



The DoveTale

September 2017

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	63	Present:	18	Visitors:	0
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Our Next Meeting will be Oct 23rd

September 25th Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,316
- Richard Hicks - 63 members
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - If you have items checked out, please return them the next month. If you still need it, check it out again.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 23rd, 2017 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Jesse Cogswell will present the program: Designing and Building Picture Frames.

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.

Safety

With our minds on the recent events, we need to pay special attention to safety while working in our shops. One moment of inattention can cause a life changing accident.

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 storm had an obvious negative impact on the attendance this year. The crowds were much smaller and there were only 13 vendors.

We sold some of our wooden toys again this year and brought in a total of \$105 which will be used to help fund more toys for 2018.

Club Elections

Steve Brady, Richard Hicks and Sam Tobey agreed to help Red Dressel 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.

Show & Tells



Richard Spinney shows a carved wrench that fits the wooden nuts and bolts made by fellow member Jim Thibaut.



Richard Hicks shows a quilted maple candle stand. The base was turned on his lathe and the legs were cut with a scroll saw.



Kris Castle showed a piece of "old growth" pine he resawed on his bandsaw using a Wood Slicer saw blade.

Waid Gauthier won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a woodworking show and tell item. Jeffery Fritz and Red Dressel won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Program

Kris Castle had the opportunity to visit the home of a person that had a large collection of furniture made by George Nakashima. He enjoyed being able to see and touch the furniture. They allowed him to take pictures and he wanted to share them with us.

Kris started his presentation with some history of George:

- Born in 1905 in Spokane, Washington
- Died 1990 in New Hope, Pennsylvania
- MIT Master's Degree in Architecture

- Trained in traditional Japanese joinery while interned in a Japanese American camp in 1942
- Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan
- His shop and studio in Solebury Township, Pennsylvania is still operated by his family



While he built some traditional furniture, his signature style was taking large slabs from trees and making tables and benches.



He added 'butterflies' made with contrasting wood to control the movement of the wood in cracks and 'celebrate' the imperfections of the wood.



George also made a line of beautiful chairs using black walnut with hand carved seats and shaved hickory spindles.

Kris also showed an eight minute YouTube video of a craftsman making a cherry slab table in the Nakashima style using an assortment of machine and hand tool techniques. Here's the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90i-ZH2WY04>

Thanks Kris for an informative presentation. A video copy of Kris's presentation is available in our club library.