



The DoveTale

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Members:	92	Present:	25	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be April 25th

March 28th Meeting

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

- Howard Hartman – over \$2,632.50
- Richard Hicks – Membership at 73
- Rob Emanuel – We have several new magazines and a DVD in our library
- Rob Emanuel says to be sure to check out our website: www.wwset.org
- Toy Project: Dean Partridge brought 7 boxes of toy blanks to the meeting and distributed them to various members
- Shows: We will participate in the Houston Woodworking Show this year. Dean will co-ordinate this show. He collected some of the items for the show at the meeting
- Programs: Lyman will schedule our programs this year. He still needs some help with presentations and locations

Raffles

Dean Partridge was the lucky winner of the CD case donated by Howard Hartman. Steve started selling tickets for the next raffle – a \$100 gift certificate to Acadian Hardwoods or Woodworker's Paradise.

Toy Project

Dean Partridge is still looking for patterns or ideas for new toys for this year's toy drive. He already purchased some supplies and brought 7 boxes of blanks to the meeting. The toy making volunteers quickly snapped them up and they are busy cutting them out. Dean will bring more to the next meeting. If you need toy-making supplies such as wood, wheels or axles, let Dean know so he can order them. He would really like to get a quick start this year.

Door Prize

One of our newer members, Carl Gage, won the door prize drawing. He didn't have a show & tell, so his prize was worth \$25.

Show & Tells



Howard Hartman brought a Walnut and Maple magazine rack/table unit. It had some really nice scroll saw work on the sides.



Lyman Frugia turned this vase out of Spalted Maple with a Red Jarrah top.



Glen Kenney is learning to turn wood and he made these finials out of treated pine for his fence posts.



Steve Brady is making a lot of jewelry boxes and he brought several made from Paduak, Maple and Oak.



Tommy Wright brought pictures of some toy rocking horses he made for his grandkids. They had a lot of detail work.



Bill Chambers brought a pen he made (not sure about the wood). He has a Wood Mizer machine and cuts a lot of his

own wood.



Red Dressel turned this bowl from a mesquite burl on his mini-lathe.



Gene Warden made some pen sets for graduation presents. One out of deer horn and the other from Pink Ivory.



Richard Hicks turned this vase out of a piece of 'side of the road' Tallow. This is the first 'deep vessel' he's turned.



Cliff McLean brought the chalice he made at the Saturday turning meeting after he fixed several cracks.



Robert Emanuel made this pink teddy bear bank for his daughter. She really didn't want him to take it to the meeting.



Don Lemp brought pictures of the Curly Maple night stands he made to match his bed (which he also made)

Program

Lyman Frugia and Richard Hicks presented a program on Shop Safety. They shared a lot of safety tips and help initiate a lot of discussions about shop safety. Here's a partial list of some of the Safety Tips:

General Shop Safety:

- Don't work in the shop if you are tired, taking medications or are otherwise impaired
- Wear the appropriate clothing, tuck in shirt tails and button long sleeves
- Always wear the proper eye and respiratory protection
- Make sure you have fire extinguishers available and that they are in good repair
- Practice good housekeeping in your shop
- Be extremely careful when working by yourself. If you get hurt, you may not be able to get help

Table Saws:

- Make sure you use a sharp blade and it's installed properly
- Make sure all the alignments are correct - especially the rip fence to blade alignment.
- Use the guard whenever possible
- Use a splitter. Some of the after-market splitters can be easily removed for dado cuts.
- Use a push stick whenever possible. Check out the new "Gripper" push block - it really makes your cuts safer.

- Consider the large shut off switches. It makes stopping the saw a lot easier when you're in a hurry.

Routers:

- Always unplug the router before you change the bit
- Use a variable speed router at slow speed for the large raised panel bits
- Don't bottom the shank of the bit in the collet - leave about 1/16" clearance
- Use some type of holding device when routing small pieces
- Use fences when possible

Drill Presses:

- Always clamp your work piece to keep it from spinning if the bit grabs
- Match the drill press speed to the size of the bit and the material being drilled

Band Saws:

- Keep the saw in proper alignment
- Use a sharp blade - discard dull blades
- Apply the proper tension to the blades - release tension when you're through using the saw.
- Use the proper blade for the cut you are making. Small blades are for free hand cuts, not re-sawing thick stock
- Handle blades with care - they are very sharp
- Watch hand position when feeding your stock. Band saw blades have a very aggressive tooth configuration that will rotate and pull your finger or hand further into the blade
- Use an out-feed table when cutting long pieces

Woodworking is a fun and enjoyable hobby but can also be extremely hazardous if you don't do it safely - all of the time. It only takes an instant of distraction or forgetting a safety rule to get you hurt (or worse).

Meeting Schedule

Our next Saturday Meeting will be April 23rd at Steve Brady's shop. The meeting will start at 1PM and last until 3:30PM. This will be a 'hands on' turning meeting, so bring your lathe (if it's portable enough) and your turning tools. We'll have several types of wood to make bowls and small vases. Be sure to bring a chair.

Directions: Go to Vidor and go North on HWY 105 for about 10 miles. Steve's house is on the left. The address, 6835 N. HWY 105, is painted on his mailbox. Turn left on the side road (county road 903) - Steve's shop is the barn in the back of his house. If you get to the Sooner Horse Trailer Shop on HWY 105, you've gone too far.

John Phelps will present our next Regular Monday Night Meeting on April 25th at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City. The meeting starts at 7PM and I'll be there early to take pictures of your show and tell items. The subject will be machine cut dovetails using the Leigh Dovetail Jig. Be sure to bring a show & tell and a chair.

Then we'll have another Saturday Meeting on April 30 at Richard Hicks' shop. The meeting will start at 1PM and last until 3:30PM. John Phelps will do a 'hands on' demonstration of the Leigh Dovetail Jig. Be sure to bring a chair.

Directions: Come into Port Arthur on HWY 69 South. Turn right at the first traffic light (39th street) and immediately back left on the Memorial Blvd access road. Go a little less than 1 block and Richard's house is on the right (the only one with a red roof). His shop is next to his house