

WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON

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PAST MEETING: Bob Stahl was our teacher and he did a nice job. I finally learned how to use my Leigh Dovetail jig. Now all I have to do is practice a lot. In case some of you missed the meeting or couldn't find the U of H Industrial Arts building, you can blame that on me. They are building a new building right in the middle of where the road used to be. It made finding the right building a little tricky, especially if you have never been there before. We need to thank Bill Forkner for his hospitality and the donuts and coffee.

SHOW & TELL: We finally got our professional woodsmiths to show us some of their handiwork. You could **DEFINELY** see why they are professionals. Michael Chandler brought several of his multi-wood bowls and plates that he was going to use at his show at the Jewish Community center. Plus an unusual turned piece that represented a Jewish religious symbol.

Bill Forkner brought a beautifully done cherry blanket rack he had made for his wife. Sure is nice to **BE GOOD**.

Herbert Wilbourn was not to be outdone. He brought several bowls that had been hand sculptured. I think he also picked up a tip from Bill Forkner for future designs.

OLD BUISNESS: I have the club shirts that were ordered. I also **HAVE** ordered five additional shirts for those who hadn't ordered theirs. I will have them all at the next meeting, so be sure to attend and pick up your shirt.

We will have our rolling library at the next meeting. Its getting popular. Several members asked about borrowing a book or magazine.

Mike McCoy passed out the aluminum bar clamps members had ordered and took orders for more. For a newer member Mike has really got into the club spirit. We all owe him a big THANKS for his efforts on the clamps. Mike is also accumulating a list of members who want to buy hardwoods for their personal stock or a project that doesn't have a time limit on it. If you want to order some wood and are not in a real hurry, give your order and deposit check to Mike. When he gets 250 BF the order will be placed and you can have a savings of 15% to 20%. Thats worth waiting for.

I owe Cicle Saw an appology. The last newsletter talked about MVP Sharpeners on the southwest side of town and I failed to mention Cicle Saw, who also has an excellent sharpener service, for those that live on the close in north side. They are also dealers for several of the top manufacturers of woodworkers equipment. **So REMEMBER YOU** have two excellent services to choose from depending where you live.

Rich Kurey is the new committee head of our Clinics. He will coordinate and assist would be instructors on all future clinics. I think the clinics are one of the best things the club has come up with. I personally have gotten to know several of the newer members better and have enjoyed the learning experience. We have found that for the clinics to be effective, they have to be kept down to not more than six (6) students. Any more than that gets cumbersome and you can miss the whole point of the clinics, which is to get hands-on experience.

For future reference, Rich will post a list of the various clinics available, including the time and place. Just sign your name and phone number to the list. Rich will notify you when your name comes up and what you need to bring to the clinic. One thing I want to stress is that if you can't make the clinic you've been assigned too, please contact Rich AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so he can notify the next person on the list. This is very important and a courtesy to the clinic instructor and your fellow members.

I think we have only about two clinics for September and I am not sure about October. We need some volunteers. Bill Forkner said he would give one on the correct method of installing hardware, such as hinges. Every time I do it I have to redrill my screw holes at least five times. I really need help.

We let everybody off the hook lately regarding our R&D section of the newsletter. I am giving you all fair warning now that everybody will contribute a short tip or idea for the future R&D section. We are going to start at the top of the roster and work our way down. Its really easier than you think. We all read about four to five magazines and each one offers tips from other woodworkers. If you see one that really catches your attention, just cut it out and save it for your turn at R&D, or give your own tip. It can be a jig you designed for a specific job, or a modification to a tool you use, or anyone a hundred ideas you think about when doing a project. Just write it down and save it until your turn comes up.

Here is the list for the next six months, so get your short article ready and then mail it to me or Sharon.

October	Jim Adkins and Henry Akagi
November	John Arnett and Bob Awe
December	Mike Awe and Scott Bazard
January	Henry Batiste and John Becnel
February	Bill Beggs and Bill Bell
March	Bill Bergfield and Bill Berry

Ted King's trip to the Nasa woodshop was a big success as about fifteen showed up for the tour. They saw a full size wood mock up of the shuttle and a practice retrieving satelites, that will be used on the next mission. They also went through the machine shop where every machine is a automated tape unit. They were making their own award plaques out of aluminum on an automate machine. Ted said all you see was money - money. Every thing they have is the biggest and the most expensive. His comment was that in most instances it was over-kill, but why not, its just our tax dollars thats paying for it. I'm going to try to make the next trip. It sounded like it was worth the effort.

