



# The DoveTale

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Members:	56	Present:	23	Visitors:	0
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Our Next Meeting will be July 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,745
- Richard Hicks - 56 Members
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Reminder, library items are checked out for one month at a time.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 23, 2018 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. David Mayer will present a program about "Shop Layout and Organization".

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.

Swap Meet

Mark reminded everyone that our second swap meet for 2018 will be on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9AM until 12 noon. So gather your unused items and get ready for the swap meet.

Show & Tell



Kris Castle brought a picture of a large board (104" x 12" x 3") and asked the members to guess the species. It was Mesquite.



Richard Spinney showed a bowl made from 2 small bowls that he glued together. He also showed a cribbage board he made from purpleheart. He carved a hibiscus flower on the corner and made storage for the cribbage pins and two decks of cards.



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Rob Emanuel showed a two compartment, walnut and cypress 'nut basket' he made for his wife using his scroll saw. It resembled a woven basket.



He also showed a wooden 3D chess piece he cut on his scroll saw.



Mark Underwood showed two bowls he turned from an old mesquite fireplace mantle. One was a long, narrow 'winged' bowl. The other one was a 'square' bowl. He finished both pieces with Minwax Tung oil.



John Payne showed a cabinet door he made from Brazilian teak. The wood is very dense and heavy so the finished door was

REALLY heavy. John also brought some cut-offs and offered them to club members.



John Heard showed a bowl he turned from a piece of 'found wood' and he asked for help identifying the wood. Most folks thought it

was 'Water Oak'.



Wayne Whitehead showed pictures of a 'sofa table' he made from a 'pecan slab' using heavy duty metal legs. He finished it

with Minwax Wipe-on Poly with light sanding between coats.

B.J. Holt won the \$25 door prize and Richard Spinney and Ronnie Webb won the Craft Supplies door prizes.

## Tool Reviews



Jim Thibaut showed his portable Spindle sander. He bought it online from MLCS (the same folks that sell router bits). Their

website address is:

[www.mlcswoodworking.com](http://www.mlcswoodworking.com)



The sander can be used as a 'hand-held' tool or you can invert it and clamp it to your workbench like a stationary power tool.

## Toys



Richard Spinney, David Goodell and Gerald Wheeler worked as a team to construct 100 wooden toys for our Christmas Toy Project. They made boats, Indy style race cars and Dragster style cars. Richard said they were fun to make and they enjoyed the teamwork. He encouraged other members to make some also. Contact Richard Hicks at (409)553-6157 or [rhicks4@gt.rr.com](mailto:rhicks4@gt.rr.com) if you need toy patterns or supplies.

## Program

Rob Emanuel presented a program about the basics of scroll sawing. Rob stressed that the scroll saw is one of the safest and most versatile woodworking tools you can own, but it's designed primarily for small projects.

Rob likes his DeWalt (DW 788) scroll saw and



says that it provides excellent performance at a reasonable price (~\$500 on Amazon).

The saw has a cast iron table that reduces vibrations and it's been very durable.



Rob explained that there are many different types of scroll saw blades available and each one is designed for

optimum performance on a particular type or thickness of material or type of project. He prefers the blades sold by Flying Dutchman (web address: <https://mikesworkshop.com/>). They seem to be sharper and last longer than other blades.

Rob showed examples and pictures of pieces he's scroll sawn including fretwork, intarsia, baskets and three dimensional pieces.



Fretwork



Intarsia



Baskets



3 dimension

He demonstrated the technique he uses to make inside and outside square corners as well as 'turn in place' changes of direction cuts. He also suggests making your own patterns with the different types of cuts to practice making those cuts before tackling "the real thing". He also reminded us that the saw cuts easier and smoother across the grain rather than with the grain. Keep this in mind when laying out patterns on the wood.

Rob also showed how he uses patterns for his pieces. He normally makes copies of the patterns and then uses spray adhesive to attach the copies to the wood. When he's finished cutting the pieces, he uses mineral spirits to remove the patterns and adhesive residue.

Rob emphasized that the best part of using a scroll saw is that it's safe and if you use the proper blades and techniques, you will have pieces that require very little if any sanding of the cut edge.

Thanks Rob for an excellent presentation. A video copy of his presentation is available in our club library and a copy of his presentation slides is available on our website, [www.wwet.org](http://www.wwet.org).