



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	54	Present:	17	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Nov 22nd

October 25th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,000
- Richard Hicks - 54 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation and we need more pictures for our gallery
- Library - The library has been relocated to the first room on the right.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 22nd at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Waid Gauthier will present a program about the selection and installation of hardware on cabinets. 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 nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2011.

- Robert Emanuel for president-elect
- Waid Gauthier for treasurer
- Richard Hicks for secretary

We will accept nominations from the floor and vote on the officers at the November meeting. The winners will officially take office following the election.

Donations

We've received more donated items for our club. Waid Gauthier donated a Dewalt tabletop planner and Richard Hicks donated a vacuum cleaner and a tabletop drill press. We can always use more woodworking tool donations to help equip our club shop. It will make our programs more interesting and the presenters will not have to bring so much equipment to the meetings.

Sad to Report

Bob Seelen, a former club member, recently passed away. Please remember his wife Laura in your thoughts and prayers.

Library

Larry Trahan and David Mayer have done a super job revitalizing our club library. They moved everything into the new room and installed wall racks to display new magazines and videos. Larry's wife straightened and organized the magazines in date order so it will be easier to locate specific issues. Be sure to follow the checkout procedures so everyone can have access to the items. It's hard to believe that a couple of years ago we almost did away with the library. Now everyone seems to really enjoy using it and it's a big part of our club again.

Renewals

It's membership renewal time again. The renewal notices are in the mail and they include a return envelope. Renewing by mail really helps me a lot. 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.

Tool Reviews



David Mayer brought his new RIGID multi-tool that cuts, sands and scrapes. It is built like the Fein multi-tool but a lot

less expensive. A member mentioned that Craftsman also has a multi-tool, but they had a lot of problems with it.



Waid Gauthier brought some plugs and covers for pocket holes he recently purchased from Fastcap.

Show & Tells



Joshua Simmons, one of our new members, brought a wooden pen he recently turned with a 'Celtic knot' design.



David Clubb, also a new member, brought a magazine rack he made. It had two compartments and a nice handle.



Richard Hicks made a herringbone pattern cutting board that used maple, walnut and cherry woods.



Robert Emmanuel turned a pen and applied the new cyanoacrylate glue finish. The finish should last a lifetime.



Steve Brady also made a herringbone pattern cutting board and he added end boards that created a picture frame effect.



Steve Brady also made a pen with the Celtic Knot design element.



Paul Smith brought pictures of a washer tossing board he recently designed and made. Paul also won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show and tell item.

Program

Jerry Shivers presented the program with details on design and construction techniques he uses on his furniture projects.



Jerry always installs dust panels under the drawers on his furniture. He frames a plywood panel (much like a door) and installs it in line with the edge of the face frame that surrounds the drawer opening. He uses biscuits to ensure the alignment and glues the panels in place before he attaches the back to the cabinet.

He always uses wooden drawer guides (vs. metal slides) on his drawers and by adding false fronts to the finished drawers, they are always in perfect alignment. He also tapers the drawer boxes $1/32$ " from front to back so they won't stick when they are closed.

Jerry likes to use semi-concealed, half-wrap hinges on his doors. He uses VIX bits to perfectly align the screws to the holes in the hinges and usually installs the doors before he attaches the back panel. Always use the flat head screws on the face frame part of the hinge and the round head screws on the door.

One trick Jerry shared was using small brass washers under the face frame side of the hinge to make minor horizontal alignment adjustments to the doors. The washers are

invisible if the washers are properly sized and placed behind the hinge plate.

Jerry uses a 'Corner Chisel' to square up the corners of routed butt hinge mortises. The chisels are also handy anytime a perfectly square corner is needed on a project, such as installing inlays.

Jerry also shared his method for installing the lid supports on the blanket/toy chests he makes. If you mount them according to the instructions provided with the hinges, you have to push the back of the lid down to make it flush with back of the chest. That's because of the springs in the hinge. However, if you position the hinges exactly 2 and $9/16$ inches from the top edge of the box to the bottom mounting hole on the hinge, the lid will close completely without having to push the back edge down. He also mounts the hinges before he installs the bottom panel just in case he needs to tweak the alignment.

Jerry, thanks for a very informative program and all of your special tips and techniques on furniture building.