



The DoveTale

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Members:	53	Present:	16	Visitors:	4
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June 23rd Meeting

This meeting was our annual visit to check Dr. Vardiman's progress on his boat project. Our Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,557.49
- Richard Hicks - Currently at 53 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation.
- Toy Project: Rebecca Phelps brought a BIG wheel tractor and a whistle that actually whistled. She also has some new toy plans available.
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - John Phelps, Howard Hartman and Rob Emanuel will review the library and it's use
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact John Phelps, Glen Kenny or Tod Braquet

Our Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, July 28th at Acadian Cypress and Hardwoods in

Rose City. Glen Kenney will present a program about making dovetails with the Leigh dovetail jig. Be sure to bring a chair and a show and tell item. I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tells.

Future programs include Dean Partridge making Adirondack Chairs and Richard Spinney making a large wooden hand plane.

Shop Safety

The Phelps mentioned that they saw a 'PODCAST' about fuming oak and the woodworkers weren't wearing respiratory protection. John has a strong chemistry background and he cautioned that you should always wear respiratory protection when working with ammonia in closed quarters.

The safest way to fume wood is to build a plastic film tent around the piece and do it in an open area. This will help concentrate the ammonia around the piece as well as protect you from the ammonia fumes. You should still use respiratory protection while you're handling the ammonia. While you usually use concentrated ammonia for fuming, even household ammonia can be toxic if you breathe enough of it.

Show and Tell



Howard Hartman really likes working with German Beech and it's inexpensive. He also won the \$35 door prize.



Rebecca Phelps brought a toy tractor with BIG wheels a whistle that actually whistled for the toy drive.



Steve Brady turned a Holly bowl and made a handled breadboard from shop scraps.



Ivan Test used walnut to build a tall candleholder. It had hand turned spindles and angled legs.



Richard Hicks turned an African Mahogany bowl with a large rim that he intends to carve.



Rob Emanuel used a piece of Holly salvaged from Hurricane Rita for his bowl. He started it at the Saturday meeting and finished it at home.



Richard Spinney carved a vase Steve Brady turned from some 'found' wood - not sure about the species.



Richard Spinney also brought an example of the large wooden plane he plans to use for a club program.

Program



Dr. Vardiman made a lot of progress on his boat this past year! He believes he is really close to finishing it and is making plans for it's launching. He's agreed



to notify the club when he's ready to launch his masterpiece. He shared a lot of details about the materials and construction techniques he used.

Dr. Vardiman, thanks for hosting us again!