

Woodworkers Club of Houston

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WWCH to be represented at the Woodworkers Show April 1-3.

It's the time of year again when woodworkers across east Texas are preparing for their assault on Reliant Center. You know the routine—develop your show strategy, enlist your troops and put on your walking shoes. Much like individuals your WWCH show committee has been preparing for our best ever showing at... well, The Show.

A strategy session was held recently at Director Dottie Forbes house where our recruitment goals and

objectives were discussed. Our participation in the show is one of the Club's best attended field trips of the year. Each year club members bring work to show and volunteer to staff the booth to help recruit new members. The planning session was well attended and many new ideas were discussed about how to educate prospective new members about the Club and how to best welcome the new members that we recruit.

Although several members have already volunteered



to staff the booth more participation is needed. Be sure to volunteer at the March meeting if you are interested. Details will be provided at the meeting by Vice-President Dennis Serig who is also the show chairman. Sign-up sheets will be available.

Each year we encourage members to show examples of their work at the booth. If you have a project that you like please let Dennis know and we'll find a place for it. We would like all skill levels represented—from beginners to experts. Our club is dedicated to the education of woodworkers and passing on the skills that make woodworking such a satisfying avocation. Scroll sawing, turning, furniture, toys, boxes—all are welcome and we'd like to showcase your talents.

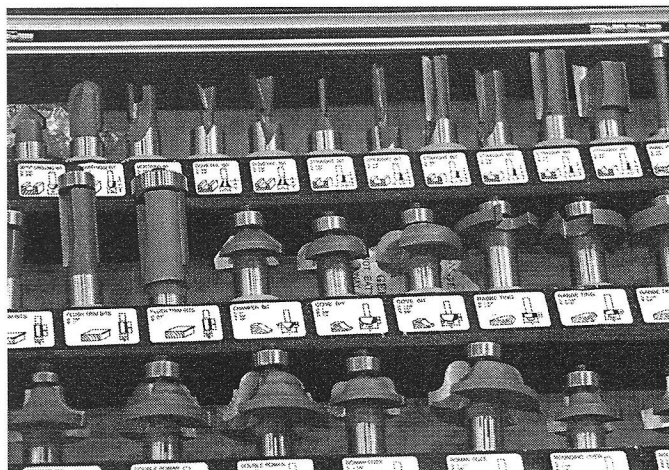
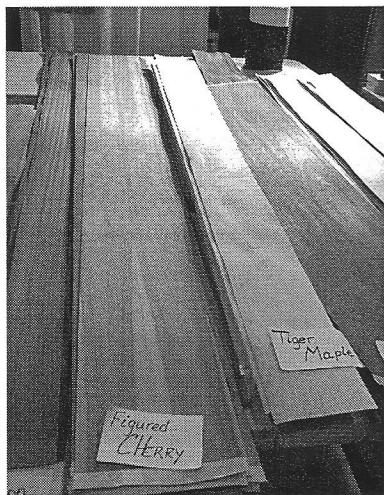
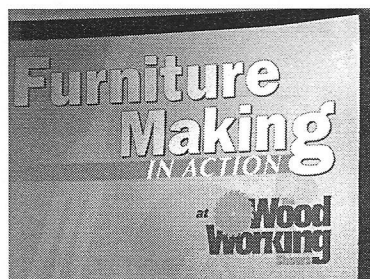
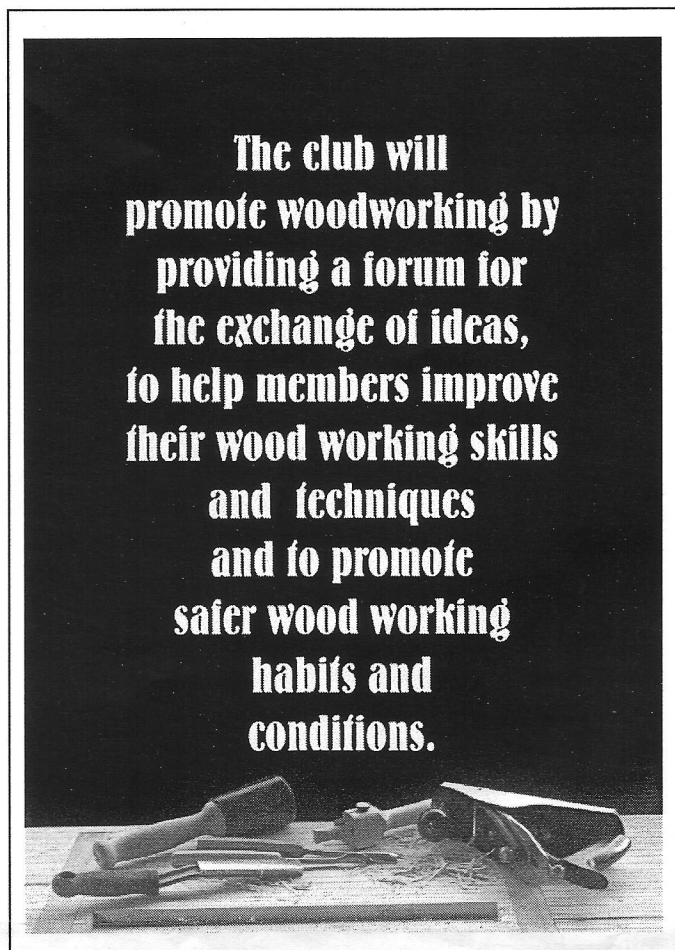
Each year the Woodworking Show gives us the opportunity to find the bargains that make our shop more complete and, hopefully, help us become better woodworkers. We do this not only by shopping for new tools but also paying attention to the demonstrations and learning more about our craft. The Woodworkers Club of Houston gives us the opportunity to extend that education throughout the rest of the year.

