



The DoveTale

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Members:	52	Present:	28	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Apr 23rd

March 26th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,900.00
- Richard Hicks - 63 members/ 42 renewals
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Lots of new books added to the library. Reminder, library items are checked out for one month at a time.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 23rd, 2018 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Rob Emanuel will present the program, Back to Basics - Spindle Turning and Using Carbide vs. Conventional Turning Tools..

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

Show & Tell



Curtis McGuirt showed a hand carved dolphin he made from a block of balsa wood. He tried several different finishes and settled of one that looks like ebony.



Jim Thibaut showed a series of pictures of a garden cart he made of various exotic hardwoods for his "Pineapple Plantation".



Richard Spinney showed a model airplane. He made replacement parts for the kit he got from Waid Gauthier at our

recent swap meet.



Gerald Wheeler shows an 'open segmented' vase made from Peruvian Walnut and maple.

Jeffery Fritz showed a table he recently completed using some 'old heart pine' he bought from Ian Stewart. Sorry the picture didn't come out.



Mark Underwood shows a small 'calabash style' bowl he turned from a block of exotic hardwood.

Curtis McGuirt won the door prize and the \$25 Hartville Tools gift certificate since he had a show and tell item. David Mayer and B.J. Holt won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Tool Reviews



Wayne Whitehead shows a candle holder turned from spalted pecan and a bowl turned from an exotic hardwood.



Rob Emanuel shows a set of 'Easy Wood Tools' hollowing turning tools



Richard Hicks showed pictures of a red oak storage shelf he made for his home office.



Mark Underwood shows a large Wizard Metal Detection wand. His smaller unit was ruined by Hurricane Harvey



Bruce Wertz showed a picture of a 'rocking cradle' he made from red oak and cherry. He added some intricate scroll saw work on the sides of the cradle.

Jim Thibaut showed a sample piece of UHMW plastic he used to make a cutting board. Jim found a place to buy the plastic in large quantities and offered the club an opportunity to make a group purchase. Contact Jim at (409)932-5179 if you're interested in buying some.



Program



Mack Trahan showed one of two pens he turned from a piece of wood that Sam Tobey gave him. He gave the pen to Sam.

Mark Underwood presented the program "Back to Basics - Getting Started Turning" covering the basic tools and items needed to start turning wood items like bowls.



Mark says that you only need three things to start turning wood: a lathe, wood and turning tools.

For the lathe, you can buy a small mini-lathe for \$200 to \$400 dollars. Large Midi-lathes are usually around \$1,000 and full size, heavy duty lathes can run from \$3,000 to \$10,000 depending on the make, model and accessories. Used lathes can usually be bought for several hundred dollars depending on the size, quality and condition. Mark cautions that if you're considering a used lathe, check that the bearings are in good shape and that the headstock and tailstock are in perfect alignment. You'll also need lathe accessories (face plates, chucks and spur drives) to hold the wood while you're turning and finishing it. The accessories will be determined by the type of turning project (bowls or spindles) you're doing.

For the wood, you can buy 'turning squares and bowl blanks' of various species from a lot of sources. If you're considering buying from an 'online source store or individual, be sure to read the description and examine the pictures closely. Mark likes to examine the wood he buys so he can be certain of its condition.

You can also turn green or 'found wood' which is basically wood that you find on the 'side of the road'. It could be the result of storm damage or the owner simply cutting the tree down while doing landscape work. Be careful - if the 'found wood' is diseased or full of bugs it will require special handling before and after turning. Green wood should be turned as soon after cutting as possible or protected with a wax solution to keep it from cracking while it's drying.

For the tools, you can buy conventional High Speed Steel tools or the new Carbide Tipped tools. The main difference, besides the price, is that the conventional tools require sharpening while the carbide tools have replaceable tips that you simply change when they get dull.

Sharpening conventional tools requires additional equipment like grinders and jigs and it takes time, knowledge and practice to produce a consistently sharp cutting edge and profile on the tools. Most professional turners claim that you can get a smoother finish with properly sharpened conventional turning tools.

You'll also need an assortment of sanding and finishing supplies to complete the turning project after you're finished turning it. Mark uses the best available sandpaper in 80 through 400 grit and prefers to use Tung oil as the final finish on his turned pieces.

Thanks Mark for an informative and interesting presentation on *Getting Started Turning*. A video copy of Mark's presentation is available in our club library.