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DECEMBER MEETING

Our speaker was John Boyette of the Texas Forest Service. The TFS is part of the Texas A & M University, although it is a state agency. Four full time wood technologists use a laboratory to conduct research projects. One recent project resulted in developing treated yellow pine shingles to replace Western Red Cedar shakes.

John donated some directories of saw mills for our library.

Texas under utilizes its hardwood grade timber. Most hardwood cut in Texas goes for low grade uses like railroad ties, pallets and forms. Texas needs to develop its hardwoods for high grade use like furniture and mill work.

A portion of John's speech dealt with the moisture content of wood and how it reacts to drying. Wood is anisotropic--it shrinks differently according to the direction of grain. Wood is also hygroscopic--loves water, which means it readily re-absorbs moisture. Softwoods are graded with their moisture content. Hardwoods are not --so buyer beware.

Fresh cut green wood is 100% moisture saturated. When the moisture dries from the sap, at about 30% wood reaches fiber saturation. From 30% down to 12%, water is coming from the wood fibers themselves, which produces shrinkage. A six to eight % equilibrium is recommended for interior use. John strongly recommends using a moisture meter.

Another portion of his talk concerned that Native Texas scourge--Mesquite wood. It is still considered a pest by ranchers and farmers. It is very resistant to drought, because it uses a tap root to reach water. Very prolific--it can take over fields in no time. Mostly short (less than 6'), full of defects and small diameter trunks make it a poor quality wood for major lumber usage. It is also difficult to harvest. However, John showed some beautiful boards and objects made from mesquite. It also makes excellent cooking

wood, and is exported to the northeast for that purpose.

We Thank John and the Texas Forest Service for an excellent presentation.

ANNUAL DINNER

If you attended you know we all had a great time and if you missed it well what can we say.

This year we had an excellent Show and Tell, one of the best in many years.

We want ever one to have plenty of time to set their 1990 social calendar so we have already reserved the Rice Faculty Club for this years Party. So mark your calendars for Friday December 7th, 1990 as this years Dinner.

SUPER SHOW AND TELL WINNERS

We want to thank all the members who participated in this years competition and the Judges. Such excellent work this year that the Judges must have had a tough job Judging.

The Winners were:

Practical Project----Intermediate
First Place-----Chuck Maxwell
Second Place--Jimmie Harp

Practical Project----Advanced
First Place-----Sharon Buckley
Second Place---Claude Emory

Practical Project----Master
First Place-----Ken Wallis
Second Place---Bill Hochmuth

Original Design-----Intermediate
First Place-----Ron Kuenning

Original Design-----Advanced
First Place-----Bob Soderblom

BEST OF SHOW 1989 AWARD WINNERS (cont)

Original Design-----Master
First Place-----Rudy Kremer

Craftsmanship-----Intermediate
First Place-----Don Richardson
Second Place----Robert Sandlin

Craftsmanship-----Master
First Place-----Zatis Murphy

CHARITY SHOW DONATION

San Zelsman had the honor of presenting a check for \$5179.00 to Dick Huras representing the Make-A-Wish Foundation. a gift of this size will help 2 children. As always, Make-A-Wish will inform us how our contribution is spent.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Don Richardson

Direction for our Growing Club

Our club has grown considerably since its inception in the early part of this decade. We have grown to about 200 members and have a regular attendance of 60 to 80 folks at our meetings. Having a large membership does have some advantages. we have more money to provide programs, update our tape and book libraries, and provide general operating funds (for example, we recently brought a new printer to improve the appearance of the newsletter). Our large membership also provides some difficulties. Finding meeting places has become increasingly difficult, clinics and workshops (though we've had some good ones) have become difficult to schedule and man, and our general operation takes more time and coordination.

During 1990 I and the rest of your officers and directors want to work to make our operation as smooth and efficient as possible. An action we have already undertaken was to arrange for a regular meeting place, we met there in December. the Bayland Community Center has spacious, modern rooms; an easy to find location; and ample parking. Just think--you don't even have to haul your lawn chair anymore. We're sure there are lots of other things we can do and we'll do them as the year passes.. WE DO NEED YOUR HELP.

Your concerns and suggestions are very important. We need to know them in order to give the club the direction you want it to have. Concerns and questions are particularly important and we will become an agenda item at a board meeting or a regular meeting as appropriate.

CLUB NEWS

We all cheered the selection of our meeting place. the Bayland Community Center is owned by Harris County and is available to groups,

like ours for free, including A/C and Heating, restrooms, carpet, padded seats and PA system. Thanks to Don Richardson for helping secure these facilities.

REMEMBER WE ARE GUESTS ! And let us all be clean and tidy guests, return the chair your using to the chair rack and throw away that coffee cup in the trash. Remember smoking is allowed in the halls and not in the meeting rooms to save the carpet.

CLINICS AND WORKSHOPS

Stuart Murphy is heading up clinics and workshops. He handed out a questionnaire regarding clinic availability, desirability and other related information. Ken Wallis is giving a clinic on Stave Bowl Construction at the Shopsmith Classrooms after our regular meeting on Saturday January 13th starting at 1:30 P.M.. There is room for about 50 people and Shopsmith is offering a 10 % discount to any member attending the demonstration.

