



The DoveTale

November 2014

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

Officers:

President Troy Gallier, 769-8293
President elect Paul Magee, 898-8352
Secretary Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Treasurer Waid Gauthier, 735-8392

Committees:

Newsletter Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Librarian Larry Trahan, 866-3075
Purchases Jerry Shivers, 794-2274
Membership Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Web Master Rob Emanuel, 729-9315
Programs Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Toy Project Richard Hicks, 553-6157

Members:	48	Present:	18	Visitors:	0
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Our Next Meeting will be Jan 26th

November 24th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,297
- Richard Hicks - 48 members - time for 2015 renewals
- Toys - We have a number of toys ready for distribution to the charities
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - Several members of the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club recently donated a collection of ShopNotes and a set of "How To Do It" books.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 26th, 2015 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.

Renewals

Speaking of renewals, it's membership renewal time again. The renewal notices are in the mail and they include a return envelope. An even better idea - save a stamp and bring your renewal to the meeting. Our dues will remain at \$24 for 2014 - a real bargain. You can also use a club gift certificate to pay your dues.

When you renew your membership, please take a few moments to share your thoughts about ways to improve our club.

Club Elections

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2015.

- Paul Magee for president-elect
- Waid Gauthier for treasurer
- Richard Hicks for secretary

The nominated slate of officers was elected by a show of hands. President-elect Gallier accepted the gavel from out going President David Mayer and he conducted the remainder of the meeting.

David, thank for your leadership during 2014.

Show & Tells



Michael Newell shows a wooden sound amplifier made for an iPhone cell phone. It uses no electronics.



Sam Toby shows a toy tractor he designed for our toy project. He built 30 tractors for distribution this year.



Mark Underwood shows a natural edge bowl he made from an Aspen bowl blank. The wood is soft and difficult to turn.



Richard Hicks shows pictures of a workstation that holds 4 shop tools that were mounted on stands.



Rebecca Phelps shows pictures of a table she uses in her greenhouse to store supplies and transplant her plants.



Mark Underwood shows his portable sharpening tool. It works great for knife blades and straight edged tools.



Jeffery Fritz shows a storage chest he made from walnut salvaged after Hurricane Rita.

Jeffery Fritz won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show and tell item. Michael Newell won the Craft Supplies gift certificate.

Toy Project

At the conclusion of the meeting, we sorted the finished toys and got them ready for distribution to the five charity organizations we donate them to each year. Dean would be "all smiles" about the quality and quantity of toys we produced this year.



Waid and Marla Gauthier delivered the toys to the Orange, Mid-County organizations, Sam Toby delivered them to Silsbee, Richard Hicks delivered them to Lumberton, and Steve Brady delivered them to Beaumont. All of the feedback was very positive. They all commented on the quality of the toys and they especially liked the stick horses and the toys for girls. Just think about the smiles that we brought to the faces of the children in our area that probably wouldn't have Christmas presents without our toy donations.

The club voted to budget \$300 for toys in 2014, we sold toys at the Rice Festival for \$80 and Lew Laurent donated \$100 and the money was well spent. We have a good supply of wheels, axles and wood in stock for our 2015 project. Richard Hicks, Sam Toby and Red Dressel will manage the toy project for 2015. Contact Richard (409-553-6157) if you need patterns or supplies to build toys for 2015.

Most of our toys are constructed from "two by" material (2"x4" and 2"x6", etc.). Dean had a lot of success getting donations from construction sites. He would explain our toy project to the crews and pick up their cut off scraps. That saved us a lot of money and helped the sites with their scrap disposal. If you notice some construction going on in your area, please stop and ask them for their scraps. Jeffery Fritz has offered to store them at his warehouse. Note: we can't use plywood or pressure treated wood.

Special Newsletter

Since we don't have a meeting 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.

Did you build a project as a Christmas gift or a project for your woodworking shop? Or, did you get a new tool for Christmas? If you did, please send me (rhicks4@gt.rr.com) a photo of the completed project or tool, along with a brief write up.

Please send your items by January 10th so I'll have time to publish them before the January meeting.

Program

Steve Brady and Richard Hicks presented the program, "From Pictures to Project".

A friend asked Steve Brady to build a sports locker for her son's bedroom and all she sent was a picture and a verbal description. Steve asked club members for construction ideas and details about materials and sizes to use. He received a lot of suggestions and even an internet link to more details for the locker project.

Building on that theme, Richard recounted many instances of seeing a picture and wanting to construct the item, sometimes with minor changes. He shared the technique of measuring the picture and translating the picture dimensions to a full-scale project he found in the Woodworkers' Essential book by Ken Horner (we have a copy in our club library).

Normally, those pictures have minimal dimensions such as height, width and depth. Then you have to figure the other items like drawers, doors and trim, etc. Using this technique, you measure the known major dimensions of the pictured item in millimeters and calculate the ratio of "millimeters to inches" for each of those dimensions. Calculating separate ratios minimizes distortions in the picture due to camera angle. Then you can measure other parts of the item in millimeters and use the ratio to find the approximate size of that item.

A video copy of their presentation is available in our club library.