



The DoveTale

November 2003

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

Officers:

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President elect Ray Ward, 898-4542
Secretary Richard Hicks, 982-5226
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Newsletter Richard Hicks, 982-5226
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Membership Richard Hicks, 982-5226
Programs Rod Ruppel, 898-7041
Web Master Rob Emanuel, 729-9315
Projects Bill Chanley, 866-5967

Members:	92	Present:	31	Visitors:	2
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NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Our Next Meeting will be Jan 26th

November 24th Meeting

Our November meeting was held at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - treasury at \$1,603.43
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 92
- Ken Bodden - Reminded everyone that items are checked out for 30 days and should be renewed if needed longer.
- Rod Ruppel - Getting ready for the Houston Show. Rod passed out a signup sheet for the show.
- Rob Emanuel - Still looking for additional gallery items for our website.
- Bill Chanley - Club made about 1,250 toys this year.

Shop Safety

The shop safety discussion focused on preventing kickbacks on the table saw. Small pieces and thin strips are the most dangerous - use sleds and proper push sticks.

- If you are cutting thin strips, cut them off larger boards and let what is normally the waste piece be your thin strip.

- Be sure to maintain control of the piece and push it completely past the blade before picking it up. The best practice is to turn the saw off before you pick it up.
- Splitters will help keep the kerf open after the cut thus reducing the chance of binding the wood between blade and the fence.
- Consider one of the newer 'after market' guard assemblies - they are a lot better than the standard guards that come with most of the new saws.

Houston Woodworking Show

The Houston Woodworking Show will be early this year! The show will be February 6th thru 8th in the Reliance Arena. Our club will have a booth again this year. Rod Ruppel passed around a 'worker signup sheet' at the meeting and we had a good response. If you missed the meeting and would like to work the show, give Rod a call at 898-7041. If you work the show, you get in free and the vendors always have newly released tools as well as bargains. We also need display items for the show. We plan to display some of the Christmas toys and have some club brochures for handouts. Time is short - so please help us all you can.

Club Election

The nominating committee, headed by Ray Ward, asked for nominations from the floor and here were none. They presented the following slate for an election vote:

President Elect: Richard Osborn
Treasurer : Howard Hartman
Secretary : Richard Hicks

The slate was unanimously elected. We still need to fill some of the committee positions. Pete Nealley agreed to be the program chairman and he's looking some help. Our programs are the most important part of our club. They help us improve our woodworking skills and inspire us to try new projects and techniques. Pete has some good ideas for programs next year and he's looking for folks that are willing to share their woodworking knowledge. Contact Pete at 883-6657.

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time again - time to renew your membership for 2004! Next year will be an exciting one! Our Saturday meetings will continue. We have 54 renewals so far. Thanks to those that have already renewed by mail - it's been a BIG help to me. If you haven't renewed, please take care of it as soon as you can by sending the information card along with \$24 to me by return mail. My address (in case you lose the envelope) is:

Richard Hicks
3849 Memorial Blvd
Port Arthur, TX 77640-2632

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City. The meeting will start at 7PM but I'll be there early to take

pictures of your show & tell items. Since this will be the only meeting before the Houston show, please bring your display items to the meeting (you can use them as your Show & Tell item). The folks that signed up to setup and work the show on Friday will store your items and make sure they get to Houston. The Graco representative will present the program and a demo on spraying with an HVLP spraying system.

Be sure to bring a display item and a chair!

Thank you Wes and Norma!

Having a great place to meet, a great supply of wood and the gracious hospitality of Wes and Norma has really helped our club grow this year! Locating our library at Acadian makes access to the materials very convenient for our members. Acadian also provided a lot of material at cost and below cost for our toy and workbench projects. As a token of appreciation, the club officers voted to give Wes and Norma a gift certificate to the Outback Restaurant. Next time you're at Acadian, be sure to thank Wes and Norma for their support of our club.

By the way, have you seen the large selection of exotic woods at Acadian? They have large, furniture size pieces in some species as well as smaller pieces suitable for pens and small projects. Wes plans to add fasteners after the first of the year.

Show & Tells



Howard Hartman brought a caddy designed to hold all of their remote controls



Herman Davis, one of our newest members, brought a carved ship in a bottle and some flowers carved from a willow

branch.



Pete Nealley turned this mesquite vase with his new boring bar. He had a very impressive lacquer finish on the vase.



Dean Partridge with an oak, tambour door, recipe box.

Program

Our program this month involved separating the 1,250 Christmas toys. We had a variety of toys ranging from simple scroll sawn characters to doll cradles.



Earl Rutherford turned these vases with his new boring bar. One is laminated from different woods and the others are

from wood he found on the side of the road.



Crawfish Cutouts



Lyman Frugia brought the two plates that club members worked on at the last Saturday Meeting.



Doll Cradles complete with rockers



Rod Ruppel has most of his machines mounted on rollers and made these wheel chocks to securely hold the rollers so

the equipment will be more stable.



Helicopters With moveable blades



Spinning tops.
some of which
were made by
our members
at a Saturday
Meeting



Whale
Cutouts



Laura Seelen
is helping to
sort the toys
and trying to
make sure
everyone get
an equal
amount.



A group used
our new
workbench to
complete the
assembly of
the toy cars
and trucks.

This year's toy drive was very successful! Thanks to Bill Chanley for heading up the toy drive and to everyone that worked so hard to make the toys. I know a lot of little faces will have smiles this Christmas because of our club's hard work. Several members suggested we try to make a larger variety of toys in 2004 and start making them a little earlier. We agreed to store the toys until Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas