keeping the club going is a heavy one when only a few help. If everyone would pitch in and help, it won't be a burden for anyone.

Our club desperately needs some help for 2005. We need someone to manage our programs and shows for 2005. You don't have to present a program, just plan them and make sure the folks that agree to do them follow through. This is a perfect opportunity to influence the type of programs we have so you can learn the things you're interested in.

We only have one show each year – the Woodworking Show in Houston. It will be on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd this year. All you need to do is schedule the folks that 'work' the show and be the contact point for the show promoters.

Program

Our new president presented the program and it covered the basic operation and safety of woodworking tools. While a lot of the safety items can be considered by some as "just common sense items", a reminder keeps them fresh in our mind while we're in the midst of an interesting project. Some of the points he covered:

Table Saws:

Saw alignment is critical to making a good and safe cut! Do a quick check the alignment of the miter slots and rip fence to the blade before you begin a project. Use a push stick and splitter on rip cuts for better control of the cut. Use stop block for repetitive cuts so the cutoffs will all be the same size. Consider building and using 'sleds' when crosscutting or mitering long stock.

Drill Presses:

Always use clamps to secure your stock before drilling, especially with larger bits. Make sure the table is aligned with the chuck spindle in all planes. Also, be sure to use the correct speed for the size bit you are using – bigger bits require slower speeds.

Routers:

Always UNPLUG the router when changing bits. Don't 'bottom-out the bit' when you install it. Make sure the height adjustment mechanism is securely tightened before you turn on the router. Make sure you are running the correct horsepower and speed for the bit you are using. The large raised panel bits require a slower speed and more power to cut cleanly and safely.

Always keep in mind:

If it doesn't feel right, take the time to find a better way to do it!