Ken puts on a very interesting and fun demonstration, plus as you know his bowls are great.

SAFETY

Steve Procter reminded us how 1/10th of a second separates us from tragedy. He suffered an amputation of the left ring finger tip courtesy of a jointer. This accident, like almost all accidents, was preventable: better guard, less exposed blade, better positioning of the hands for feeding, use of a push stick, etc.. we need to put those and other safety ideas into PRACTICE every time we enter the shop.

FOR SALE OR WANT TO BUY

For Sale Sears Belt Sander Stand \$15.00
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Contact Art Chester--376-2627

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For Sale Mill-Route (Sign Maker) Chuck Maxwell--469-0588.

For Sale Ring Master self contained motor Ronnie Derks 694-8040.

SHOW AND TELL

Bill Beggs brought a Walnut Domino Box, with sliding lid, finished in Watco with a coat of wax.

Chuck Maxwell also brought a Domino box, complete with oak dominos. He dips a Q-tip in white paint to add contrast to the dots on each domino.

Don Sloan had a small box with interesting joints.

Ronnie Derks went to work with his scrollsaw

producing a dragon pierced work design with 371 inside cuts.

Ed Caesar was also at work with a scrollsaw, producing a "Family Tree"--a wall hanging (or free standing) tree shaped names of the family. Very clever.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Steve Procter suggested an easy way to cut angles without a table saw: tack guide strips to a piece and run a flush trimming router bit along the guides. Much faster and easier than playing with a table saw. Works well with hand held or stationary router, depending on the size of the piece.

Chuck Maxwell suggested plexiglass mirrors for projects. they are pretty good optically, and can be easily cut and shaped. They are lighter and shatterproof.

EDITORS NOTE

By Steve Procter

This is the last newsletter I will be editing, although I will be contributing from time to time. I've handled the job for three years, and now it is time to pass the baton to another editor, Sharon Buckley. She is the third editor since the club was founded. Bill Beggs held the job for 4 years before handing it on. Sharon has worked with the newsletter since the beginning

in one capacity or another, and has typed almost all of them. My thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter over the years, and good luck to Sharon.

JANUARY MEETING

WHEN: JANUARY 13, 1990 9:00 A. M.

WHERE: BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
ON BISSONNET AT HILLCROFT

DIRECTIONS: For map refer to your December Newsletter. Southwest Freeway (Highway 59 South) take the Hillcroft exit. Go south on Hillcroft, turn right on Bissonnet and the Bayland Community Center is on the right. Follow the signs in the park to the community center.

NEW YANKEE WORKSHOP SERIES

Norm Abrams New Yankee Workshop is Nationally starting in January on PBS, have not heard when it starts locally. If you know please let us know, so we can pass on the info.

I might suggest that if you have a VCR you buy a couple of tapes and record them.

The programs are:

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| 1). Rocking Horse | 8). Kitchen Work Table |
| 2). Adirondack Chair | 9). Mission Style Sofa |
| 3). Butler's Table | 10). Picture & Mirror Frames |
| 4). Kitchen Dresser | 11). Chest-on-Chest |
| 5). Hearthside Settle | 12). English Garden Bench |
| 6). Pencil-Post Bed | 13). Armoire |
| 7). Chair Table | |

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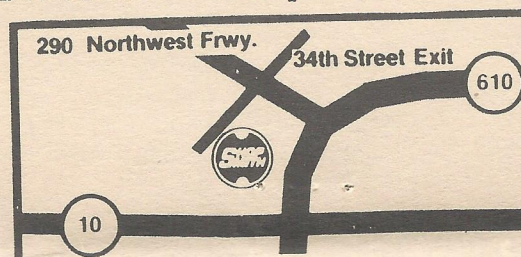
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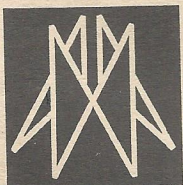
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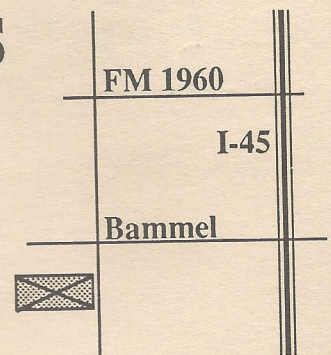
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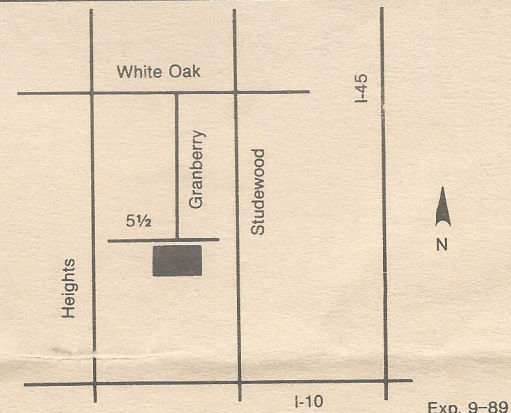
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