

Woodworkers Club of Houston

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December Meeting

Membership dues for 1997 are \$24.00 a year and are due at the January meeting. They must be paid by the February meeting in order to have your name listed in the directory. The directory is supposed to be out in March this year.

Membership cards will be ready at the January for the people who have already paid.

If you have any friends or neighbors interested in woodworking, invite them to come to the meeting and join the club. They will get to meet the finest group of people and the best woodworkers in town.

As most of you know, Zatis Murphy, a long time member of the club, passed away December 19, 1996. I remember him mainly from his book reviews.

He was a member of the board in 1989 and 1992. He was president of the club in 1991. This is a copy of his obituary from The Houston Chronicle.

Murphy

Zatis Luain Murphy, former resident of Wichita, passed away December 19, 1996 at the age of 61 years. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sandra L. Murphy. Daughters: Charlene Huskey, Joplin Mo., Sheryl Murphy, PhD., Austin, Texas, Son: Robert C. Murphy, Los Angeles, Ca., Sister: Janea Gordon, Hutchinson, Ks.; Grandchildren: Elizabeth, Stephanie, and Joshua Huskey. Member of Foundry United Methodist Church; graduated with a PhD from University of Washington; retired from Shell Chemical Company; member of the Woodworker Club. Services: 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 23, at Foundry United Methodist Church with Godfrey Hubert officiating. Interment: Woodlawn cemetery. Donations may be made to the Pediatrics Research Department, M.D. Anderson Hospital, 1515 Holcombe, Houston, Texas 77030 or The Zatis Murphy Organ Fund, Foundry United Methodist Church. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22.

Problems and Solutions:

Problem: Sanding belts are coming apart.

Solution: Buy better belts. The cheap will come apart quickly when exposed to heat and humidity. Also make sure the arrows on the inside of the belt point in the direction of the rotation of the belt.

Problem: Someone needs a jig to use a belt sander with a bevel gage.

Solution: If you have one, bring it to the next meeting.

Want Ads:

Mike Turner is looking for a big air compressor.

David Cobb is selling his Shopsmith, model 5100, with bandsaw, extra bandsaw blades, belt sander, jointer, owners manual, and project book. It is three years old. \$1750.00. Call 469-6550.

Amplified headphones for \$90.00. Check for them at the next meeting.

Raffle:

A dovetail Saw

A Pocket Router

A Honing Guide

A Japanese Miter Square

A Machinist Square

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Name Tag Board:

Andy Anderson will take over the name tag board for Mike Turner.

Book Library:

I need some one to take over the book library for me. You should have a van or pickup truck to take it to and from the meetings. It is on wheels and will roll easily through a 32" door. If you are interested, call Bob Gilbertson at 869-7081, or Don Richardson at 661-1365.

Show & Tell:

John Murray had 6 clocks. He buys his works from Cherrytree and Klockit. The plans came from Wood magazine.

Stan Coumbe showed some bamboo angels from Indonesia.

Chuck Maxwell had a router table made from plans from the book "Woodworking With The Router". He also had a child's swivel chair made from maple. The swivel assembly was made from heavy wall threaded conduit and a 4 bolt pipe flange.

Steve Procter brought a spice cabinet made from mahogany. His daughter, Amanda, helped him with this project.

Dooley George showed a vegetable bin with tip out doors. It was made from bowling alley maple using frame and panel construction. The bottom was finished with 6 coats of Bartleys. The top was finished with Minwax polyurethane. He used 2 coats of gloss and 2 coats of satin.

Charity Project:

Jimmie Harp will be the coordinator of the charity project. He will gather the material and coordinate the labor.

December Program:

The December program was given by Jimmie Harp on Long Leaf Pine and the Texas lumber industry.

Long leaf pine is the strongest and most beautiful of the pines. It is also known as pitch pine and heart pine. It was liked, not for its beauty, but for its long straight grain and its strength. In Texas it grew mainly in east Texas and liked sandy and well drained soil. It reproduced with difficulty and with the logging methods used by the early lumber industry it has been replaced by loblolly pine and hardwoods.

Early visitors were overpowered by the towering pines. They described them as 100-150 feet tall and 4-5 feet in diameter at the base. The forest floor was park like because not much else could grow under these giant trees.

Today our source for this fine wood is from old buildings that have been torn down. Fortunately the wood is being recycled. It is also fairly expensive, ranging from \$3.00 - \$8.00 per board foot. A lot of the reclaimed wood is being turned into flooring.

The first big sawmill in Texas was the Lotcher & Moore mill at Orange. It opened in 1877 and closed in 1930 because of the depression.

