



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	84	Present:	42	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be May 26th

April 28th Meeting

Waid Gauthier called the meeting to order. We had a visitor, Bill Smith, and he joined the club. Business items:

- Treasury is \$2,838.90
- 84 members
- Rod Ruppel reported that the Houston Show was a success – great booth and they've invited us back next year.
- Dick Osborn announced that the first workday for the club bench will be May 3rd and it will probably take several workdays to complete.
- Rebecca Phelps made a motion to purchase a saw blade for the bench construction. Rod Ruppel seconded it and it passed.
- Woodline, Inc. donated a nice set of router bits to our club. Laura Seelan made a motion that we raffle the bits. John Phelps seconded it and it passed. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each (you can buy as many as you want). Sales will start at the May meeting and the drawing will be held at the June meeting.
- Ken reports that a lot of library items are overdue. Rules are: You can check

items out for 1 month. If you need them longer, check them back in and then out again.

- Need to start making toys for the annual toy drive. Tod Braquet picked up some left over 'two by' material from a construction site. We should all be on the lookout for this type of material.
- Dean Partridge won the \$25 door prize.

Show & Tells



John Phelps with his table saw dovetail jig and miter slot stop he used at the last Saturday meeting.



Rob Emanuel with a picture of a hutch he made for his daughter and a rail & stile door he just finished for the hutch.



Lyman Frugia brought a spalted dogwood vase that ebony inlays that he tried out a new wipe on poly finish technique. It

produces a really high gloss finish but takes a lot of time to apply.



Marie Badeaux built a friend a wall mounted cabinet to store some plates. She used several different kinds

of wood in the cabinet.



Howard Hartman made his wife a planter out of Cypress - and he actually put a finish on this one.



Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a TV cabinet and entertainment center. He made it out of Aspen and

stained it to look like antique cherry.



Richard Spinney carved this custom handle and cover for one of his carving knives.

Wood Carver's Meeting

Richard Spinney reports that their club will have a special program on a new type of 'chip



carving'. It uses a chip carving knife but involves carving lines rather than little triangles normally

associated with chip carving. It will be a two part program and will be held in the Art League building at the Fair Grounds in Beaumont at 6:30PM on Monday, May 5th and May 19th. There will be a small charge for supplies and you will need a chip carving knife. Contact Richard Spinney at 866-4629 for more information.



Pete Nealley brought 3 bowls; a natural edged bowl, a large curly maple serving bowl and a small bloodwood plate

that started as a bowl.

Next Regular Meeting



Joel McLean made a special gun rack out of pine. He made a place to store ammunition in the bottom.

Richard Osborn will present a program about making dentil moldings at our next regular meeting. It will be held on May 26th at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City. The meeting

will start at 7PM and as usual, I'll be there early to take pictures of your show and tell items. Be sure to bring a chair.

Safety Item

Jerry Shivers shared a close call with us. He was ripping some thin pieces on his table saw



when one of the pieces went into the throat of the saw. Luckily, Jerry was using a wooden push tool. I got mangled up instead of his

hand! A zero clearance insert might have helped keep the piece out of the saw, but the push tool definitely saved his fingers.

Program

Veneering and Finishes by John Olson

John owns a woodworking shop in Bevil Oaks that specializes in custom furniture. He's made about every type of custom furniture



imaginable, from small boxes to armoires. John used this tall candle stand to illustrate the various parts of his presentation.

In addition to graceful legs and a curved stretcher assembly it had a beautiful, two color, 5-point star inlayed in the top.

John explained his procedure for laying out star inlays. Divide 360 by the number of points times 2. In the case of his 5-point star, 5 times 2 = 10 and 360 divided by 10 = 36. This is the number of degrees between the lines that form the star. Every other line goes to the point of the star; the others form the body of the star points. After the layout

is complete, transfer the design to the top and the veneer. Cut the veneer pieces with a sharp knife, being careful to keep the grain from diverting the knife blade. Assemble the pieces, face up, and join them with veneer tape. Use a router with a small bit to dish out the area for the inlay. The inlay should be slightly proud of the top surface so you can sand it level after it's glued in place. Use a sharp chisel to clean out the areas that the router bit misses. Glue the inlay in place and, after it dries, sand it level with the top. Finish the top and inlay as one piece.

General veneering tips:

- Use yellow glue for small inlays and polyurethane glue for larger ones.
- Melamine coated MDF makes good clamping cauls; it's flat and the glue doesn't stick very well to the melamine surface.
- Burls are hard to handle; they warp and buckle when you apply the glue and the wood fibers are fragile.
- You can make your own veneers by re-sawing thicker boards. Keep the pieces in order as you cut them.
- You can purchase pre-fabricated inlays and banding in various designs and shapes. The hard work is already done - all you have to do is inlay them in your project.

General finishing tips:

- Bleach walnut to even out the color. Walnut actually lightens with age.
- Use boiled linseed oil to enhance the grain on highly figured woods
- Use a 1# cut shellac solution to pre-seal woods like cherry and pine that tend to blotch when you stain them.
- Super concentrated TransTint dyes are water and oil soluble. They can also be mixed with lacquer for tinted and shading finishes.

At the conclusion of his presentation, John gave out an assortment of magazines and catalogs covering all aspects of veneering, finishing and furniture making and restoration. He also had an assortment of really nice veneer sheets and special wax for sale.

John, thanks for taking the time to prepare and present a really informative program for us!

Saturday Meeting May 24th

Lyman Frugia will host the next Saturday Program Meeting in his shop on May 24th. The meeting will start at 1PM and it usually lasts a couple of hours. Lyman plans to cover hollow vessel turning. Be sure to bring a chair.

Directions to Lyman's shop:

From Orange, take the **Rose City West** exit and go under IH10 to eastbound feeder road. From Beaumont, take the **Rose City West** exit. Turn right at Ace Trucking Company (**Rose City Drive**). Go across the railroad tracks and turn left on Old Highway 90. Turn right on **Birch Road** (first road to the right). Follow **Birch Road** to the right then left on **Cardinal Drive**. Lyman's house is the second one on the left (**270 Cardinal Drive**) - his shop is in the rear. Phone 769-3604.

June 14th

Steve Brady will host a special Saturday Meeting at his home on June 14th. Steve had several trees cut down and he will have them sawn into lumber with a Wood Mizer portable sawmill. The meeting will start at 9AM.

Steve lives about 5 miles North of Vidor on HWY 105. I'll provide more detailed directions later in the meeting notice.