



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	60	Present:	22	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Oct 24th

September 26th Meeting

We held the September meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,885
- Richard Hicks - 60 members
- Toys - Members have started making toys and we have about 400 completed so far
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - Check out some of the new materials recently donated to our library

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 24th, 2016 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. John Olson will present a program on "Oystering" which is a form of decorative veneering for woodworking projects. John will also answer your woodworking and finishing questions.

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.

Shop Visits

We had a successful "shops Visit" Saturday meeting on September 24th. We started with



a visit to Ronnie Webb's shop where we got to see his extensive dust collection system.

I suspect, with his system, he'll have little need for a broom and dust pan. Ronnie plans to make some custom furniture in his shop.

Then, after lunch at a local eatery, we visited



Dale Clark's shop in Vidor. Dale built his shop using lumber he cut and milled on his property. Dale showed us his

dedicated finishing room and CNC machine. Dale and Barbara have a large family and they like to build items for them.

Then we went to Troy Gallier's new shop in



Vidor. His shop is a new metal building and he's adding insulation and wall covering as he has available funds. His

next big upgrade is air conditioning - hopefully before next summer.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the visits and we plan to have more next year.

Winnie Rice Festival



Our club had a nice booth at the Winnie Rice Festival this year. We visited with a lot of folks and handed out club information to a number of them. Hopefully that will lead to some new members. The crowds were smaller and there were only 14 vendors this year.

We sold some of our wooden toys again this year and brought in a total of \$102 which will be used to help fund more toys for 2017.

Club Elections

Jeff Jagneaux, Troy Gallier and Steve Brady agreed to help Mark Underwood on the nominating committee for the 2017 board of directors. If you would like to serve, please contact one of them. They will present a slate of officers at the October meeting and we'll vote at the November meeting.

Community Project

Morris Weeks approached the club, on behalf of the Port Neches VFW group, for help building a new wooden carriage for their 12 pound Mountain Howitzer Cannon. They use the cannon to start the ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Park in Port Arthur. The cannon is stored inside and only used twice a year.

Rebecca Phelps made a motion that the club accept this project and Steve Brady seconded her motion. The motion passed. Terry Turney agreed to lead the effort and he will communicate with Morris for additional plans. Dale Clark offered to donate the wood for the project.

Show & Tells



Terry Turney shows a chisel he built a new handle for using plywood rings and maple.



Richard Hicks shows a carving of a pelican sitting on a post that he did while taking a carving class from Richard Spinney.



Herman Davis shows us how he carves birds and flowers from branches while he's talking and sharing a 'life message'.



John and Rebecca Phelps showed tops that Rebecca makes as toys. They have to carefully select the wood in order to make a balanced top that will spin straight.



Jerry Shivers showed a picture of a walnut hall table he recently made for a client. It has two drawers and fluted legs.



Mark Underwood showed pictures of a roll around cart he made to store his turning tools and equipment. The PVC tubes display the cutting edges to make it easy for him to find the tool he needs.



Dale Clark showed pictures of a pair of cabinets he built to house his daughter's sewing equipment. He used painted pine for the legs and stained and lacquered ash for the tops.



Terry Turney showed pictures of a cherry drop leaf table he's building. The table will be oval when the leaves are extended. The table uses "rule joints" so the top will be flat when the leaves are extended.

Rebecca Phelps won the door prize AND the Hartville Tool gift certificate since she had a show and tell item. Ronnie Webb and George Turner won Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Program

Richard Spinney presented a program about carving embellishments on woodworking projects.

Richard started by describing how he finds old, used wooden bowls at garage and thrift store sales. Many times they are as cheap as \$4 or \$5. He cleans them up by sanding them



and then he cuts and carves embellishments on them. He used his bandsaw to cut maple leaf shapes around the edge of this bowl and then used his power tools to sand and smooth the edges of the leaves. Richard brought several other bowls, each with a different style embellishment.



Richard talked about 'power carving' vs. 'hand carving' with the analogy that you could carve 'cigar store Indian' with a pocket knife, but a chainsaw would be a much better tool to use.



Richard discussed the finer points of sharpening tools and showed pictures of his sharpening station and tools. He uses a leather strop to fine tune the cutting edges of his tools and he only uses a grinder to sharpen the edge about once a year.



He also showed pictures of his 'carving station'. It's equipped with good lighting, power outlets and a dust collection system.

Richard offered to help anyone, free of charge, with their carving questions. Thanks Richard for an excellent presentation.

A copy of his presentation is available in our club library.