It had a capacity of 80,000-100,000 board feet a day. It had circular saws that were later replaced with bandsaws. They also used gang saws. These were able to cut a squared up cant into dimensional boards in a single pass.

In the era from 1877 to the depression, more than 59 billion board feet of lumber was produced.

Henry Lotcher and G. Moore were the pioneers of the early Texas lumber industry. They were followed by the people many of us have heard of; such as Joseph H. Kurth, Thomas L.L. Temple, John Henry Kirby, Alexander Gilmer, David Wingate, John Martin Thompson, and W. T. Carter.

The coming of the railroad was a great boon to the lumber industry. The Southern rivers were not dependable to get to logs to the mills. The logs were dragged to the lines by teams of horses, oxen, or bulls. These were later replaced by steam loaders.

This was an interesting program. I wish I would have been there to hear it.

January Meeting

When: January 11, 1997 9:00 AM

Where: Bayland Community Center
on Bissonnet at Hillcroft

Program: **Modern Furniture Joinery**
Drawer Lock Joints by Steve Procter
Face Frame Joinery by Brian Owens
Pole Lamp Construction by
Mike Turner

Raffle: Items to be announced

January Meeting:

Saul Harris will run the January meeting because Don Richardson has a prior engagement.

1997 Programs:

We are soliciting your input on program topics for 1997. If you have any suggestions or requests for presentations, or if you have something you believe is worth sharing with the club, please bring your ideas to the January meeting. It would be most helpful if each member would suggest one or more program topics and possible presenters for the topics.

Very truly yours,
Bill Rhea, Vice-President.

Newsletter:

I am soliciting articles for the newsletter. If you wish to put an article, or item of interest, or a wanted, in the February newsletter, submit it by January 24. The cutoff date for the March newsletter will be February 21.

Thank you,
Bob Gilbertson, Editor
6311 Wister Lane
Houston, Texas 77008

Items Of Interest:

The Cutting Edge has "Free Saturday Tool and Technique Basics Seminars" - 11:00 am to Noon. Unlimited attendance, Free to the public.

Woodcraft has "Sawdust Sessions" on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Free to the public.

The Northside Splinter Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Jimmie Harp's shop, at 848 1/2 west 24th street. 862-7222.

In January we will start working on the charity project.

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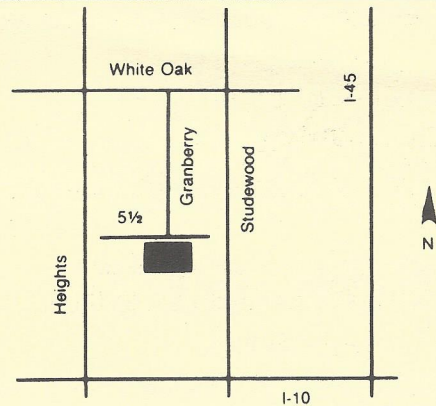
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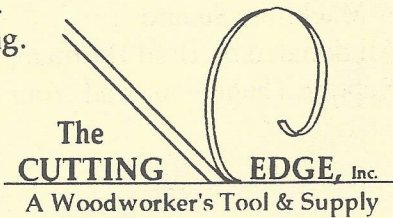
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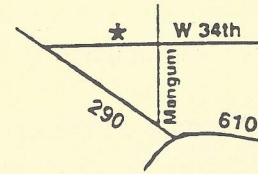
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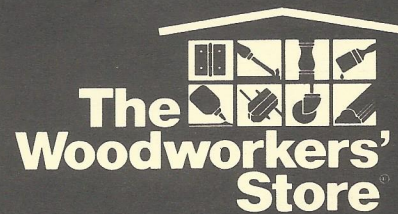
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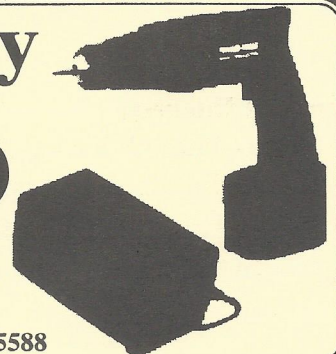
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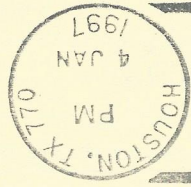
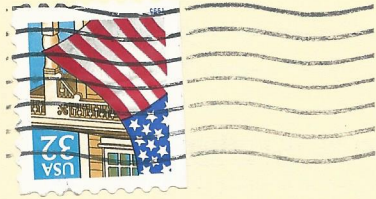
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Calendar

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| January 6, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie & Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| January 11, 1997 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| January 20, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie & Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| February 3, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie & Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| February 8, 1997 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| February 17, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie & Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| March 3, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| March 8, 1997 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |