



The DoveTale

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Members:	54	Present:	19	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be June 25th

June 4th Meeting

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, we held our May meeting on June 4th at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,896.11
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 54
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports he's going to redesign our website: www.wwset.org
- Toy Project: Glen Kenney has agreed to head our toy drive this year.
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact Rob Emanuel
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

Our Next Meetings

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, June 25th at Dr. Vardiman's shop starting at 7PM. Dr. Vardiman will update us on his boat project. This may be the last time we get to visit his boat on dry land.

Be sure to bring a show & tell item, a chair and some mosquito spray. As usual, I'll be there early to take pictures of the show & tell items.

Directions to Dr. Vardiman's shop:

From the Eastex Freeway, turn West on Hwy 105 (toward Sour Lake). Dr. Vardiman's shop is the 2nd residential driveway on the left past Al Cook's Nursery.

Show & Tells



Kathy Moffatt built this sled for her bandsaw to use when she's cutting pen blanks



Gary Moffatt built a special jig to rout the ends of the rails on his raised panel doors.



David Mayer just got a new Nova lathe and turned a pen to test it. Looks like it worked just fine!



Steve Brady turned his vase from a piece of magnolia and finished it with 12 coats of lacquer.



Richard Hicks built this Pecan flag display case for a recently retired plant manager.



Howard Hartman brought a frame part he uses for his line of outdoor furniture (gliders, swings and chairs).



John Phelps brought some completed pieces of a spice rack he's building with Tombstone doors and ogee feet.



Earl Rutherford turned a replacement knob for Steve Brady's Porta-Saw. Then the gear box went out on the saw.



Lyman Frugia turned his vase like the ones Trent Bosch does in his "Illusions" series.

Tool Review



Mike Newell brought his new 14v Dewalt Drill. His drill is equipped with a quick change chuck that eliminates slippage and makes bit changes really fast!

Mike also commented on the lighter weight and greater power of the new Lithium Ion batteries.

Door Prize

Mike Newell also won the door prize drawing - \$35 because he had a show & tell item.

Our Next Saturday Meeting

Howard Hartman will host our next Saturday Meeting on July 7th in his shop at 2574 Evalon in Beaumont. The meeting will start at 1 PM and last for about 3 hours. Howard will demonstrate how he makes bandsaw boxes.

Directions to Howard's shop: Evalon crosses 9th street three blocks South of the I-10E service road. When you're on 9th street, turn East on Evalon and Howard's house is the 3rd house on the left. In case you get lost, Howard's number is **835-0564**.

Program



Kathy Moffatt presented an excellent program describing the methods and supplies she uses when making her pens and other turned items.

Kathy uses a variety of material for her pens such as exotic woods, acrylics, antlers – even bowling ball material. Her pen blanks are usually ¾" square and 5 inches long. She uses a sled on her bandsaw to cut the blanks slightly longer than the brass tubes. She also uses a bandsaw jig to cut the corners off the blank before she turns them. She marks both pieces when she cuts the blank so that the grain matches when she assembles the finished pen. She's also constructed a board with dowels to store the finished barrels before assembly that helps her keep them sorted.



Kathy uses a double blank pen mandrel. It allows her to mount and turn both blanks at the same time. She also likes to

use a pen barrel trimmer to square up the ends of the blanks so the finished parts fit properly. She uses different types of adhesives to glue the brass barrel into the pen material and suggests scuffing the brass tube before gluing.

Kathy prefers to apply the finish while the blanks are still on the lathe. For her wooden pens, she usually uses lacquer sealer and then Shellawax top coat. For the man-made materials, like acrylics, she usually sands to 1200 grit with Micromesh. Then she follows up with Hut's Ultra Gloss Polish. The result is a really shiny, eye-catching pen!

She assembles the pens with a special device that resembles a 'Rocket Nut Cracker'. It adjusts very easily to any length barrel and helps keep the blanks aligned as the metal parts are pressed onto the barrels.

Put the completed pen in a nice box and you have a nice, hand-made, gift to give or sell.

Kathy, thanks for a very informative and well presented program. For those that missed her presentation, she's prepared a handout with part numbers and ordering sources that will be posted on our website.