



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	90	Present:	50	Visitors:	1
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[Our Next Meeting will be Aug 25th](#)

[July 28th Meeting](#)

Our July meeting was back at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - treasury at \$2,373.11
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 90
- Ken Bodden - Has added some new magazines to the library
- Rod Ruppel - Kathy Dressel will host the next Saturday meeting on scroll saws. The program committee will present a variety of woodworking jigs at our next regular meeting.
- Rob Emanuel - Rob Emanuel will enhance the forum part of our website.

[Shop Safety](#)

Woodworker's paradise is now carrying safety glasses and plans to add several other safety related products in the future. B.J. also talked about special glasses that had bifocals on the top side of the lenses as well as the bottom side.

A reinforcement on housekeeping in the shop; one of our members knows someone that stumbled over some scraps on the floor while his table saw was running. As he went down,

his hand landed on the spinning blade resulting in a very serious injury. Keep your work areas, especially around power tools, clean and tidy so this won't happen to you.

[Club Workbench](#)

The main part of the workbench is complete and it has been moved to Acadian Hardwoods. The only thing left is the installation of the drawers. The total cost was \$432 and the bench is really nice. Thanks to all of the members that took part in designing and building our workbench. Now we're ready for some programs on hand tools...

[Router Bit Raffle](#)

Our router bit raffle was a huge success! We



sold about 180 tickets and Rudy Antilley was the lucky winner. Our club leadership is

considering some additional raffles and would appreciate input from the membership about what to raffle. The raffle proceeds will be used for this year's toy project.

Show & Tells



Sue Caldwell turned this bowl from a new material called Colorply (from Penn State Industries). The alternating red and black plies made a very interesting and different pattern on the bowl.



Lyman Frugia brought a spalted mesquite bowl and a laminated peppermill. The different colored laminations create decorative patterns in the turned body of the peppermill.



Richard Hicks with a prototype box he plans to make, with the helps of other members, for this year's toy drive.



Jewel Hymel made a self-centering jig for drilling blanks used for making wooden pens and pencils.



Cliff McLean found his wooden toy car from the 60's and plans to restore it. Anyone know where he can get some real rubber toy tires?



Howard Hartman designed and built this two step, step stool with a storage drawer as part of his pine furniture collection.



Kathy Dressel with a multi-layer, fretwork scroll sawn cross mounted on a decorative base.



Dean Partridge brought pictures of a TV cabinet built to handle a large portable TV and components.



Paul Smith brought pictures of some heavy-duty oak bar stools that were designed for hard use.



John Phelps built this chair for his grandson. John designed it with safety in mind - no sharp corners, etc.



David Shows built this measuring stick when he was in college. It's designed to measure 'standing trees' for height

and total board feet, etc.

Program

Kathy Dressel presented this month's



program on scroll saw basics. She brought a lot of her completed projects to illustrate various parts of her presentation. She explained how to set up a scroll saw so that it will cut correctly. The most important setup is getting the blade



adjusted exactly 90 degrees to the table and the blade tension set correctly. Some of the other tips she mentioned:

- Start with the less expensive 'milled tooth' blades, then graduate to the better 'precision ground tooth' blades
- She likes Duro All Purpose Spray Adhesive, from WalMart, to glue her patterns to the wood
- If you're cutting wood that burns easily, put some clear packing tape on the work piece to lubricate the blade
- Let the blade do the cutting! Apply gentle forward pressure into the blade. Resist the natural tendency to push sideways when you're making curved cuts

- Match the blade to the work piece. Use lower numbered blades for thinner woods and larger numbers for thicker stock
- The 5R (#5 reverse tooth) blade is her favorite. To make these blades last longer, keep the saw speed below 1,850 rpm
- She doesn't care for the Crown Tooth blades because they leave a rougher edge

Kathy provided a very good handout with blade listings and suggested cutting speeds. She also included pointers for compensating for the natural drift found in most blades. A copy of Kathy's handout is available in the club library.

Thanks Kathy for a great program!

Shows

A motion was made by Rebecca Phelps and seconded by Laura Seelen that the club sponsor a club information table at the Woodcarver's Show being held at Central Mall on October 18th and 19th.

Next Regular Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held at Acadian Hardwoods on August 25th at 7 PM. The meeting will all about woodworking jigs. Everyone has their favorite jig that makes their woodworking safer, faster or more accurate. Share them with you fellow club members at our next meeting. The program committee will bring their favorite jigs and asks that the members do the same.

BE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR AND A SHOW & TELL TO THE MEETING