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NOVEMBER MEETING

Kerry Kale sales representative of Makita demonstrated Makita's new 12" sliding compound saw, which tilts a full 60 degree in both right and left positions. It will make a full crosscut on a 2 x 12 and 45 degree bevel cut on a 4 x 6 and 2 x 8. The saw comes complete with a 96 tooth carbide blade and sells between \$849.00 to \$999.00.

Kerry also explained about their new cordless drill systems. These industrial tools will be available with a meter on the battery. The meter will tell you how much charge you have remaining and also how much life is remaining in the battery.

You should first condition a new battery--if you run the battery down for the first five times before recharging--the battery will not develop a memory. You can also leave the battery in the charger when not in use. Batteries will lose a little charge everyday just sitting around your shop. Heat also causes a battery to lose its charge. Batteries will hold their charge longer if stored in the refrigerator.

Makita will be moving their current service center and warehouse the second week in December to the Executive Park in Stafford.

If you need service or parts better call first to find out if they have moved or not--current phone number is 690-6800.

Kerry was going to bring with him the Makita van full of tools but was unable as the van was in Colorado the weekend of the meeting.

Kerry also let us try out a new cordless hammer drill, very lightweight but very powerfull.

We would like to thank Kerry for an informative program and answering all of the members questions.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1995

At the November meeting we elected a new slate of officers for 1995. They do need all of

of the members help for a successful year, so please offer you help whenever you are able.

Your new officers for 1995 are:

President: Jimmie Harp

Vice President: Saul Harris

Secretary/Treasurer: Lee Palfreyman

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Andy Anderson Art Chester

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FIELD TRIP

Despite the weather we had a great turnout for the field trip to New Ulm. Bruce and his wife were great hosts at their sawmill. Bruce explained how to figure what the yield will be from a tree. He demonstrated how the sawmill worked by cutting up a Cedar log. Bruce and his wife fed us sausages and cold drinks. He had some nice looking Cedar, Pecan and Pine for sale. Quite a few of the members purchased lumber from Bruce, I got some very nice looking Pecan that he milled that week from a Pecan tree on his property that was no longer producing Pecans. It must have been a pretty big tree as the milled boards were 12 inches wide.

We would like to thank Bruce and his wife for their hospitality. I would also like to thank Tom Talasek for setting up the field trip.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

For January Art has set up Jim Schmidt of 3M to tell us about a new adhesive that sets up in 20 seconds and about some of their other products. 3M is also donating a \$100.00 Gift

certificate for any of the products that they sell.

For February Art has a tentative commitment from Porter Cable for a program and a raffle prize.

TOYS FOR THE KIDS

Finish up those toys and bring them to the December meeting. We need to get them all together so that they can be distributed quickly.

FEATURE PROJECT--Hanging stuff: Hat racks, Quilt racks, Towel racks, etc.

Zatis Murphy showed us a Mahogany Hallway Mirror with brass hooks, finished in Minwax and Tung Oil. A quilt rack made out of solid Cherry stained with an aniline dye and topcoated with Bartley's.

Bob Carter made a quilt rack out of #3 common pine, with a wheat pattern carved on the end pieces. Bob finished with a dark Walnut stain and topcoated with lacquer.

FEATURE PROJECT FOR DECEMBER

Flat items--cutting boards, trays, trivets, puzzles and picture frames.

SHOW AND TELL

Bill Hochmuth made a music box out of Tuara finished with red aniline mahogany dye and topcoated with 10 coats of lacquer.

Lewis Vallette custom made a jig to turn perfectly round balls on his custom made lathe. With this jig and lathe combination he can turn a 10 to 11 inch ball.

Fred Sandoval showed off some of his Queen Ann and Chippendale reproductions that he has made. One was a chest with five drawers and a Handkerchief drop leaf table that he made using only handtools.

Mike Turner showed us how he made a very sturdy workbench. Mike made the legs so that they would fold making the bench portable. He also made all of the vises for the bench. He covered the top with formica, so any glue squeeze out could be cleaned off easily. Mike said that he only spent about \$40.00 in material and hardware for his bench.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY SHARON BUCKLEY

This year has really gone by in a flash, it seems we just started and here it's almost over. You start with an agenda of what you would like to see happen for the year, some things get done and some don't. I do think we had a very good year.

We started the Raffle which has brought in money to purchase 17 new video tapes and 3 new books. I would like to thank the members who participated by purchasing a raffle ticket. I think that we have had some pretty good prizes too.

In January the members donated their money and time to make 64 footlockers for the Boy and Girls Harbour.

I would like to thank Art Chester as Vice-President and Program Chairman for doing an outstanding job of getting programs and lining them up a couple of months ahead so we all knew what to plan for.

