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DECEMBER MEETING

Talk about a super party; well this was it. The Rice Faculty Club is elegant with a glass wall facing courtyard with a beautiful spreading oak and a water fountain. you couldn't have asked for a nicer setting.

We had a good turnout too. Over 40 members with their spouses or friends showed and were treated to an excellent meal. Steak & Ale doesn't serve roast beef in as large a portion as I got, plus pecan pie that was better than my mom bakes. For those that were unable to attend because of other commitments, don't miss it next year.

All the new officers were introduced and each gave a short message on their aspirations for the club in 1986. The evening ended with the presentation of the awards.

It was a most enjoyable evening for everyone who attended.

SHOW AND TELL

It was really something to behold. You guys and gals have been holdidng out all year and waiting to show the best for last. Well you out did yourself. I apologize that I did not record every piece and the maker. I was amazed at the variety and expertise. Some were first year woodworkers but the quality was so good the judges eliminated the beginners category. We had carvings, clocks, contemporary tables, tables of unusual joinery, stols of walnut complete with carving, turned bowls, doll house complete with carpeting and light fixtures, jewelry boxes, automobiles and on and on.

It was something you really enjoyed looking at and marveling at the finish or workmanship. It really made me happy to be a part of this club. It shows I've got so much to learn and a great group who can teach me.

The three categories the judges finally decided on was intermediate, advanced, and master. The winners of the intermediate were Bill Hochmuth and Don Sloan for practical project, Vicki Proctor and Connie Moore for original design and Jim Sims and Bruce Dehart for craftsmanship.

The advanced group had Paul Whelchel and Bill Runyan for practical, Bob Boeteller and Sid Sabel for original design and Rick Goodheart and E. J. LaGarde for craftsmanship.

The Master's group had Rich Kurey and Bill Blackstock for practical, Ron Cass and Lawrence Polzer for original design and Zatis Murphy and Henry Reed for craftsmanship.

There were no losers, everybody won just by giving the rest of us a chance to observe their favorite project.

OLD BUSINESS

Not much to say here except that its been a great year. The club has grown from about 80 members to 165. We had a super successful charity show, raising \$2500.00 for the children of the "Make-A-Wish"

Foundation. The clinics and workshops proved successful in giving everyone a learning experience, plus the opportunity to get to know each other better.

I can't pick out any one meeting that was better than the other. Each had something to offer. I'm looking forward to next year.

For the newer members, T-shirts are available through T-shirts Plus on Antoine. Just give them a call at 957-2035, tell them your name, size and that you are a member of the WWC of Houston and they will have it ready for you by the time you get there.

WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

Murray Gordon is the man in charge. He already has several lined up for 1986. Just sign up at the meetings or call Murray and reserve a space. He will call when the time and place is scheduled.

If your scheduled and can't show, be sure to call Murray so he can call the next one on the list. The member that disregards this

courtesy will be left off future clinics.

Murray is also going to hold clinics to show the video tapes from our library. That way 4 to 5 people can see it at one time and then go out in the shop and practice.

Clinics on tape are as follows:

Table saw dovetails by Bill Runyan
Handcut dovetails by Tim Vanya
Sketching your design by Murray Gordon
Raised panelled doors by Chuck Maxwell
Router basics by Bill Forkner
Band saw boxes by Bill Beggs
Shop layout by Doug Blodgett

Workshops are:

Miniature Furniture by Andy Blodgett
Bowl turning by Michael Chandler

NEW BUSINESS

Look at the first page of this newsletter and see who your new officers and Board members are. There the ones to call to ask questions or make suggestions. You also have your committee chairpersons:

Murray Gordon (Workshops and Clinics), Rich Kurey and Jimmy Harp (Programs), Bill Beggs - that's me, Sharon Buckley, and Henry Reed (Newsletter). Needed are chairpersons for various other functions, so '86 is the year to do a little work for a club that can give you a lot in return.

