



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	56	Present:	27	Visitors:	4
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Renewals

Our Next Meeting will be Feb 25th

January 28th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,543
- Richard Hicks - 56 members/ 35 renewals
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Season 12 of the Woodsmith Shop TV series has been received and it's available for checkout.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 25th, 2019 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Wayne Whitehead will present the program "Turning and Finishing the New Style Pens".

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.

Just a reminder - It's membership renewal time again. We've had 35 renewals so far. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have a lot of programs planned with some special Saturday hands-on sessions.

Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list at the March meeting and I'll publish the membership roster after the March meeting. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

Business Items

We established our budget for 2019.

Mark Underwood requested \$300 for the library that will cover the two items already purchased for 2019 (Woodsmith Shop TV Series Season 12 and the Fine Woodworking Archive) and allow for \$200 more for the rest of the year. Wayne Whitehead made the motion and Pete De La Cruz seconded it. The motion passed.

Richard Hicks requested \$300 for the toy project. Rebecca Phelps made the motion and Wayne Whitehead seconded it. The motion passed.

Safety

Mark Underwood reminded everyone that we shouldn't use compressed air to blow off our clothes or bodies. The compressed air can damage parts of our bodies (eyes & ears) and it can also blow those wood particles into our eyes. Members suggested using a bench brush or wearing a smock that can be removed and shaken clean.

Show & Tells



Bob Arceneaux showed his latest cutting boards and he described how he made them. He uses Watco Butcher Block finish on his cutting boards.



Jeffery Fritz shows a Greene and Greene designed blanket chest he built using plans from the Nov/Dec 2014 issue of Fine

Woodworking magazine.



John Payne showed two plywood boxes he made using dovetail joinery for ALL edges. The larger box is used to store a set of

musical glasses.



Gerald Wheeler showed a three wing bowl he turned from a 7" laminated cube of gum, mahogany, beech and maple. He used a

mixture of mineral oil and beeswax for the finish.



Carolyn Williams showed pictures of a queen size headboard she made for a fisherman using white pine. She made copies of rowing oars and mounted them in an arch.



Bruce Wertz showed pictures and a video of a child's push toy. The ducks move up and down and make a clacking noise.



Jim Thibaut showed pictures of a bird house he made designed like a 'beach cabin'. He used mesquite, cypress and cedar since it will be used outside.



Steve Brady showed pictures of a batch of wooden coasters he made by sawing slabs off of a tree trunk. He had to dry them before they could be used.

Mark Underwood won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a woodworking show and tell item. B.J. Holt and Gerald Wheeler won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Tool Reviews



Bob Arceneaux showed a carbide scraper and a set of compasses from Woodpecker Tools.



John Heard showed a hollowing tool made by Harrison Tools. It has a laser attachment that measures the wall thickness of the

vessel without having to use a caliper.



Kris Castle showed a tool he made from plans in the Jan/Feb 2001 issue of Fine Woodworking that measures the tension

on a bandsaw blade.



Richard Hicks showed pictures of a new self-adjusting pocket hole tool drilling jig made by Armor Tools. They're only available

by pre-order at this time from the manufacturer.

Clock Project



Jeffery Fritz did a short presentation of a proposal for a group building of large case clocks.

He plans to build a grandfather style clock using some curly pine lumber he bought from Ian Stewart and thought that other club members might also want to build a clock. If the group worked together, they could leverage making jigs and machine setups to make multiple clocks. When finished, each member would have a finished clock.

If you're interested in joining the group and building a clock, contact Jeffery at 409-658-1944 or jeff.fritz55@yahoo.com.

Woodworking Information

Pete De La Cruz shared information about podcasts and videos that are available about woodworking. Members asked that the information be published in the newsletter, so here they are:

Podcast - Wood Talk Podcast with Mark Spagnuolo is an audio only talk show (address is www.woodtalkshow.com) - select Archives on the left hand side of the webpage for past episodes.

Mark Spagnuolo also has a television show called "The Wood Whisperer Show". Seasons 2007 thru 2018 are available on Amazon Prime Video.

Program

Richard Hicks presented a short program about the methods he uses to cut miter joints for picture frames and boxes.

Richard uses a table saw with a miter sled to cut picture frames and a miter gauge and table saw for larger boxes. For smaller boxes, he uses a compound miter saw with a jig attachment. He says that to get accurate, gap free miters, your saws must be properly aligned and he described the alignments he uses for his table and miter saws.

His methods and jigs cause the two parts of the miter joint to be cut on opposite sides of the blade which effectively cancels any minor error in the 45 degree angle cuts.



This is the sled that he uses for cutting the miters on picture frames. He described the steps in making the sled so that it fits your saw and cuts accurate miter joints. The

blade is set at 90 degrees and the stock is held stationary on the sled and the sled is pushed over the blade. It consists of two runners that fit the table saw miter slots and a small sheet of $\frac{1}{2}$ " Baltic birch plywood with two fences that are positioned 90 degrees apart and on a 45 degree angle to the table saw blade. He adds a measuring tape to the right hand fence that helps position the stops for each piece of the picture frame.



This is the jig he uses on his compound miter saw for cutting the miters on small boxes. The blade is tilted 45 degrees and the

pieces are cut by lowering the blade through them. He described how he uses it and the special feature he's added to the stops that eliminates problems when the rough cut pieces for the sides of the box aren't exactly square. Again, the two pieces of each miter are cut on opposite sides of the blade. That cancels any error in the 45 degree setting of the blade.



This is the miter gauge setup he uses when cutting larger boxes. He likes to use $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood scraps (as long as they are flat)

for the miter fence and adds a piece of self-adhesive 320 grit sandpaper to the fence so the parts don't move while he's cutting them. The table saw blade is tilted 45 degrees and the stock is pushed past the blade.



Richard usually uses his Unifence to align the box parts prior to applying glue to the miter joints and he usually uses packing

tape as a clamp while the glue dries. He's

found the cheaper tape actually works better as a clamp because it has less glue and stretches less when it's wrapped around the box.

Copies of Richard's presentation slides are available on our website and a video of his presentation is available in our club library.

Swap Meet



Even though the weather was cold, about 30 members attended the February 9th SWAP MEET. Jeffery Fritz

had a large display of items from his shop and Jim Thibaut brought a truckload of exotic wood. Other members had small collections of items from their shops and everyone enjoyed searching through the items for treasures they could use in their woodworking. The club provided the snacks.

Everyone agreed that we should have another SWAP MEET later this year.

New Members

Please welcome our four new club members: Larry Mills and Jim Seim from Beaumont, Jesse Erwin from Groves and Fred Morin from Woodville. They are all wanting to learn more about various aspects of woodworking.