Thanks to Steve Procter for making sure that we are solvent and up to date on the bills.

Also thanks to the board of Directors for their help and suggestions in the planning of the club.

I can't thank Thad Brown enough for picking up and mailing the newsletter every month. With out his help you would not get your newsletter on time.

I would like to thank Charles Sylvester Workshops and clinics chairman for setting up clinics like the bandsaw clinic.

I would like to thank Tom Talasek for his efforts in group purchase.

I would like to thank Denis Muras for taking care of the video library and Bill Smith for taking care of the book library.

Some of the members who help and really get very little credit are Robert Sandlin carrying around the name tag board, Bill Hochmuth and Loretta Buckley for the coffee detail.

We also have a group of members that set up all of the tables and chairs for the meeting.

I would like to Thank all of the members that attend and participate in the meetings, the field trips and charity functions, without your enthusiasm and good cheer this club would just not exist.

Last month Chuck Maxwell showed us how he makes Rosettes, using a bit designed for the router, with a jig that Chuck and Lewis Vallette designed for making them safely. Chuck also showed how you can make rosettes using a spade bit that he filed a profile on.

This month's How to segment will be on How to cut wood threads by Walt Turpening.

I would also like to thank all of the members that participated in the How to Segments.

DECEMBER'S RAFFLE will be for:

1. \$25.00 Gift Certificate----Hardwood Products.
 2. 16 piece Forstner Bit Set 1/4' thru 2 1/8" multi-spur bit set with 3/8" shank in a wooden box.
 3. 3--4" Record C-Clamps made in England
 4. Black and Decker Cordless Screwdriver.
- Tickets will be \$2.00 each.

DECEMBER MEETING

WHEN: DECEMBER 10TH, 1994 9:00 A. M.

WHERE: BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
ON BISSONNET AT HILLCROFT

PROGRAM: Gregg Gibbs of Hardwood Products, will explain the new grading rules on lumber products. His company has also donated a \$25.00 gift certificate to the raffle. His company also offers the member a 5% discount off Contractor pricing.

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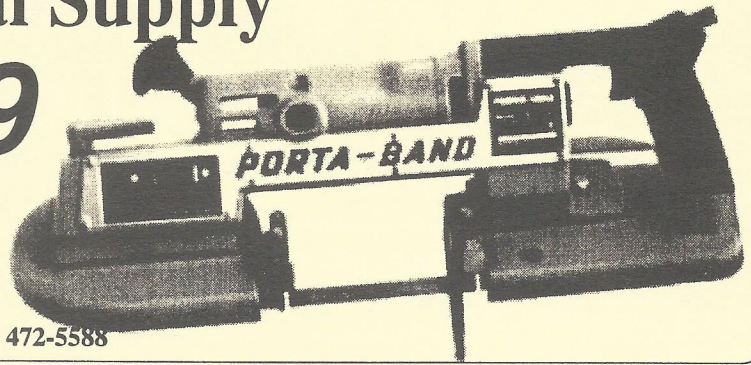
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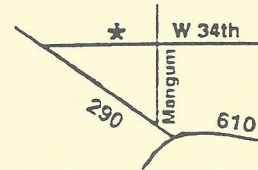
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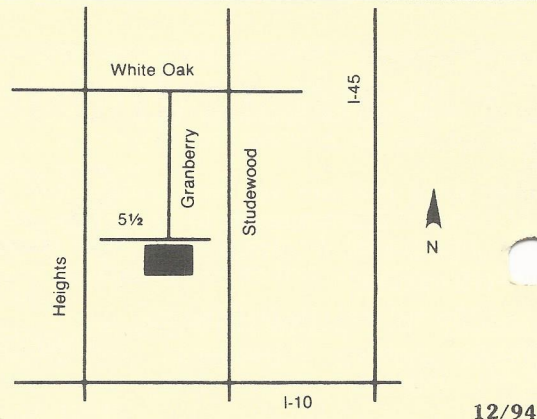
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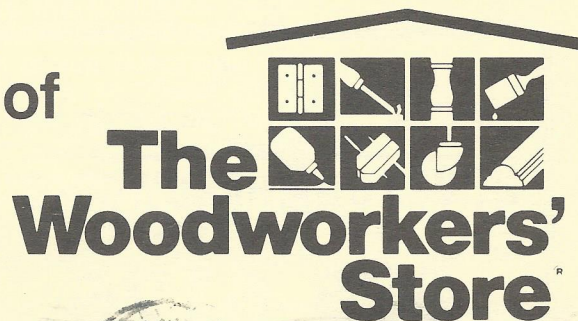
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