The coupons above can be downloaded from www.thewoodworkerschoice.com.

Schedule: Friday - Noon to 7:00

Saturday - 10:00 - 6:00

Sunday - 10:00 - 4:00



Shop Crawl '06 planning underway

WWCH is in the planning stages of a shop tour later this year. The date and the shops to be visited are still in the development phase. The general consensus at this time is for a full day of shop visits throughout the city. Another idea that seems to be gaining in popularity is to produce a wood project by doing a different function at each shop on the tour. Start with a rough piece of wood at the first shop and by the end of the tour you will have a box, a stool or some other object each member has produced and can take home.

The Club is looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and develop the participants for Shop Crawl '06. Our president, **Walter Mason** and vice-president, **Dennis Serig** are organizing the effort. Let one of them know if you are willing to help with this effort. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.

Walnut prices steady while demand is high.

Woodshop News reports that 2004 was a banner year for walnut sales in the U.S. Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) grows primarily in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Walnut is often steamed at the mill or kiln to

darken the color of the sapwood to match the heartwood. Black Walnut works well with hand and power tools, holds nails and screws well and glues without problems. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per board foot.

Disposing of solvent waste.

There are no good and convenient ways to dispose of solvent waste. Pouring solvents in a drain or on the ground are really poor options. Chances are a non-commercial shop produces a minimum of solvent waste during during the year but any solvents in the sewer or water system should be avoided. Here's the thing to do: call 311 and find out where the city has a waste station in your area. After you've collected a gallon or so of used solvents take them to the appropriate dump the city has provided.

Walnut shavings bad for horses.

Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has released a study that reports a link between the painful disease laminitis (an inflammation of the foot) and using walnut shavings in stall areas. Purdue has reported an increasing number of walnut poisonings in the past year. Humans are not affected by black walnut poisoning



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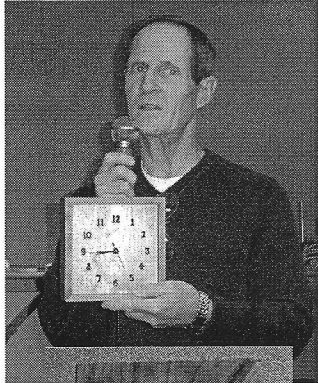
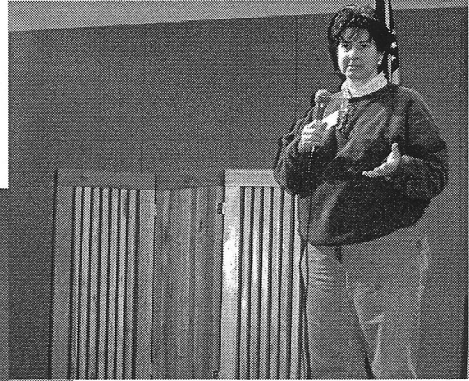
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February projects

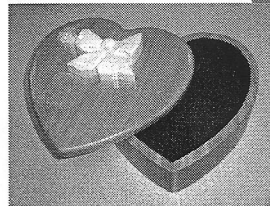
Dottie Forbes' privacy screen is made of mystery wood with mortise and tenon joints and slats that are dadoed in. The hinges are specially designed to allow the screen to swing like a saloon door.



