



The DoveTale

January 2020

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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| Members: | 57 | Present: | 21 | Visitors: | 1 |
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Our Next Meeting will be Feb 24th

January 27th Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,956
- Richard Hicks - 57 Members
- Toys - Off to a fast start for 2020 and our goal is 1,000 toys this year
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Woodsmith Shop TV series season 13 is now available for checkout.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 24th, 2020 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Pete De La Cruz, along with Scott Freudenburg from Wes Vice Hardwoods, will present a program describing the new Kreg Track Saw system and the services available from Wes Vice Hardwoods.

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.

Renewals

Reminder, its membership renewal time again. Our dues will remain at \$24 for 2020 - a real bargain. Don't forget, you can use a club gift certificate to pay your dues. We have 42 renewals so far.

When you renew your membership, please take a few moments to verify your contact information on the front of the renewal card. Also please take a few moments to fill out the back of the card to share any ideas you have to make our club better and make program suggestions for 2020.

Upcoming Special Events

At the recent board meeting, the group decided to have two swap meets in 2020.

- March 7th
- September 19th

The meets will be at our regular meeting location and run from 9AM until 12Noon. As in the past, only club members and guests escorted by club members may attend.

At the same board meeting, the following members volunteered to open their shops for visits by club members.

- Jeffery Fritz on February 8th at 9AM
- Bob Arceneaux on April 18th at 1PM

- Steve Brady on August 15th at 10AM

To minimize parking congestion, it was suggested that the members consider carpooling to the shop visits.

I plan to remind everyone about the special events.

Show & Tells



shellac.

Todd Barker made his waving American Flag using 2"x4" material. He printed the stars on his computer and finished it with



three legs and the other with four legs.

Bob Arceneaux showed a candle stand his dad built (and he rebuilt). He made two candle stands out of mesquite, one with



Richard Spinney bought a couple of old clocks at the thrift store and he made wooden bases for them from walnut.



Gary Smith shows toys he made. He's made over 100 toys so far this year and plans to do many more.



Richard Hicks showed the 20 small candle boxes he made for the toy project. He plans to make 30 more this year.



Jeffery Fritz brought numerous show & tell items; A lighted display cabinet for his G.I. Joe figurine, pieces of Osage



Orange fence posts he used to make display stands for his seashell collection, a bench that was originally made in China that he rebuilt, and a lighted



walnut display case he'll use for some African carvings he collected in Cameroon.

Richard Spinney won the \$25 door prize and an additional \$25 Hartville gift certificate since he had a woodworking show and tell item. Todd Barker and Steve Brady won the Craft Supply gift certificates.

Tool Reviews



Steve Brady showed us a RZ Mask model M2 dust mask. It's made of a mesh material, has multiple types of replaceable filters and uses a Velcro fastening system. He ordered it from Amazon and it's available in different colors. His mask came



with a spare storage bag, an extra filter and a valve removal tool. It has a metal piece that bends to adjust the fit at the top of your nose so wearing the mask doesn't interfere with your glasses.



Richard Hicks showed an attachment he made to use when he's cutting small pieces on his table saw. It attaches to his miter gauge and it has a tray to catch the small pieces so they don't hit the saw blade after they're cut.



Jeffery Fritz showed a jig he made to hold small crown molding when he cuts it on his miter saw.



George Turner showed an adjustable stop block that clamps to the fence of his radial arm saw. The adjusting bolt has a 16 thread per inch bolt so fine adjustments are very easy to make.



Kris Castle showed a model 9080 Stanley scraper he uses to remove saw marks. It works much like a card scraper. He also showed a compass plane that has an adjustable front plate so that it can plane inside or outside curves.



Jeffery Fritz showed a Woodpecker marking gauge he's used on all of his projects. He also showed several of his planes he uses on

his projects to get better fits for his joints.

Business Items

Since we didn't have a chance to sell toys at the Winnie Rice Festival, Richard requested \$400 for the toy project this year. Steve made a motion to budget \$400 for the toy project for 2020 and Rebecca Phelps seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark Underwood, our librarian, had to work so Richard Hicks presented his budget request of \$200 for 2020. Richard Spinney made a motion to budget \$200 for the library for 2020 and Pete De La Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Program



Jeffery Fritz presented the program, "Entry Table with Stand-out Joinery". The article on this piece of furniture was published in the February 2020 issue of Fine Woodworking.



Jeffery used some spalted, wormy hickory for the main wood, old heart pine for the drawers and wormy magnolia for the drawer fronts. For his projects, he likes to either use elegant designs or really spectacular wood - but not both because they will detract from each other.

Jeffery believes using plans from a good woodworking magazine is a good starting point and saves a lot of time and aggravation. The author has done the design work so things are proportioned correctly. He's also chosen the

joinery and has the correct measurements based on those joints.

However, Jeffery contends that changing the design or joinery to suit your skills or equipment is also OK and it's a good way to learn new skills and techniques. For example, while constructing this project, Jeffery learned how to taper legs using his jointer.

Jeffery explained how he constructed the major joints, how he dealt with problems specific to the wood he used and all of the things he did differently from those specified in the magazine article along with his reasons for the changes.

So, Jeffery encourages building projects from quality magazines. He says that you probably already like the project because it 'caught your eye' while you were reading the magazine and it will jump start the project and make it faster and easier to do. You should feel free to make changes to the project and learn new techniques for building that and subsequent projects.

Thanks Jeffery for a very informative program. A video of Jeffery's presentation is available in our club library.

Shop Tour



On February 8, 2020, Jeffery Fritz hosted a tour of his woodworking shop and about twelve club members enjoyed

seeing his shop and discussing woodworking. In addition to his woodworking equipment, he also showed us a lot of antique farming equipment he's collected over the years.

Jeffery spent a lot of time and effort harvesting local wood for his projects. After Hurricane Rita in 2005 he helped clear the

downed trees, mostly oaks, in the "Old Town Area" of Beaumont. He normally uses his large industrial equipment located in his warehouse to get the lumber ready for his projects. Then he brings it to his home workshop and starts his project.



Jeffery discussed some of the tools he uses like his table saw with the Precision INCRA Fence system that helps him make precise cuts. He has a centrally located dust collection system that helps him keep his shop clean and safe. He also has a large number of LED shop lights that provide good lighting over his tools and work benches. Jeffery enjoys using hand tools when constructing his projects, but also makes good use of his power tools to "get a project done in a reasonable amount of time".

Since his shop is located in what used to be a multiple car garage he can still raise the garage doors to provide easy access to all of the areas of his shop. He can also open the doors when the weather is nice and get fresh air in the shop. Jeffery has done an excellent job with his equipment layout to make efficient use of the available space and provide a safe working environment.

Thanks Jeffery for hosting the tour of your shop. I'm sure everyone came away with some ideas to implement in their own shop.