Something that would be nice is a small, inexpensive portable PA system. Does anyone have one we can use once a month, or does someone have a contact where we can buy one?

Dale Zimmerman of The Woodworkers Store wrote to the club outlining what they have to offer in the way of tool catalogs, seminars, and workshops. The store would like to become an associate member. They would then furnish each member free catalogs, notification of any specials and a newsletter on shop tips and current events. Sounds interesting. The club might vote on it in our January meeting.

Steve Proctor, your new President has already had his first Board Meeting and is planning a great year for you in 1986. If you have any ideas for meetings, please let him or Rich Kurey know.

It appears Michael Chandler will be our guest speaker in February. He will discuss and demonstrate spindle turning.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

One of the main themes of the December dinner meeting was to bring together woodworkers and their spouses. We wanted the non-woodworking spouse to enjoy our interests, meeting woodworkers and non-woodworkers, and see the fruits of other woodworkers labors. I think the meeting was a success and we will continue this theme in 1986.

Woodworking as a hobby for most of us in the club, and therefore we are devoting our "extra" or leisure time to do it. It is not a masculine pursuit, there are a growing number of women involved in woodworking and in our club. This is an excellent trend that we wish to foster in our club activities.

For the married couples woodworking can be a delightful joint pursuit. My wife Vicki, is a woodworker on her own, but the real joy comes from designing and working on the projects together. We've worked on small, mundane projects all the way through carved rocking horses and two-story decks. By pooling labor and talent in this way, projects are designed better, executed faster and have more pride in the finished project. Sure, we have our share of squabbles, and left on our own each would tend to do things differently. But the end result is always worth the effort. A nice side benefit is that we tackle projects together that we might not attempt individually, because of the effort involved or the lack of expertise in one area or another. As a team we have twice the confidence and ability.

The club is an excellent way for both husband and wife to get involved. Our clinics can help beginners and the camaraderie of club meetings helps focus individual interests. I urge everyone to get involved because I know how rewarding it can be.

One of the ladies approached me at the December meeting and asked "why don't we get the wives to tell their husbands (or vice versa) which they think is their best or favorite project?" I think that this is an excellent idea. Show your spouse this article and ask him/her what is their favorite project you have done, you might be surprised.

BUY AND SELL

Don Hart has someone looking for a wood lathe to buy, so if you have one or know of one, give Don a call.

JANUARY MEETING

The meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11th at the Castillian Room in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel at the corner of South Main and Holcombe Blvd.

That's the weekend of the Wood World annual show, which will be in the hotel's convention center. It starts Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. and goes through Sunday.

The club meeting will only last about an hour then we will adjourn to the show. This is the meeting where we will present the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation representative Karen Stran the club's donation of \$2500.00.

See you there!

Due to popular demand, another order for aluminum bar clamps will be made. The club has been able to order these clamps in bulk from the manufacturer for close to one-half the price popular mail-order tool companies charge. The only stipulations are: the recipients must be active club members, and the clamps must be ordered in ten-count allotments. An individual may personally order any number of any size clamp, but the actual order will not be placed until the full ten-count allotment is filled (i.e., if club members desire a total of twenty-six 2' clamps, then two boxes of ten 2' clamps are ordered. The remaining six will be ordered if and when the ten-count allotment is filled).

Clamps are distributed on a first ordered, first delivered basis. Clamps are considered sold to the member at the time of the order, although payment is not necessary until delivery. Cash accepted, personal checks preferred. Prices for single clamps are as follows: 2'/\$13.00, 3'/\$14.00, 4'/\$15.00, 5'/\$16.00, 6'/\$17.00.

NOTICE

The 1986 membership dues are now due. Please make your check payable to Woodworkers Club of Houston in the amount of \$12.00 and give to our new treasurer, Harold Evans, at the next meeting or mail to: P.O. box 34481, Houston, Texas 77234.

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