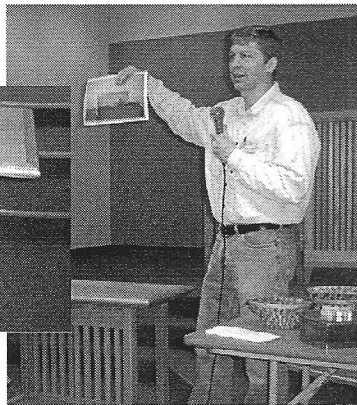
Dennis Serig showed club members the finished version of his clock that he first showed to members at the January meeting. Superman couldn't be more proud nor could his wife, Martha. The "S" is of walnut. The box is for knitting needles that was inspired by a box that his father made some 70 years ago.



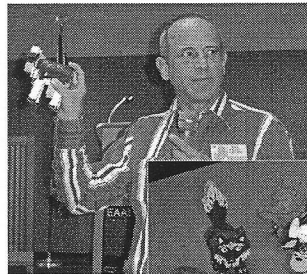
This heart box of mahogany and spray on flock was crafted by **David Vandewerker**.

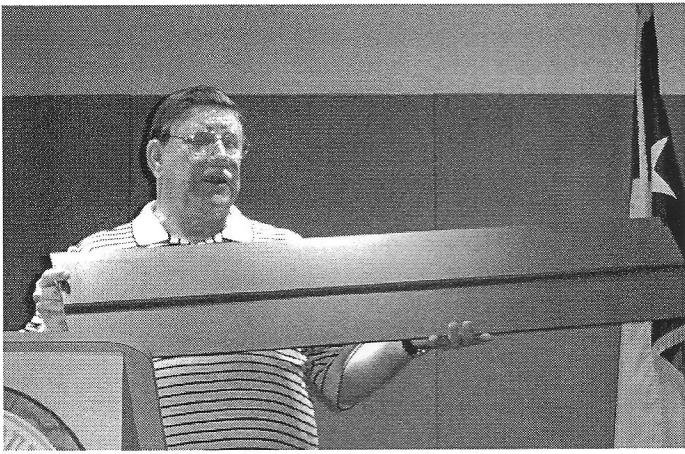


Larry Yetter explains that the design for the floating slats came from a headboard for a bed.



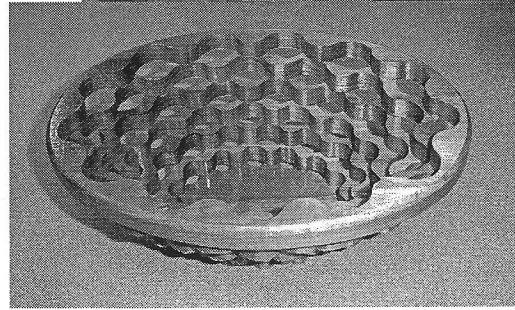
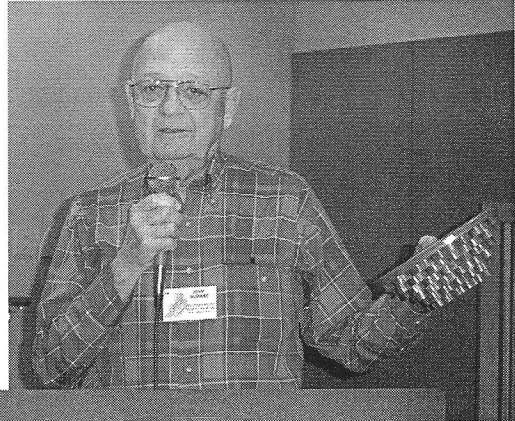
Paul Koury talks about his animal farm that he scrollsawed.



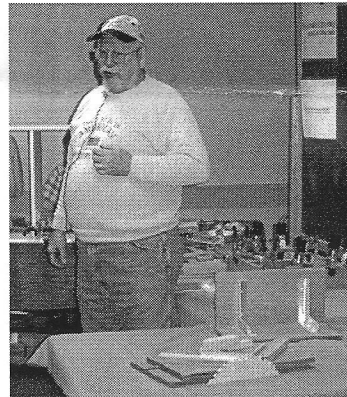


Andy Anderson spoke to the club about tools and jigs that beginning woodworkers should have to get started.

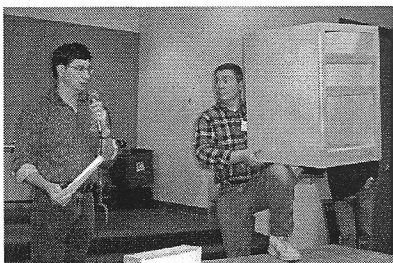
John Murray talks about his scrollsawed bowls of "mystery wood", southern red cedar, walnut, magnolia from his front yard and basswood from Minnesota.