FOR SELL & TO BUY: I can't believe no one wants to sell something or is lookin for something to buy.

NEW BUISNESS: Things are underway for our annual charity show. The show is scheduled for October 26 and 27, 1984 at the Northwest Mall just west of Loop 610 West, between Hwy 290 and Interstate 10. We will be located in the center of the mall and will have about 1600 SF for our use.

The charity chosen by the membership to receive the proceed of our sale was the DEPELCHIN FAITH HOME. It specializes in helping children. Sam Zeisman, the head of our charity show committee will have more to say about this, so keep reading.

We need a volunteer to head up a small committee to write the various tool suppliers to see if they have films that we can rent for future meetings. Shopsmith loaned us three films last year. One was pure commercial, but the other two, even though they were showing the Shopsmith, were full of good woodworking tips. I would like somone to step forward at the next meeting and take this projecton. It shouldn't involve more than writing ten or twenty form letters to the various suppliers.

Our November meeting has not been formalized as of yet, but it appears that Barksdale Plastics will give us a demonstration of laminating with formica. It should be a big help since a lot of us use plastic on a lot of our permanent jigs.

Our October meeting on the 13th will be a lecture and discription of wood as an art form, both in furniture and in sculpture. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. Robert Holsch. The exact location has not been worked out yet, but maybe we can get Bill Forkner to let us use his classroom again.

We had about five new prospective guest/members at the last meeting. Membership is now around 110 and still growing. I get at least one to two calls a month about the club. On weekends when I am working in my shop I wear my Club shirt, because I am always running down to the hardware or the lumber yard. People see the logo and asked me about the club. I really believe we have filled a gap. I know its sure helped my confidence. However, I've noticed one thing that I don't know how to overcome, and that is for everybody to use the club roster to call other members for help. Remember you don't have to be a close personal friend to call, just another woodworker asking for a little help or advice. Thats the reason the club was started in the first place, so take advantage of it. Where else could you find a list of 110 people, all ready to help you at the drop of a hat.

I made an offer at the last meeting to help anyone that needed an idea or know work up some pieces for our annual charity sale. The offer still stands. I expect to be getting some calls. If someone else out there is willing to help some of the novice woodworker members, give me a call. We will set up a network of helpers.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday - September 8th - 9:00 A.M.

Meeting will be held at Custom Shutters Of Houston at 11320 S. Post Oak Road in southwest Houston. You can get there by taking the 610 Loop to S. Post Oak. Continue on S. Post Oak past West Bellfort, Willowbend Blvd nad-Willow. After the red light at Willow watch for a beige colored buisness park on your right (west) and turn in there and look for the number.

Our hosts will be George and Marilyn Nelson, owners of Custom Shutters of Houston. They will show us the various types of shutters they make, the steps required in making both indoor and exterior shutters, ^{and} ~~but~~ also the type of materials used and the various tools required. It ought to be real interesting, so
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"D" DAYS+++++++ FRI. OCT. 26 THRU SAT. OCT 27 ++++++

DEPELCHIN FAITH HOME SALE

A not so gentle reminder that the two days of the above sale at Northwest Mall are rapidly approaching. So please do not delay in getting your products to the following places, GENERAL MEETING SAT SEPT. 8,GENERAL MEETING OCT 13 or any time to the warehouse of "INTERIOR DYNAMICS INC." Bob Boteler-- 1730 Elmview, Your prompt co-operation will be appreciated by your commitee people. Please be sure to tag each item with your name and the price you think it will bring. The final pricing will be done by a commitee who has had experience in this type of project.

Those of you who are reluctant to make something because of lack of experience or something along that line. We have plenty of members who have the knowhow and are willing to help share their knowledge and skill. They are also willing to have you come to their shops and use whatever tools that you need. This is what"THE WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON IS ALL ABOUT" -- to learn and create everything that you have always wanted to do.

Please let us know what help you are looking for at the SAT. SEPT. 8 meeting.

Please be mindful of the members on the commitees who are calling to sak about giving time on OCT 26 & 27 and the members who are calling asking about your projects, they like you are busy with their daily llyes, so Please cooperate to the best of your ability.

A great deal of work has been done & a lot more has to be done to make this a successfull event.

WE NEED EVERYONE SO REMEMBER

NORTHWEST MALL

FRIDAY----- OCT. 26

SATURDAY-----OCT. 27