



The DoveTale

November 2012

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	53	Present:	18	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Jan 28th

November 26th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,891
- Richard Hicks - 53 members - renewals have started
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website is up to date and he will investigate adding our program videos to the site
- Library - The Fine Woodworking magazine DVD is now available.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 28th, 2013 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Rob Emanuel will present a program about turning bowls.

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.

Club Elections

The election of officers for 2013 took place. There were no nominations from the floor and the nominated slate of officers were elected,

- David Mayer as President Elect
- Waid Gauthier as Treasurer
- Richard Hicks as Secretary

The new officers took over after the election with the outgoing president, Rob Emanuel, passing the gavel to our new president Dean Partridge. Thanks Rob for your leadership in 2012.

Renewals

It's membership renewal time again. The renewal notices are in the mail and they include a return envelope. We have a great place to meet, a large library of videos and books, and our dues will remain at \$24 for 2013 - a real bargain.

When you renew your membership, please take a few moments to share your thoughts about ways to improve our club. We have many very knowledgeable woodworkers in the club that are willing to present programs, so I need your input and ideas for next year's programs.

Shop Safety

One of our members recently suffered a major accident while using his bandsaw. As he finished cutting a bowl blank, the blade exited the wood, cut one of his fingers off, and severely damaged another one.

After he realized that he had severed his finger, he put the finger in a cup, on top of some ice (no water, just ice) and his wife carried him to the emergency room at the hospital where a doctor was able to reattach his finger and repair the damage.

Fast thinking and a good doctor saved his fingers and he expects a complete recovery. Bandsaws are particularly dangerous because the teeth are aggressive and tend to pull what they are cutting into the blade.

Winnie Rudd

I'm sad to report that long-time club member,



Winnie Rudd, passed away January 6, 2013 after a brief illness. Winnie loved to use her scroll saw to make beautiful pieces of

intarsia art. Winnie was always willing to help other woodworkers and share her knowledge.

Please keep Winnie's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Show & Tell



Raymond Fontenote shows one of his router bowls made from white oak and walnut.



his cutting boards.

Dean Partridge shows his latest end-grain cutting board made of walnut, cherry and oak. Dean uses a mineral oil finish on



Larry Sonnier turned this bowl from a spalted buckeye burl bowl blank.



Lyman Frugia shows two bowls he turned from flamed box elder blanks.



Mack Trahan turned these two rolling pins from some spalted sycamore.



Kenneth Barry used his home-built CNC machine to make this toy catapult using Baltic birch plywood.



Visitor Justin Savage displays wooden pens he turned with help from Mack Trahan.

Program

Rob Emanuel and Richard Hicks presented the program about sharpening lathe tools.



Rob demonstrated his two methods for sharpening and honing his lathe tools. Rob usually does the initial shaping and

sharpening using a Wolverine jig on a slow-speed (1725 rpm) grinder using a grey 36 grit wheel to rough out the shape and a white 60 grit friable wheel for the final shaping.

After he finishes using his grinder, he switches to his Tormek water-cooled sharpening system for the final sharpening. Since the Tormek stone is a larger diameter (10 inches vs. 8 inches), he gets a 'flatter' ground surface. The water-cooled Tormek system will not heat the metal during sharpening so it protects the temper of the metal.

The Tormek system includes a leather honing wheel and honing compound. Rob uses it to remove the burr and polish the cutting edge of the tool. He keeps the Tormek by his lathe while he's turning - it only takes a few seconds to 'touch up' the cutting edge as the tool dulls during use.

Richard uses the same grinder and Wolverine jig to shape and do the initial sharpening on his tools. Then he switches to a 4" x 36" belt sander with a 220-grit belt for the final sharpening. Using the sander is fast and it doesn't overheat the metal. Richard also likes the flat surface that the belt sander leaves on the bevel of the tool vs. the concave bevel left by the grinding wheels.

Richard keeps the belt sander handy while he's turning so that he can quickly re-sharpen the cutting edge while he's turning.

Richard and Rob both agree that either system will work and it really boils down to what a person has access to and likes to use.

The most important thing is that it's a lot more fun and safer to turn with sharp tools, no matter which method you use.