

Woodworkers Club of Houston

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June Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Don Richardson.

The visitors and new members were welcomed. We had more visitors than usual this time. We hope you all decide to join.

The dues are \$24.00 a year due on January 1. The dues for new members are prorated for the balance of the year. If you join at the July meeting, your dues will be \$12.00 for the balance of the year.

New Business:


A card was passed around for Thad Brown. He is back at Twelve Oaks Hospital.

It was reported that Ray Fortenbach was very ill with colon cancer and had a heart attack.

I regret to announce that Ray Fortenbach passed away on June 18, 1997. He was a long time member of the club and served as vice-president in 1985. His obituary, as it appeared in The Houston Chronicle, is on page 2 of the newsletter.

We offer our condolences to the family.

Show & Tell:

Boyce Gahagan showed an environ desk set with a clock and matching pen. He uses Gorilla Glue for glue-ups. He also had some turned bottle stoppers. He  uses them on drill rod and glues the dowel in when they are finished.

Walt Turpening brought a chair with a woven seat. The frame was white oak finished with Watco walnut oil. It took him 20 hours to do the weaving.

Brian Owens had an oval table. It had a cherry top and curved walnut legs. He also brought the jig, made from a plan in "Fine Woodworking" Magazine, that he used to draw the oval.

Bill Baker brought a cherry table with a removable Formica top tray.

Bob Mueller had a stepped box he made so his old dog could get up on the couch. It was made from pallet lumber. He epoxied the knots and splits.

Lawrence Long brought a 16 horse merry go round. It was patterned after one he worked on in the circus. It took him about 4 months to build it. It was motorized and the horses rode up and down on cams and it had a music box in it.

Problems & Solutions:

David Yiengst needs an easy way to remove the bearings from an old Sears 2 belt table saw.

There is no easy way besides letting someone else do it.

How do you build a raised panel door with a curved top rail and panel?

Buy or build a jig with the shape you want and use it to rout shape. Talk to Bill Rhea.

Chuck had a problem lining up the trunnion on his table saw. When he tapped it with a hammer and a block of wood it bounced back to where it was. He used a clamp to pull it into place and tightened it down.

Woodworker Wanted:

Part time help wanted for projects as they come up. I have a small business and need help from time to time on larger projects. You can work in my shop or yours. Two or three people would be perfect for back up. If interested please call

Jerry Wartko
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FORTENBACH

RAY THOMAS FORTENBACH, retired attorney-at-law passed away June 18, 1997. He was born April 27, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Fortenbach lived his early years in Louisville, Kentucky, moving to Houston in 1951. He received his B.A. at the University of Louisville in 1947; his L.L.B. from the University of Houston College of Law in 1954; passed the State Bar Exam 1954 and the U. S. Supreme Court in 1971. He was senior partner with Childs, Fortenbach, Beck & Guyton, Houston, from 1956-1982; of counsel, Childs, Fortenbach, Beck, Guyton, from 1982-1987; of counsel, Margraves & Schueier from 1991-1992; and retiring in 1992. He served with the United States Coast Guard from 1945-1946. Mr. Fortenbach was a recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of Houston College of Law in 1971, received the President's Award for meritorious service in 1976. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, the Houston Bar Association, University of Houston Alumni Association (President 1974-1975), University of Houston Law Alumni Organization (Board of Directors, Member of Executive Committee, 1985-1989, trustee 1982-1990, trustee emeritus, (life 1990-)). Mr. Fortenbach was also a member of the River Oaks Country Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marie Fortenbach; his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Lance Josal of Richardson, Texas; two sons, and daughters-in-law, Karl and Debbie Fortenbach of Houston and Kurt and Kim Fortenbach of Friendswood, Texas; four grandchildren, Karen and Keith Fortenbach, and Lindsay and Allison Josal of Richardson; sister-in-law, Helen Fortenbach of Memphis, Tennessee; and nephew, Charles Fortenbach of San Mateo, California. Friends may call at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive, after 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 22, 1997, where a rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, with Rev. Msgr. Vincent M. Rizzotto and Rev. Franklin Simmons, concelebrant. Rite of Christian burial will follow in the Calvary Cemetery at Forest Park Westheimer. Serving as pallbearers will be: Melvin G. Campbell, James R. Sims, C. Clyde Bridges, Ben H. Schleider, Jr., Harry J. Glauser, Jr., Richard Melamed, E. E. Reed, and Robert I. Beck. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to A.A. White Society, University of Houston, C/O Office of External Affairs, Houston, Texas 77204-6391 or to the charity of your choice.

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Safety:

Nelson Thibodeaux was cutting the outline of a violin plate with his invention of a wooden structure that clamped on to his drill press and his router. It allowed him to control the up and down movement of his router. He was taking a large cut in a maple back. The bit became fouled and the structure came loose. The router came at him cutting two fingers and his hand. The router hit him in the belly and the bit caught his shirt before he could shut it off.

He now uses a safety planer on his drill press. It has a guard and is a lot safer.

Bill Baker had some bandaids on his fingers but didn't want to talk about it.

Program:

Rob Christie could not do the program he was scheduled for so Bill Rhea did a great program on "Construction of Solid Wood Case Furniture"

He brought a chest of drawers that he made for his daughter and handed out a 17 page outline of his program complete with illustrations.

The first step is making the panels for the tops and sides. He explained how to select the boards, rough cutting and resawing for book matched panels, planing and panel layout. The next step is edge joining and gluing, clamping, sanding and trimming to finished size.

