



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	56	Present:	22	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be Feb 22nd

January 25th Meeting

We held our January meeting at our new meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - Balance is \$2,727.45
- Richard Hicks - 56 members - 34 renewals for 2010 so far
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation and we need more pictures for our gallery
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - The Old Timer's Group will evaluate storage options for library materials in 2010

Renewals

Well, it's that time again - time to renew your club membership.

So far, we've had 34 renewals. Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list before the March meeting, so please return your membership renewal as soon as you can. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

Club Library

A group of members relocated the library materials - including the remnants of the old cart that was damaged in hurricane Ike - from Steve Brady's shop to our new meeting place. Library materials are located in the second meeting room and will be available for checkout at the next meeting. If you've previously borrowed items from the library and have had them for a lengthy period of time, don't forget to return them so that they can be inventoried and labeled for checkout. The Old Timer's Group will address permanent display and storage options for the library.

Leadership Change



Outgoing president Rebecca Phelps turned over leadership to incoming president Tod Braquet. In addition to her role as president, Rebecca, along with Dean Partridge, was instrumental in a successful 2009 toy drive. Thanks, Rebecca, for all of your hard work!

Award



Richard Spinney did a program on building a wood plane in 2008. He finished the plane that he used in the program and

presented it to Steve Brady in recognition of Steve's contributions to the club. Thanks to Steve for providing a meeting place for the club and a workshop for the Old Timer's Group.

New Meeting Location



Jeffrey Fritz discussed the ground rules for using his building as our new meeting facility. Please pay special

attention to safety when in the warehouse, and please remain in the meeting area. It's important that no one wander into areas that may be hazardous, especially around the heavy equipment and stacks of wood. Also, smoking is not allowed in the building.

Changes to Bylaws

The Board of Directors proposed changes to the bylaws to better reflect the way that the club operates and to make them less restrictive. The proposed changes are:

- The current bylaws state that the club meets on the 4th Monday of each month, except in December. The proposed change is that the club has monthly meetings as determined by the club membership.
- The current bylaws specify **by name** eight committees. The proposed change is that the club removes the named committees and empowers the Board of Directors to

name committees as required to conduct club business.

- The current bylaws specify the procedure for the election of officers but they do not specify when the new officers should take office. The proposed change is that the new officers take charge immediately after the election at the November meeting.

Our bylaws require that a change be presented at a meeting, published in the newsletter, voted on at the next meeting, and passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present at that meeting. The proposed changes will be voted on at the February meeting.

Show and Tells



Lyman Frugia brought some mesquite handles he turned for some serving utensils.



Richard Spinney showed several vases that he made from pieces of wood that he found when he cleaned up his shop.



Sue Caldwell used her scroll saw to cut a fretwork picture of a pelican. She used maple and cypress.



David Mayer showed us some miniature biscuits that he bought to construct small picture frames and boxes.



Raymond Fontenote brought several cherry, walnut, and oak bowls and serving pieces that he made with his router.



Jeffrey Fritz made a child's dining table from some walnut that he harvested after hurricane Rita.

John Phelps won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show and tell item.

Program

The January program was about the construction and use of jigs that improve woodworking safety and precision. After we discussed and demonstrated several jigs, John Phelps presented a program on his new Work Sharp sharpening system.



The Work Sharp system uses sandpaper on a glass wheel to sharpen various shop tools. Grits are available from 120 to 3600. It also has a unique see-

through wheel that lets you watch the sharpening action as it's taking place. In addition to grinding new edges, it can also hone the sharpened edge to a mirror finish and is capable of creating a micro-bevel edge.

John demonstrated the Work Sharp system by renewing the edge on an old shop chisel. He took the process all the way from grinding a new edge to honing the bevel and demonstrated the changing of the various grits. John is very pleased with the tool and feels that it is a good substitute for hand-sharpening shop tools.

The Work Sharp WS3000 system is available from Woodcraft - among others - for \$199.95. There are numerous accessories available.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. The club has plenty of chairs, so there is no need for you to bring one. In response to requests from members, the business part of the meeting will start at 6:30, and the regular meeting will start at 7:00. All members are welcome to attend the business part of the meeting. Remember to bring a show and tell item.

For the program, Troy Gallier will demonstrate using a router to trim hardwood edge banding on bookcase shelves.