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FEBRUARY MEETING

The program was presented by Bill Hamilton of La Marque, Texas on Doll Houses. Bill has been designing and making scaled Doll Houses since 1975. He also had some Doll House furniture that he has made but mainly builds Doll houses on consignment. His first house was for a lady in Galveston, she brought him a picture from a magazine that she wanted the house to look like. Most of the houses are Victorian with lots of gingerbread ornamentation.

He first starts with a good set of scaled drawings. Beginning with the base made of pine where he hides the electrical transformer for the lights and wall plugs. He uses paneling or plywood for the subfloor and then covers the subfloor with oak flooring which he makes himself out of 1/4 inch wide strips which would equal 3" wide flooring in full scale. He then sands the floor using a belt sander. For the Kitchen flooring he has used pine in the same manner as the oak but he pegs the ends of each strip with 1/16 inch dowel-- you might ask where he buys 1/16th inch dowels--he makes them himself.

After the floors are done of the first floor he constructs the walls. You must plan where the lights and wall plugs will be placed so you can start installing the wiring. Bill uses 24 ga. stranded speaker wire from Radio Shack which fits into a shallow groove in the walls and ceiling.

Next he makes the cutouts in the walls for the windows.

After the first floor is finished he starts on the remaining floors in the same sequence.

Bill makes his own stairways from white pine covered in 3/32" mahogany.

Bill starts with plywood for the roof covered with shingles, he says you can buy ready made shingles but they are not tapered--so he makes his own shingles. The shingles range from 1/2" wide to 1" wide, the tapered shingle is 1/16th thick at thickest point to nothing. He also varies the shades to replicate shingles.

Bill uses posterboard to cover the walls, this gives him a smooth surface to paint or apply wall paper, it also covers the wiring.

Wallpaper is applied with a glue called YES, water based glues will cause the wallpaper to wrinkle and buckle.

After the basic shell he builds and attaches the porch.

Windows that raise and lower can be purchased ready made but the clear part is made of plastic making it very hard to paint. Bill constructs his own windows using glass. When you paint the windows you can clean glass alot easier than plastic.

Most Victorians were built using clapboard siding on the outside walls, this style and many other styles are commercially available.

The base of the Doll house can be textured to represent cement or finished to look like brick.

A good Victorian house will have five colors of paint.

These are not little houses--some of his house have been 3 to 4 foot wide by 5 foot tall.

If your looking for a source for doll house components--Minatures and Collectibles on the Gulf Freeway just off the Monroe ext is a good place.

1991 CHARITY SALE

We received a Thank you letter with photos of the Make a Wish child that our chairy sale money benefited. The Make-a-Wish child and his family went to Jamaica for his wish.

VIDEO LIBRARY

We have many members that have borrowed a tape and have not returned it. When you borrow a tape it is your responsibility to return that tape at the next meeting. The Board has agreed that a fine of only \$10.00 for any member that has kept a tape for more than two months and returns the tape at the March meeting, instead of the

regular \$5.00 per month fine. If you do not return the tape we will be sending you a bill for the replacement cost of purchasing a new video tape. Some of the tapes we spent in excess of \$100.00. Please return the tapes now.

SAFETY

By Murray Gordon

The Safety discussion this month was on proper attire in the workshop. Loose clothing, long shirt sleeves, and loose shirt tails can get caught in machinery. If you have to wear long sleeves, button those cuffs and tuck in those shirt tails. As we have discussed in a previous safety discussion it is best not to wear jogging shoes but substantial leather shoes with safety toes. For the formal woodworker ties are not recommended unless you tuck them in your shirt, if you must wear a tie use a bow tie-- its much safer.

Also its not a good idea to wear jewelry in the shop, especially if you wear as many chains as Mr. T.

Bob Boteier was spraying his shop for the normal collection of pests that we have in this area and out came a coughing Brown recluse spider, the second most venomous spider, second only to the Black Widow spider.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Leonard Elholm needed a way to make 16 inch wooden wagon wheels with 8 spokes that could handle 25 pounds per wheel. So far this one stumped the members.

If your having trouble with Plate joining bisquits because of all the wet weather we have been having, you can place them in the microwave and they will shrink.

Bill Beggs wanted to know if anyone had any experience with the new Wagner low pressure high volume paint sprayer.

BUY AND SELL

Jimmie Harp ran into a furniture maker that had some Cypress for sale. He purchases a variety of different types of Hardwoods for his business and if he has any that he can not use he sells it a good price. His name is Nicholas Craig at 1223 Waugh, phone 522-2762.

For Sale 6" Rockwell Jointer on metal stand--\$200.00 contact Joe Eason--office phone 552-1215 and home phone 667-2853.

SHOW AND TELL

Steve Procter made a half scale stove for his daughter, plans available from the Woodworkers Store.

Joe Cook made a router fence from plans in the new magazine that Woodsmith publishes called Shop Notes. The fence is very versatile--with the removable inserts attached you can use your router as a jointer. The

fences can be adjusted closer to the router bit for various size router bits.

