



The DoveTale

November 2013

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	55	Present:	18	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Jan 27th

November 25th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,740
- Richard Hicks - 55 members, renewals start this month
- Toys - Dean reports that we made and distributed 360 toys this year
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - New books suggested by John Olson are now available in the club library. We will renew our subscriptions to ShopNotes and Woodsmith magazines.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 27th, 2014 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. The program will be announced in the January newsletter.

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 2014 took place. There were no nominations from the floor and the nominated slate of officers were elected,

- Troy Gallier as President Elect
- Waid Gauthier as Treasurer
- Richard Hicks as Secretary

The new officers took over after the election



with the outgoing president, Dean Partridge, passing the gavel to our new president David Mayer.

Thanks Dean for

your leadership in 2013.

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 2014 - 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.

Show & Tell



Jeffery Fritz brought pictures of a new classic workbench he's building from wood he harvested after Hurricane Rita.



Jeffery Fritz shows a set of gigantic cypress shutters he's building for his house.



Mark Underwood shows a steady rest he recently built for his lathe.



Terry Turney shows some rare 'tiger stripe' cedar he resawed to make veneer for a project.



Earl Rutherford brought pictures of his 'recently retired log rounder' he used to get logs ready to turn into vases on his lathe.



Earl Rutherford displays a drawing he made for a revised version of the 'Longworth chuck' that's used for reverse

chucking bowls on his lathe.

Earl Rutherford won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show and tell item. Mark Underwood and Carolyn Williams won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Safety

One of our members related a story about a rather sizeable piece of wood that came out of his scroll chuck and flew off of his lathe while he was turning a bowl. After it hit the wall and floor, it hit him and bruised his leg and foot.

He said that he should have been using a live center to help hold the bowl in the chuck while he was turning it.

Special Newsletter

Are you building a project as a Christmas gift? Or, maybe something for your woodworking shop? If you are, please send me (rhicks4@gt.rr.com) a photo of the completed project along with a brief write up.

Since we don't have meetings in December, I normally don't publish a newsletter in January. This year I thought I would publish a special newsletter in January that was all about projects that members worked on, or finished up in December.

Please send your items by January 12th so I'll have time to publish them before the January meeting.

Local Source for Exotic Woods

We have a new, local, source for exotic woods!

Club member Mark Underwood recently introduced me to Jim Thibaut, a local



woodworker and wood collector/seller. Mark has been buying from Jim for some time and he thought some of

the club members might be interested in some of the beautiful exotic woods that Jim has for sale.

Jim has many contacts around the country and he's always looking for quality batches of nice exotic hardwoods for his collection. When he gets a new shipment, many times they are larger than he needs, so he'll sell some of it. Right now, he has a nice collection



of highly figured cocobolo turning squares and planks as well as many other rare exotics. We are trying to set it up so that

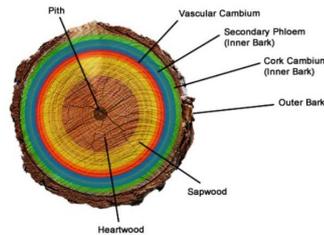
you can use our gift certificates.

If you want to see Jim about some wood, contact him at 409 -932-1579 or email him at: thibaut.jp@sbcglobal.net to make an appointment.

Program

Larry Sonnier presented a program about finishing items on a lathe. Larry turns a lot of bowls and vases on his lathe and he applies as much of the finish as possible while the piece is still mounted on the lathe.

Larry started his presentation by discussing



the various layers of wood in a tree and the part each layer plays while the tree is alive. Then he discussed how the layers

influence the workability and finish of turned pieces.

When Larry finishes turning a bowl, he sands it while it's still on the lathe. If your lathe is reversible, sanding seems to work better in reverse. If you use reverse, be sure to secure the faceplate or chuck with a setscrew or a Teflon washer to make sure it doesn't unscrew itself. Larry uses a slow speed while sanding (usually 400-600 rpm) because the sandpaper will make better contact with the wood. Larry starts sanding with 80 grit and progresses through the grits all the way to 1,000 grit.

Larry uses hand rubbed lacquer and various oil finishes. He like Danish and teak oil as well as his own mixture (Larry's oil) of:

1 cup Danish oil

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup teak oil

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of Liquid Gold furniture polish

The alcohol in the Liquid Gold polish helps evaporate and set the oils and keep it from "gumming up" on the surface. Larry applies multiple light coats of finish with the lathe turning at high speed (2,400 to 3,500 rpm) and he applies a lot of pressure to "burn in" the finishing material. After the finish dries completely, he buffs the finish with a clean, dry rag.

Thanks, Larry, for an informative presentation on finishing turned items on a lathe.