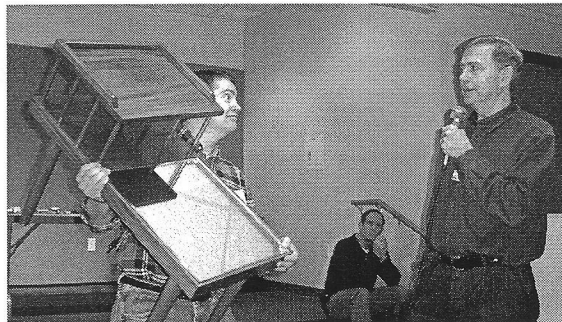
Ted Ojevich explains how he made this adjustable measuring gauge.



Ken Kooser spoke about the 3D system that uses specially made squares that you clamp to your work to guarantee that your pieces will glue up at right angles. Ken was offering pre-woodworker show discounts.



Steve Proctor talks about his rolling assembly table with casters that lock and rotate as well as roll. Steve talked about Clawlock to fill the pores of the MDF. Another technique is a base of sanding sealer under outdoor spackle paste joint compound.

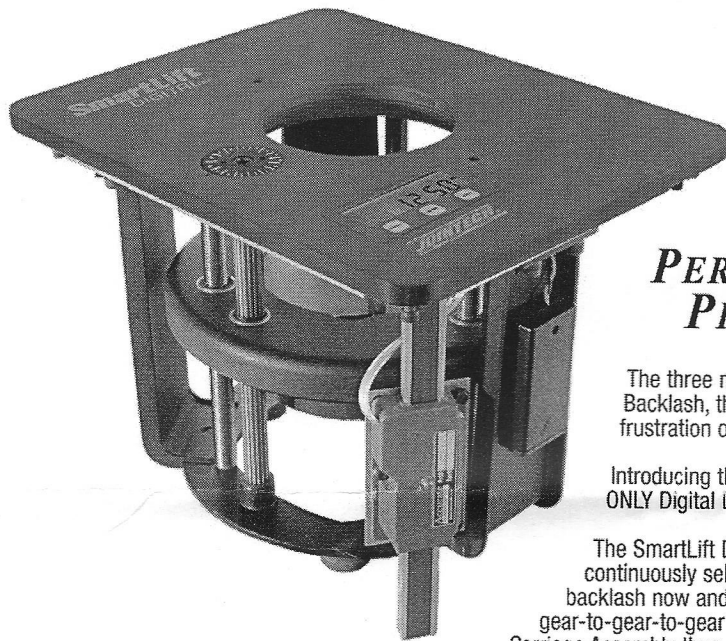


This mirror table of mahogany was made by **Arthur Thompson** when he was 12 years old. It is all hand made including the mirror. It was quite a learning experience.



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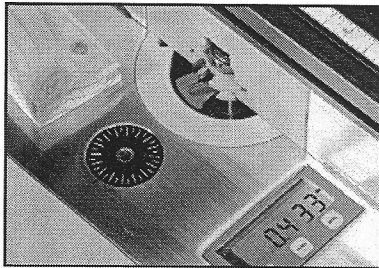
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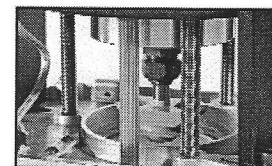
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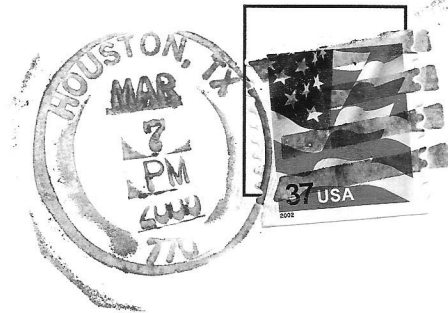
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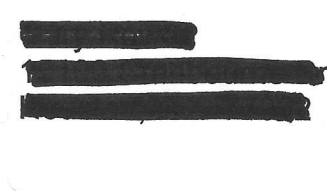
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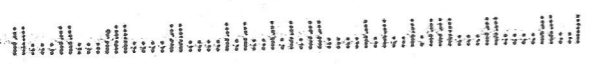
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Woodworkers Show:
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Next Monthly Meeting:
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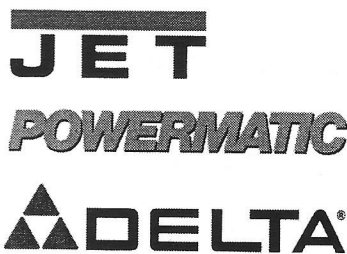
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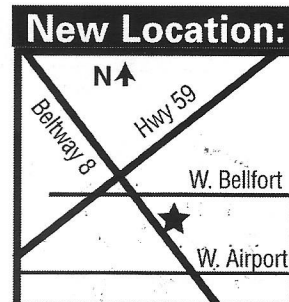
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