Another member showed us a puzzle made with just five pieces.

Don Sloan showed us how he leveled the frets on his Dulcimer than he made in Stuart Murphy's Dulcimer workshop. Sanding paper stretched across a flat piece of plate glass attached to a wooden back.

Don Richardson showed us a sample of how he makes full size templates on his computer using generic cadd software.

Zatis Murphy showed us some samples of his woodturning. He found out that you can not push too hard and too fast with a chisel while turning wood or your bowl will fly through the air and land on the other side of the room

FIELD TRIPS

Jack Conry is working on dates for the upcoming Field Trips. He has spoken with Barbara the intarsia Lady as to when it will be convenient for us to visit--right now we have a tentative date for a Saturday in May, as soon as we firm up the date he will let everyone know and we will publish a map to her place in New Urm.

Jack is also working on a field trip to visit Neptune Restorations--maybe sooner--will let you know.

ANNUAL DINNER

This years dinner will not be in December we are working on a date for Mid January till Mid February--so this years dinner will be in 1993.

NEW FEATURE FOR THE MEETING

One of the hardest things in Houston is to find **HARD TO FIND ITEMS**. At the March meeting we want the members to tell there favorite places to find those hard to find items. We all just found out about The Settlers, a retail store that sells Fine Furniture Hardware, French and English Imports, Antique Hardware, Finishing and Caring Supplies. The majority of us had never heard about this store but we have members that have been going there for a long time.

These places do not have to be in Houston, they can be a mail order source. Make your list and besure and get the full name, address and phone. We want to be able to list all these places in the April Newsletter.

MARCH MEETING

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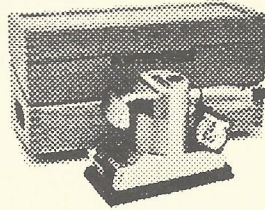
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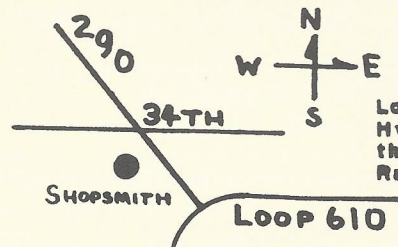
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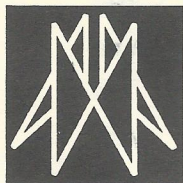


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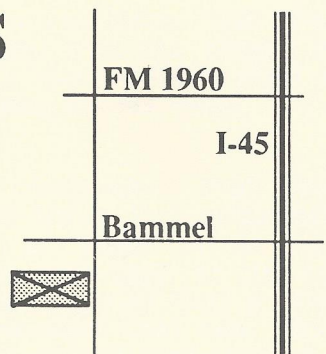
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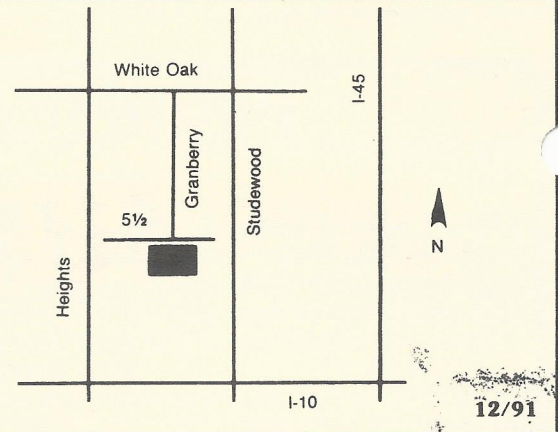


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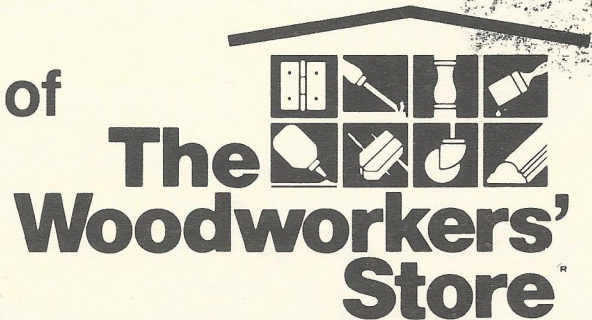
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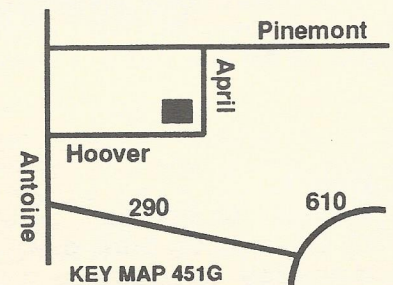
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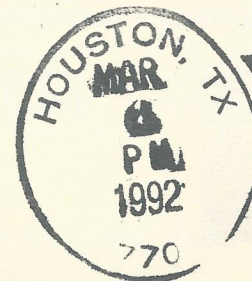
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