



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	54	Present:	18	Visitors:	1
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November 22nd Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,659
- Richard Hicks - 54 members - 39 renewals
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website is operational and our new Facebook page is now active.
- Library - The library is now located in the first room on the right.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 24th at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. David Mayer, Troy Gallier and Richard Hicks will lead a panel discussion about setting up a woodworking shop, tool selection and storage. 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. Be sure to bring a show and tell item.

Club Elections

The election of officers for 2011 took place. There were no nominations from the floor and the following slate of officers were elected:

- Robert Emanuel - President-elect
- Waid Gauthier - Treasurer
- Richard Hicks - Secretary

Library

Have you wondered what information was on one of the many videos in our club library? Well, check it out on the new television located in the library. David Mayer recently donated a small TV and DVD player and placed it on the wall in the library. It will help showcase new additions to the library as well as providing a method of reviewing materials before you check them out.

Renewals

It's membership renewal time again. The renewal notices are in the mail and they include a return envelope. If you use the return envelope, please change the pre-printed zip code to 77706. An even better idea - save a stamp and bring your renewal to the January meeting. We have our own

meeting place now, a great library and some very interesting programs planned for next year. Our dues will remain at \$24 for 2011 - a real bargain.

Programs for 2011

We've received several good program suggestions from our members and our January program is the result of one of those suggestions. Seems that a lot of members are in the process of setting up or revising their shops and they would like information about things like floor plans, equipment selection, dust collection, and tool storage. So, that's what our January program is all about - designing, setting up and using a shop. The program will be a panel discussion format with plenty of time for questions. We'll follow up with shop visits to David Mayer's shop from 9 to 11 AM and Troy Gallier's shop from 1 to 3PM on Saturday, January 29th.

David Mayer will present the February 28th program about using the Festool Domino system as an alternative to mortise and tenon joints.

Also, as a result of suggestions from our members, we will record the program presentations and make DVD copies available for checkout from the club library. Good news for those of you that missed Jerry Shivers' October program on Furniture Hardware or Waid Gauthier's November program on Cabinet Hardware - copies of those presentations will be available for checkout at the January meeting.

Our goal for the 2011 programs is to present a mix of "back to basics" as well as more advanced woodworking techniques. Your suggestions and participation are always welcome. We'll also try to have interesting "middle of the month" shop activities for those that are interested.

Show and Tells



Thomas Ellis brought information about his new Shop Fox mortise machine he purchased from Woodworkers Paradise.



Troy Gallier brought a Kreg Jig attachment he made to fit a miter slot and showed how he uses a crayon to highlight the markings on his Kreg Jig depth gauge.



Lyman Frugia made weed pots from some old cedar fence posts.



Raymond Fontenote made a tambour door breadbox from some old, figured sycamore.



David Clubb brought a cedar storage chest he built in high school.



Dean Partridge brought a piece of Pin Oak he ebonized with a vinegar and steel wool solution.



Larry Trahan donated two VHS tapes to the library - one on kitchen cabinets and the other on shop design.



Steve Brady showed two pens he turned from Zebra wood, both with a CA (Cyanoacrylate) finish.

Picture Unavailable - Jeffery Fritz built a large table from spalted ash. The wood was from a tree that fell victim to Hurricane Rita.

Toy Drive



Dean Partridge headed up the toy drive this year. The club made quite a few toys this year. Popular items this

year included stick horses and some lidded boxes as well as the traditional toys we usually do. With the changes mandated by the recent Federal Toy Safety law, our group did an excellent job making a number of excellent toys for distribution to three local charity groups.

Program

Waid Gauthier presented an excellent program on cabinet hardware selection and installation. Waid makes a lot of kitchen cabinets and he shared some of his techniques for installing things like door hinges and drawer slides. He also took the time to collect and organize a handout on various 'standard' dimensions used on conventional cabinets. A copy of his

standards as well as a DVD of his presentation is available in our club library.



Waid actually made a cabinet for his shop and used it as part of his program. He demonstrated how he assembled the

various pieces of the cabinet with Kreg screws. Using Kreg screws speeds up the construction process and virtually eliminates the need for clamps.



Do you think the new style Euro hinges are complicated to install? Waid's excellent explanation and demonstration

demystifies the whole process. These hinges are easy to install and allow for easy door alignment and removal.

Which type of drawer slides should you use, the full suspension style or the more common and less expensive slides usually called 'epoxy slides'. Both types have pros and cons and Waid covered them in his presentation. Mounting either type of slide can be a time consuming hassle. Waid showed us several inexpensive jigs that make the job faster, easier and more accurate.

Thanks Waid for an excellent presentation.