



# The DoveTale

November 2011

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	54	Present:	18	Visitors:	2
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## November 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,713
- Richard Hicks -54 members, 33 renewals so far
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that he's having problems with our website and he's working to correct them.
- Library - A lot of new books and videos are available for checkout

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. 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.

## Programs

Since we have a number of new members, we had several "Back to Basics" programs in 2011.

For 2012, we will do several programs involving the design and construction of various woodworking projects such as furniture, cabinets and shop storage. I'm looking for project suggestions. If you are willing to share you expertise with the group and do a program, let me know. If you would prefer not to present the program, we will try to find someone to work with your idea and present the program for you. We have a lot of audio/video capability now and I'm available to help with pictures or other forms of electronic presentation aids.

## Renewals

It's membership renewal time again. So far, we've had 33 renewals. Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list before the March meeting, so please return your membership renewal as soon as you can.

Or better yet, bring your renewal to the meeting and save the stamp. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

## Club Elections

The election of officers for 2012 took place. There were no nominations from the floor and the nominated slate of officers were elected,

- Dean Partridge as President Elect
- Waid Gauthier as Treasurer
- Richard Hicks as Secretary



The new officers took over after the election with the outgoing president, Troy Gallier, passing the gavel to our new president

Rob Emanuel. Thanks Troy for your leadership in 2011.

## Library

Our library continues to grow. David Mayer donated two bookcases for the library and made specialized shelves for the DVD and VHS videos. The new shelves are being finished and they will be installed soon.

As a reminder, library items are checked out for one month and if you need them longer, you should check them in and then back out again.

Our librarian, Larry Trahan, is looking for suggestions for additional library items. If you have old woodworking books or videos that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our library.

## Tools

Did you get some new woodworking tools for Christmas? If so, they would make excellent show and tell items at our meetings. Also, if you find yourself with excess tools and equipment and you want to sell them, send your list of items to me ([rhicks4@gt.rr.com](mailto:rhicks4@gt.rr.com)) and I'll forward it to our email distribution list. It's a lot easier and cheaper than eBay and several members have had a lot of luck finding a new home for their surplus tools.

## Texas Artists Museum

A member of our club, Earl Rutherford, has a number of items (74 to be exact) on display



during the month of January in the TEXAS ROOM of the Texas Artist Museum in Port Arthur. The title of his display is

"Woodturnings" and it is representative of Earl's talent on the wood lathe. He had a number of large vases, bowls, goblets and of course his collection of wooden eggs. He also had a cutting board and jewelry box showing his other woodworking skills. You can view Earl's collection thru January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The museum is located at 3501 Cultural Center Drive (behind the Bob Bowers Civic Center) in Port Arthur. They are open Tuesday to Saturday from Noon until 4PM and their phone number is (409)983-4881. Club member Sam Haviland's wife, Barbara, is the current president of the Texas Artists Museum.

## Show and Tells



Rob Emanuel shows a bottle stopper and a aromatic cedar egg he recently turned.



Thomas Ellis shows a carved airplane propeller he carved, with assistance from club member Richard Spinney, for the local

## Experimental Airplane Association group.



Earl Rutherford displays a natural edge bowl he turned from a piece of oak he found on the side of the road.



Earl Rutherford also brought a vase he turned from a piece of camphor wood. He said it had a really strong odor while he was

turning it.



Larry Trahan made a cutting board and inlaid a multi-colored, five-point star.



Larry Trahan made his end table from oak and sycamore. The drawer features hand-cut dovetails.



Herman Davis brought his collection of carved items he uses in his ministry of faith. It included an assortment of

flowers, birds and animals. He also demonstrated how he carves the items while he talks - amazing!

Philip Woodland won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a show & tell item.

## Program

Richard Hicks presented a program about shop electricity and safety.

A few key points of his electrical presentation:

- Horsepower is calculated differently for each type of motor - especially between universal and induction motors
- If tools can run on 110 or 220 volts, use the higher voltage - you can use smaller wire and the tool will run cooler
- Use the proper size extension cords or risk ruining your power tool
- You can use a converter to run a three phase motor on single phase current - but the motor will not have as much power and it will probably void the warranty
- Use TEFC (totally enclosed fan cooled) motors for woodworking tools - it helps eliminate dust problems

A few key points of his safety presentation:

- Safety items are MUCH cheaper than the expense and inconvenience of an injury.
  - Safety glasses are less than \$1
  - Coverall goggles are about \$3
  - Good ear muffs are about \$36
  - A good respirator is about \$20
- All of this safety protection is necessary and the total cost is less than \$70 (much less than one trip to the doctor or hospital emergency room)
- Some injuries can't be fixed 'good as new' even by the best doctors
- None of the safety items will help if you don't use them every time you're in the shop

A copy of his program is available in the library and his handout will be included with the newsletter mailing.