



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	53	Present:	21	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Feb 23rd

January 26th Meeting

We held our January meeting at Acadian Cypress & Hardwoods in Rose City. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,603.98
- Richard Hicks - Currently at 53 members - 39 renewals so far
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation.
- Toy Project: We had a couple of toy workshops at Steve's shop.
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - John Phelps, Howard Hartman and Rob Emanuel will review the library and its use
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact John Phelps, Glen Kenny or Tod Braquet

Club Library

As previously reported, our library cart was severely damaged by the Hurricane Ike storm surge. The books stored in the bottom of the cart were destroyed. The cart and remaining

items are stored at Steve Brady's shop. Tod Braquet has the moisture meter and alignment gauge.

The club officers believe the library is at a "crossroads" - do we repair the cart and replenish the library or discontinue it? Some believe the library is a necessary part of the club, while others believe it is used very little.

In an effort to resolve the issue, we need input from YOU, the club members. We've received very little input on the library - If you have an opinion, please voice it! We will discuss and decide the future of the library at the February 23rd meeting.

If you use the club library, please contact:

- Rebecca Phelps 883-7437 ,or
- Rob Emanuel 729-9315 , or
- Richard Hicks 553-6157

before the next meeting (February 23rd). If we don't hear from you, we'll assume that you don't use the library.

Membership renewals

We have 39 renewals so far. Remember, according to our club bylaws, renewals are due by February and the final roster is published in March. Dues are still \$24 per year. It

really helps me if you renew by mail. Send the renewals to:

Richard Hicks
3849 Memorial Blvd
Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Old Timer's Club

John Phelps would like to get a group of club members together and call it the "Old Timer's Club". The first meeting will be Saturday, February 21st at Steve Brady's shop in Vidor. The meeting will start at 9Am and last as long as people want it to. The plan is to work on club projects and prepare stock for the toy drive. This is similar to the group at the Alabama Woodworking Guild. Please contact John at 883-7437 if you're interested.

Work Bench Raffle

The club workbench received some very slight damage to the legs. After some discussion, it was decided that the bench had seen very limited club use and a suggestion was made that the club raffle off the bench. Rob Emanuel made a motion, and Lyman seconded it, that the club raffle off the bench.

Steve Brady will manage the raffle. The raffle will last for six months and it will be open to the general public as well as club members. The tickets will be \$5 each. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for general club project needs.

Committees

We discussed the staffing of the club committees and concluded that:

- The club needs a Public Relations committee - they would be responsible for club publicity and interfacing with the public and other clubs, etc.

- Show Committee - this would be handled by the person or persons that suggest the club participate in shows or events such as the Rice Festival or the Houston Woodworker's Show.
- Toy Committee - will be headed by Dean Partridge and Rebecca Phelps
- Program Committee - Tod Braquet will lead the effort and be assisted by Rob Emanuel and Lyman Frugia.

Show and Tells



Lyman Frugia always wears a face shield while turning and this time it saved him from a major injury when a piece broke off. The face shield kept it from hitting him directly in the face.



Howard Hartman is showing off a biplane. It's a popular item in his wooden toy collection.



Earl Rutherford turned these goblets from a piece of black cherry.



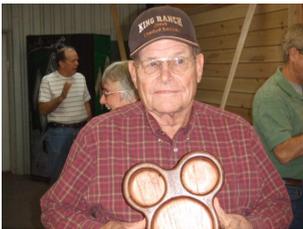
Rob Emanuel had to use a special screw extractor to remove the last knife hold down screw on his jointer.



Raymond Fontenote made several platters and bowls using a special router bit and patterns. They are made from various woods and two of them were laminated with contrasting woods. With the bits and a pattern, you



can make about any shape bowl or platter with any number of compartments.



Dean Partridge used the same technique to make this "Mickey Mouse" bowl.



Paul Smith is still doing extensive woodworking on the old house he bought. This time, he's building a deck and

porch.

Steve Brady won the door prize - \$25 since he didn't have a show and tell item.

Program



Ian Stewart's brother, Peter, presented our program this month. He's a master woodworker and does most of his

woodworking with hand tools. He went through an apprentice program as a young man and stayed with the craft.



Ian's grandchildren. Each chair was hand



made and had the child's name carved on the bottom of the seat.

Peter brought examples of his woodworking, including several children's Windsor chairs he made for Ian's grandchildren. Each chair was hand made and had the child's name carved on the bottom of the seat. The seats were made of either Oak or Elm and they were 'scorped' by hand and then 'scrapped'

smooth with a cabinet scraper. The legs were turned from pieces of a Yew tree.

Peter built his own wood steamer and clamps for the curved pieces and built jigs to align the angled holes used for the legs, arms and backs. He finishes the chairs with Danish Oil and a final top coat of BriWax. Peter says it takes about 6 months to build a chair.



onto a flatbed truck.

Peter also brought examples of the elaborate toys he makes, like a working forklift that actually lifts a pallet of logs

Thanks to Ian and Peter for a very interesting woodworking program. It's good to know that this level of woodworking capability still exists.