



The DoveTale

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| Members: | 53 | Present: | 16 | Visitors: | 4 |
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Our Next Meeting will be Aug 25th

July 28th Meeting

We held our July meeting at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,405.49
- Richard Hicks - Currently at 53 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation.
- Toy Project: Rebecca Phelps brought a large sheet of $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF that she's using for animal puzzle cutouts as part of our toy drive. She has several pieces already marked - just looking for help cutting the puzzles out.
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - John Phelps, Howard Hartman and Rob Emanuel will review the library and it's use
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact John Phelps, Glen Kenny or Tod Braquet

Our Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, August 25th at Acadian Cypress and

Hardwoods in Rose City. Dean Partridge will show us how he makes an Adirondack Chair. Be sure to bring a chair and a show and tell item. I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tells.

Shop Safety

A member reported that the pad on their random orbit sander separated and part of it flew across the shop. We generally think of our sanders as relatively safe tools - this incident reminds us that ANY power tool can be dangerous.

Show and Tells



the finish.

Lyman Frugia made a Trent Bosch "Turning Illusion" vessel and the insert turned blue from the dye on the rag he used to wipe on



presentation on the Leigh Dovetail Jig.

Glen Kenny brought several examples of dovetails he made using his Leigh jig. He also used them in his program



Howard Hartman found a limb with the imprint of a vine growing around it and he made a "walking stick out of it.



Raymond Fontenote used red oak for a battery charging station caddy. He also brought several Pecan bowls.



Steve Brady used some Cramer's Refinish to remove smoke damage from the top of his sister's wooden box. Steve

also won the door prize of \$35 since he had a show & tell.

Toys



Rebecca Phelps found some $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF that she says makes excellent material for the animal puzzle cutouts we do as

part of our toy drive. The material is smooth, easy to cut, and requires very little sanding if you use a fine toothed blade. It also takes paint and magic markers very well.

She marked up several sheets and they will make about 800 puzzles. She 'twisted a few arms' and sent several sheets home with members and she still has several sheets left. Please contact Rebecca if you can help cutout puzzles. She also has a box full of blanks for turning spinning tops. She also plans to have toy workshop meetings in September or October.

Program

Glen Kenny presented an excellent program



about making dovetails with a Leigh Jig. The Leigh jig is very flexible and makes through or half blind dovetails.

Even though it's relatively expensive, it allows you to make variable spaced dovetails that look a lot like the old hand-cut type. It has an excellent user manual and the dust collector really works!

Glen offered the following suggestions:

- Make sure you boards are cut perfectly square
- Cut the tails first, then fit the pins to the tails
- Buy the Leigh dovetail bits for the best results
- Use a marking wheel to mark the depth of the dovetails
- Make sure to hold the router in exactly the same orientation for each cut - otherwise the dovetails won't fit properly

Glen had examples of sample dovetails that didn't fit properly and he provided explanations about what to do to fix them. He provided an excellent, step-by-step, guide on cutting dovetails with the Leigh Jig. He also plans to have a Saturday meeting to do some hands on training later this year.

Glen, thanks for an excellent program on using the Leigh jig to make dovetail joints.