The next step is constructing the internal frames and carcass. Bill has illustrations on how to cut the dadoes, sliding dovetails, and mortises and tenons. Then you attach the web frames to the carcass.

He explained how to make the entablature, or cornice, and how to attach the top panel. He has several illustrations on making cornice molding and how to attach them to accommodate the wood movement.

The last step is the base or plinth and the base frame construction, attaching the base frame to the carcass and making and attaching the base moulding.

The last page of the handout is a list of works and sources cited in the program.

Bill did a lot of research on this project and it really showed in the finished project. He really listened to Don's programs on "The Dynamics of Wood".

If you missed the program you should try to get a copy of the handout to put in your library. It is very informative and well illustrated.

Thanks again, Bill, for this and the other fine programs you have brought us.

July Meeting

When: July 12, 1997 9:00 AM

Where: Bayland Community Center
on Bissonnet at Hillcroft

Program: John Hanna
"Intarsia"

Raffle: Items to be announced

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 woodworking show is returning to the Astroarena on October 16-18, 1997.

Raffle:

Brad Hartman, manager of Woodcraft Supply, donated a Japanese miter square, an angle checker, a 3 1/2" Inca rule, a drill press tool collector, a scratch , and a Quick Corner radius template.

Boyce Gahagan donated 5 Environ pen blanks.

Many thanks to Brad and Boyce for making our raffle possible.

Want Ads:

Chuck Maxwell has a Makita 12 volt cordless drill and saw kit, model #DK1009. New \$200.00

Fred Sandoval has an Atlas 24" scroll saw for sale or trade.

David Yiengst has some plywood items, 3 steel tracks and 2 small holdowns for sale. (713) 723-6541

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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.

June 16, 1997 we met at Jimmie and Brian's shop and Mike Reddrick showed us how to build a boat for a Noah's Ark. He brought his patterns and showed us how he bends his wood and explained how to modify the design to suit your needs.

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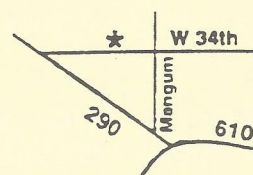
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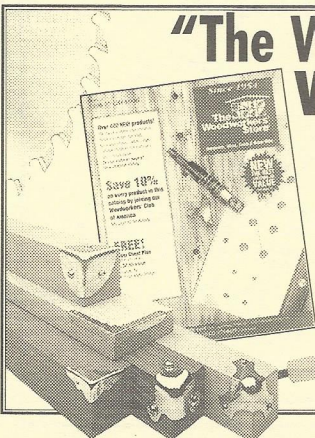
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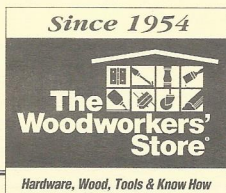
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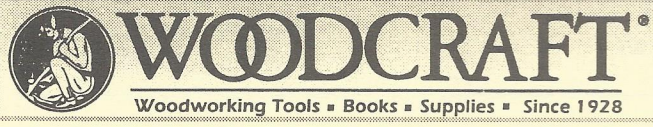


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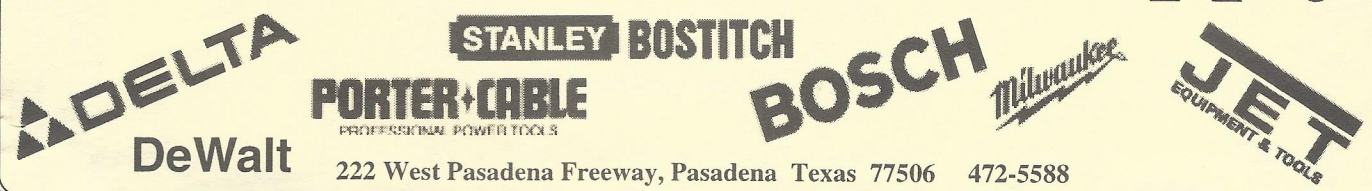
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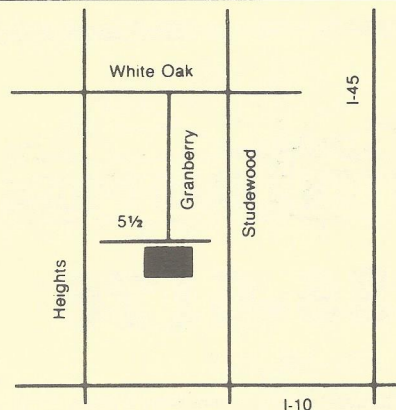
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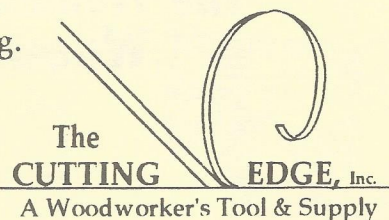
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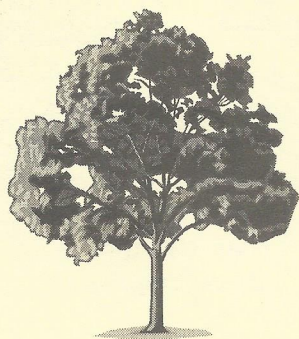
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Calendar

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| July 12, 1997 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| July 21, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| August 4, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| August 9, 1997 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| August 18, 1997 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop, 7:00 P.M. |
| October 16-18, 1997 | Woodworking show at the Astroarena |
| October 18, 1997 | Bar-B-Que at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |