



The DoveTale

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Officers of Woodworkers of SE Texas

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| Members: | 73 | Present: | 37 | Visitors: | 1 |
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Our Next Meeting will be October 28th

September 23rd Meeting

This was our first meeting at our new location - Acadian Cypress & Hardwoods. This is a fantastic place for us to meet! Plenty of room for our meetings and parking. Acadian even provided drinks and cookies for us! The library cart has been moved to Acadian and materials are available during regular business hours. Be sure to bring your membership card when you visit Acadian to purchase materials or check out library materials. Thanks Wes and Norma for your support of our club.

Cliff couldn't make the meeting so Waid Gauthier, our president-elect, presided.

Waid selected a nominating committee (Lew Laurent, Dean Partridge and Rod Ruppel) to put together a slate for our election in November. If you're interested, contact anyone on the committee.

Dean Partridge reported that the Dr. Sharkey Rehab folks got permission to sell their cards in the local Market Basket stores - but they need display racks for

the cards. They contacted Dean and he made a prototype that they really liked. The club voted to spend \$165 to purchase the materials for 14 additional racks and several members volunteered to help Dean build the remaining racks.

Lew Laurent reported that we are way behind schedule on the toy project. Current count is about 500 - last year we did about 1,500. Cutting these simple toys out is really good scroll saw practice. Contact Lew for blanks and patterns or wood.

John Phelps brought a brochure about videos from Mark Adams. John took a woodworking class from Mark and thought the videos would be a good addition to our library. After circulating the brochure, the members voted to buy the 10 video set. We'll let you know when they arrive.

Steve Daigre will continue to investigate establishing a website for our club. He plans to make a formal presentation to the club at the October meeting. We plan to expand the use of the internet for meeting notices and information, so if I don't have your current e-mail address, please notify me at hicksrjh@ih2000.net.

Show & Tells



Lyman Frugia – brought a vase he turned from some spalted hackberry and friend gave him.



Rebecca Phelps – wanted to make some square braids with a process called 'Luret' and decided she could easily make the required tool herself – and she did!



Gerald Brennan – brought a bowl he turned from a piece of oak he found on the side of the road. He turned it green and showed us how it cracked and warped when it dried.



Dan Harriman – brought a rabbit plane that belonged to his dad. He thinks his dad may have even made the plane.



Howard Hartman – brought pictures of a sleigh bed with trundle drawers – a kind of unusual combination.



Kris Castle – brought pictures of a walnut deacon's bench and challenged the members to find what he did wrong. It turned out that he turned the grain the wrong way on the back.



Gene Warden – made a 'flip ball' game. The object is to flip the ball from one cup to the other.



David Shows – brought pictures and plans for a workbench. The plans said you could make it for \$175. David said it was a little more than that but it was fun to build.



Richard Osborn – showed a router jig that allows him to use a bit with a single bearing to rout a profile without tear out.



Paul Smith – pictures of a patio deck he built. Paul also won the \$35 door prize.



Lew Laurent – made a kneeling bench from a plan he made by taking ‘eyeball’ measurements of one he

liked at the church.

Program



Wes Vice, local manager of Acadian Cypress and Hardwoods, presented a program on

moldings. Moldings are a big part of Acadian's business. They have several molding machines and manufacture thousands of feet of moldings per year.

They currently have a large selection of moldings in stock at their Rose City location. Most of the most popular profiles are available in a variety of species. They have additional profiles and species in stock at their main office in Louisiana. If they are out of stock on your profile or species, you have two choices. You can ask for a special run of that profile or species and pay a surcharge or you can wait until they run that profile or species and get it at the regular price. Wes and Norma will be happy to work with you to meet your needs.

Need a custom profile? Their main office can make custom profiles because they grind their own knives. Be aware, custom

work carries a hefty setup charge so small quantities can be pretty expensive. If they already have the knife profile in stock, the charge is much less.

Wes donated a molding profile book to our club library. This book has a lot of information about molding manufacturing and will be a good source of ideas about different molding profiles.

Wes, thanks for an excellent program.

Note: We hope to have a meeting on building your own moldings. Since most moldings are a series of coves, beads and angles, it's possible to make some very nice profiles out of multiple layers of wood that are shaped with standard router bits.

Saturday Programs

Waid Gauthier will host a Saturday Program Meeting in late October. He will demonstrate his Legacy decorative turning machine. This is the machine he uses to make the beautiful rope designs (like on the canes he recently made) and fluted trim pieces for cabinets.

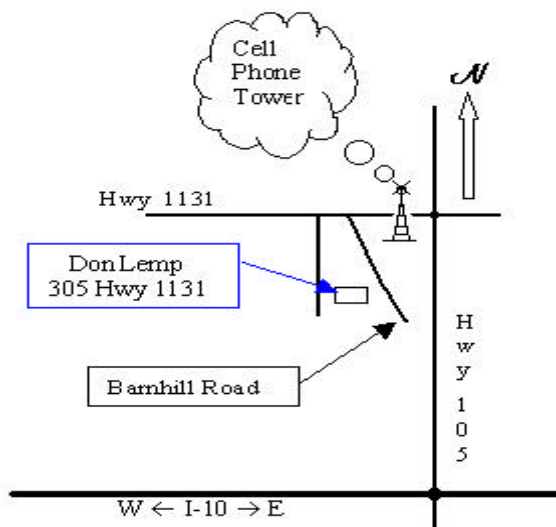
Lyman Frugia will host a Saturday Program Meeting in November. He will cover another aspect of wood turning. This is an excellent opportunity for those of you that are just learning how to turn, to learn from a really good teacher.

I'll send postcard notices out when I find out what the actual dates are. As always, our Saturday Program Meetings will start

at 1 PM and they usually last about 2-3 hours.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 28th at 7 PM in Don Lemp's shop. Don just completed his house and did a lot of the woodworking himself. You'll need to bring your own chair to the meeting. To get to Don's house, take I-10 to Vidor. Go 4 miles North on Hwy 105, then left on Hwy 1131. It's the 1st red brick house on the left past the cell phone tower. Don's phone number is 786-1684.



Woodworker's Paradise

B.J. gave a good narrative on his family's trip to the National Woodworking Show in Atlanta. He says you just can't imagine how big the show is! So much walking - their legs really hurt by the end of the day. Lots of gigantic booths, new vendors, and new woodworking equipment. B.J. is planning to pick up several new lines (JoinTech positioning devices and Timberwold blades, to name a couple) and some new items from his existing

suppliers (there's a new version of the old reliable Porter Cable model 690 router). I'll include information on the new items in our newsletter as he gets them in. Sounds like some really neat stuff to spend our money on!

B.J. also talked about changes that are taking place in the Delta/Porter Cable company. After several years of intensive efforts to combine all aspects of their business, they've finally realized that they did a much better job running their businesses separately. They are moving rapidly to separate their business. We should see an immediate improvement in the overall service from them. On his way back from the show, B.J. visited their manufacturing site and was really impressed at how big and modern it was. Also how fast they could make a saw and ship it to their customer or distributor.