



The DoveTale

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Members:	60	Present:	22	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Apr 24th

March 27th Meeting

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

- Howard Hartman - \$3,421.56
- Richard Hicks - Membership roster has been finalized for 2006 and mailed to the membership. We 60 renewals.
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports everything is back to normal at our website: www.wwset.org
- Toy Project: We're looking for ideas for new types of toys and a project leader
- Programs: Rob Emanuel is our new program chairman. Please help him with ideas and presentations.
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

Show & Tells



Earl Rutherford turned this vase and goblet from a piece of mesquite and applied a low luster finish.



Howard Hartman made this band sawn box from a piece of spalted oak he found on the side of the road.



Lyman Frugia turned this mesquite vase and found that a void in the wall formed a heart shaped hole. He gave it to his wife.



John Phelps brought a drill press table he borrowed from Dan Orgeron. It used tracks and hold downs from Rockler.



David Shows built his birdhouse with a piece of aluminum around the entrance hole to keep the squirrels out.



Laura Seelen brought a dress made from Tencel. It's a blend with 65% wood content. I t sure didn't feel like wood, but you

might be careful around termites.



Jerry Shivers brought a jig he uses to make the handles for his roll-top desks. It requires 4 different

router steps and it helps to have all four setup before you start.



Our visitor, David Dutschmann, brought a walnut stool his wife designed and he built for his twins.

Door Prize

Jerry Shivers won the door prize - \$35 since he had a show & tell item. He also won a hat courtesy of Woodworker's Paradise.

Safety Items

John Phelps discussed a safety incident his friend had. He set his router in a jig and plugged it in - that's when he discovered that he had accidentally left the switch turned on. The starting torque caused the router bit to hit and damage the jig. When the router jumped out of the jig, the spinning router bit cut the power cord and welded the wires to the bit. Luckily, it didn't injure him! John also brought a picture of a sliding table he

made for this table saw. He uses it to help him safely and accurately cut large panels.

Howard Hartman asked for a show of hands from the folks that actually used the blade guards with their table saws. Seems like no one ever uses their guards - usually because they get in the way when cutting small items or making specialty cuts like dados and tenons. Howard's doctor insisted he use one in case his implanted defibrillator activated. Howard is resisting and insists that he'll probably have a heart attack trying to use it. But the doctor has Howard's wife checking on him to make sure he uses the guard.

Dean Partridge talked about the time he finished cutting the root system on a bush in his yard. He pulled the stump out and accidentally set it down on his foot - right behind where the steel toes of his safety shoes stopped.

Program

John Phelps presented the program - the first on our club project. He gave an overview of the construction details of the tri-fold,



media storage cabinet. It will use a torsion box top, bracket feet and dovetail joints on the carcass. The most requested

program subject for 2006 was 'Making dovetail joints' and John will use our project to answer those requests.

John covered the details of what he calls



'machine-assisted, handcrafted dovetails'. This technique allows him to make 'skinny pin' dovetails that can't

be done with routers and commercial dovetail jigs. John suggests laying-out and cutting the pins first, and then the tails are easier to mark and cut to fit. John has a custom built sled designed to remove most of the waste stock with a table saw when cutting the pins. Then he uses a bandsaw to remove the stock on for the tails. He cleans up the joints with one of his 'super-sharp' chisels. Our media cabinet will have the tails on the sides for lifting strength.

John plans to make short presentations at our regular meetings and direct 5 Saturday meetings to build the project.

1. Layout and mill the lumber, glue up panels, construct the base and bracket feet
2. Dovetail the main case and prepare 2 sub cases
3. Frame and Panel doors, moldings and rout the profiles on the base and feet
4. Assemble the torsion box top, hang the 2 sub cases on the case with piano hinges and complete the case assembly
5. Apply the finish to the cabinet

The dates and times for the Saturday meetings will be announced later. The cabinet will be 53" high, 24" wide and 20" deep and have plenty of storage room for our videotapes and DVDs.

Houston Woodworking Show

Our club had a really nice booth at the recent Houston Woodworking Show. At first glance, we looked a lot like a woodturning club. We had a lot of visitors at the booth, handed out a lot of club information and answered a lot of questions!



Our club workbench was an instant hit! There were a lot of questions about the construction details as well as several offers to buy it. Most people thought it was great way for our club members to learn new woodworking skills.



The display of our club toy project also drew a lot of interest and questions. Several people from other clubs took pictures of our toys and one promised to send us some plans for some new toys we can build this year.

There were a lot of vendor booths with many new items for us to buy. Most of the vendors commented that they were having a very good show with a lot of traffic and sales. That's good news because it means we'll probably have another show next year.

Our Next Meeting

Our next regular Monday Night Meeting will be held at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City on April 24th. Lyman Frugia will present a program about woodturning that will cover the basics:

- Safety
- Equipment and tool selection
- Picking the right wood
- Basic woodturning shapes

The meeting will start at 7PM and I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tell items.