



# The DoveTale

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Members:	53	Present:	20	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>

May 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, we held our May meeting in Jerry Shiver's shop in Fannett. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,484.49
- Richard Hicks - Renewals are complete and a final roster has been issued
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website [www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org) is back in operation.
- Toy Project: Rebecca Phelps will install wheels on your projects if you'll cut and sand the bodies. She also has some new plans available.
- 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, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dr. Vardiman's boat shop. We'll

review the status of his boat project. The meeting will start at 7PM and last for about 2 hours. Be sure to bring a chair, mosquito repellent and a show and tell item. I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tells.

Saturday Meeting

Lyman Frugia held a Saturday Meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> covering basic wood turning. There were 16 members and one visitor present. Some of the attendees did some hands-on turning and started projects with plans to complete them in their shops.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting and the good food that Steve Brady provided. Thanks Lyman for an excellent program and thanks to Steve for the use of his shop and the excellent food.

Shop Safety

Rebecca reported she recently had a problem with the drive mechanism on her Delta lathe and John strained his back when he moved the lathe to work on it.

Safety tip: Always test the weight of an item before you try to move it and get help if it's too heavy.

## Show & Tell



Jerry Shivers built a walnut dresser for a customer using raised panels and fluted corner columns.



John & Rebecca Phelps brought examples of toys that the Alabama Woodworker's Guild made for their toy drive.



Raymond Fontenote turned his bowl from a piece of spalted pecan. He also won the door prize drawing of \$35.



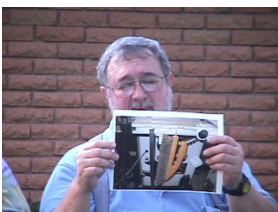
Lyman Frugia brought a mesquite bowl that had wood imperfections that made it unique and beautiful.



Howard Hartman brought several walking sticks he fashioned from limbs and vines he found on the side of the road.



Rob Emanuel had to make a pen at the last minute for a gift. He used olive wood and he had a lot of trouble with it splitting.



David Mayer brought pictures of a tool storage solution for his table saw and pegboard storage doors for his tool cabinet.

## Program

John Phelps presented an excellent program on making and using jigs to do safer and more precise woodworking.

For jig material, John uses:

- Baltic Birch plywood and MDF for his jigs. It's strong and it stays flat and stable.
- A  $\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of MDF attached to his router fence to make a zero clearance sub fence.
- Button head screws from Enco Machinery to assemble his jigs
- Phenolic sheets for permanent jigs that support a lot of weight

John uses flat, edge clamps for a straight edge jig on larger pieces, like plywood. He has a T-square jig for smaller widths. He also



has several sleds for his table saw to make small cross cuts, miters, dovetails and finger joints. He uses commercial miter slot slider bars for his sleds because they are straight and they are adjustable for snug fit in the miter slot.

John usually makes a jig or pattern when he needs to make multiple, identical items. It's faster and the only way he can be sure they are identical. He also makes jigs if he thinks the woodworking operation is unsafe.

John, thanks for a very good program and ideas for building and using jigs.