



# The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	56	Present:	21	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

We held our July meeting at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,796.11
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 58 - 2 new members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports he's going to redesign our website: [www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org)
- Toy Project: Contact Glen Kenney if you need supplies to make toys for the toy drive.
- Library - Rob Emanuel has finished purging the club library to make room for new items.
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact Rob Emanuel
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

Our Next Meetings

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Acadian Hardwoods starting at 7PM. John Phelps will present a program about making frame & panel doors using mortise and tendon joints for the frames and a shaper to make the panels. Be sure to bring

a show & tell item and a chair. As usual, I'll be there early to take pictures of the show & tell items.

## Show & Tells



Steve Stewart's mother turns a lot of pens and Steve loaned her one of his turned goblets to display them.



Earl Rutherford and Steve Brady made large adjustable lathe jaws from plans from Popular Woodworking.



Howard Hartman shows one of his bandsaw boxes. He also brought some nice spalted wood to give to club members.



Steve Brady turned his tall vase from a "river wood (not sure about the species) log" he found on a creek bank.



Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a bed with barley twist posts he made on his Legacy machine.

## Door Prize

Michael Newell won the door prize. Since he didn't have a show and tell item, his prize was \$25.00



Jim Dunaway brought a colorful wooden map made from Baltic birch plywood. He also brought a copy of our club's first newsletter.

## Safety

Lyman Frugia got a real surprise when he plugged in his small Carbatec lathe. It immediately started running - that's when he discovered that the power switch was mislabeled. Always stay out of 'the line of fire' when starting up power tools - especially new tools or tools that you haven't used in a while.



Lyman Frugia turns a lot of bowls so he bought a book that shows 500 different bowl shapes.

John Phelps is taking a woodworking course in Alabama and the shop has a multi-purpose machine (table saw, jointer and planer). Unfortunately, the design of the machine does not include a spring loaded guard when its in the 'jointer' mode. This exposes quite a lot of the spinning cutter head and knives. I'm sure this made John very nervous since he's a very safety conscious woodworker.



Kathy Moffat brought her display box of pens and discussed the repairs she made to an Aqua Pearl Acrylic pen.

## Program

Rob Emanuel presented a program about sharpening and using cabinet scrapers. There are two major types of scraper; card scrapers that are generally used by hand (or with a holder) and plane scrapers that are mounted in a two handled, cast iron body (like the Stanley #80).



As a rule, you grind the edge of the card scraper at 90 deg and the plane scraper at 45 deg. The cutting edge is actually a burr on the edge of the blade and the sharpening



John Phelps is making good progress on his Tombstone Spice Chest and he brought the recently constructed door.

## Tool Review



John Phelps brought his low angle jack plane purchased from Lee Valley Veritas. John uses the plane, with a shooting board, to true up the

edges of boards.

challenge is getting a smooth, properly formed burr.

Sharpening procedure:

1. Flatten both sides of the scraper on a 1000 grit (or finer) oil or water stone to remove any old burrs.
2. Use a single cut bastard file, about eight inches long, to joint the edge of the scraper.
3. Re-flatten the scraper (repeat step one)
4. Use a burnishing tool to turn a burr on the edges of the scraper

You can perform these sharpening steps 'free hand' or you can make (or buy) jigs to insure



that the edges and burrs are straight and smooth. This Woodsmith Scraper Sharpening System is available from Woodcraft for about

\$55. The jig makes it easy to put a sharp 90 deg burr on a card scraper or a 45 deg burr on a plane scraper.

Scrapers are essential for smoothing figured woods and preferable for removing machining marks from surfaces. Properly sharpened and used scrapers will remove wood faster than sanding.

You can push or pull card scrapers. To push it, grasp it with both hands and place your thumbs in the center. Flex the scraper slightly, tilt it away from you and push with a firm, steady stroke. If you prefer to pull it toward you, grasp it with both hands, place your fingers in the center of the blade, flex it slightly and pull it towards you with a firm, steady pressure. Slightly flexing the scraper keeps the corners from digging into the surface. Note: the scraper will become very hot while you're using it, so wear protection.



HOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE THAT ALLOW YOU TO SET AND HOLD THE FLEX ANGLE AND IT KEEPS YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE HOT SURFACES.

Thanks to Rob Emanuel for a very informative presentation on the 'under used' scraper.

## Club Social

Glen Kenney suggested the club have a cookout social for members and their families. He offered his house and shop and even offered to cook. Dean Partridge and Raymond Fontenote volunteered to work with Glen to plan the event. They've decided to hold it on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM. Glen says the food will be ready at noon. The club will furnish the meat, sides and drinks. If you want to, you can bring a desert or snack item.

BE SURE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND HOW MANY WILL BE IN YOUR GROUP BY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> SO WE WILL KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY.

The committee report is included and they are asking the club for input and refinement of the plans at the August meeting.

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## CLUB COOKOUT SOCIAL

- When: September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am till (food served starting at noon)(RSVP with count)
- Where: Glen Kenny's Home  
3103 Vernon, Nederland, Texas
- Who: All club members and their families (guests?)
- Activities: Swimming (Bring your own swimsuits, towels and lawn chairs)  
Glen will entertain with his award winning Toastmasters speech  
"Show and Tell" (anyone -anything)  
DVD player will be set up for those interested in woodworking videos  
Projects or games for kids ?  
Demonstrations:  
    Tool Sharpening  
    Project Design / Planning Production  
    Scroll Saw Overview  
    Others?
- Food: Brisket  
Pulled Pork (Pork Butt)  
Links  
Hot Dogs (for kids)  
Beans  
Slaw  
Grilled Vegetables  
Potato Salad  
Appetizers
- Drinks: Soft Drinks (regular and diet)  
Iced Tea (sweet and un-sweet)  
Kool Aid  
Water  
BYOB (?)
- Utensils: Paper Plates  
Cups  
Plastic Knives and Forks  
Napkins / Paper Towels  
Plastic Table Cloths
- Cost: \$400 (unused funds will be returned to treasury)

Suggestions and final approval will solicited at the August meeting

