

# LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB, INC. OCTOBER 1998

## Officers

Brent Evans, President  
Barry Humphus, President-Elect  
Bob Ferguson, Treas. & Newsletter Editor

## Board of Directors

Camille Vincent  
George Kuffel  
Richard Hopes  
John Marcon, Ex-Officio

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The September meeting was held at the Calcasieu Parish Central Library with 23 persons attending. Brent Evans presided.

Our guest, Rita Fontenot, spoke on "Preserving Acadian History" and on her attempts to participate in this activity. She spoke briefly on the early history of Cajuns - how they had to build houses, furniture, etc. which they needed with the minimum of tools.

Rita Fontenot has attempted to preserve this heritage by creating models of the houses and furniture which are authentic reproductions of the original complete with pegged joints, functioning doors, beveled edge treatments and much more. We were fascinated by the uniqueness of her work and the unusual display of craftsmanship.

## NOW HEAR THIS

**As shown below, the October meeting is being held on a Wednesday evening rather than the normal Saturday morning. The meeting place is a second floor conference room at Stine Lumber Co.'s Sulphur location. Since we will gather at 6:00 pm, the typical dinner hour, sandwiches and cold drinks will be provided by our host.**

**Stine has recently been designated as a dealer of the industrial line of Delta woodworking equipment so this demonstration should be a worthwhile event for club members.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*The next year will bring great speakers and events to our Woodworkers organization. During the next several months I know you will gain a great deal of knowledge and information about the avocation of woodworking from the demonstrations, meetings and speakers.*

*The key to this is your involvement. Often organizations like ours are too dependent on a few members. What we really want to do is to provide you with what we know. To do this we need your feedback about the areas of interest in working in which you want to know more. We can add more demonstrations or speakers or shop meeting but the key is that we don't know what you want. We only know what we think you want.*

*I'm asking Bob Ferguson to provide a brief survey form at our November and December meeting for you to take and send back with your ideas. I know that not everyone will do this but the ones who do will have their voices heard. The more you participate, the greater impact you have on future events.*

*The Board and I look forward to an eventful and informative year.*

*Brent Evans, President*

## NEXT MEETING

Oct 14 Equipment Demonstration  
by DELTA at Stine's Sulphur  
location. 6:00 pm

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Nov 14 Noel Daste - What makes  
a desirable shape.

From the Internet

## HOT TIPS FROM A WOODWORKERS NOTEBOOK

= 55"

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**T**o color tung-oil varnishes, use top grade artist's oil colors and mix in a small disposable container; test results on scrap-adjust if needed.

**T**o prevent joint slippage when edge gluing, drive 1/2" brads halfway into one edge and chip back to form a 1/16" pointed projection.

**U**se talc (baby powder) to lubricate machine top surfaces. Buildup will eventually fill pores providing moisture barrier as well as lubrication.

**T**humbs and fingers from old work-gloves make good chisel sheaths.

**D**iscarded pantyhose make a good fluid strainer.

**A**cquire perfectly sized tenons when turning by leaving it slightly oversize then burnish down with an open-end wrench of the desire size. Bonus: tenon will expand when glued for a super tight fit.

**L**acquer and oily woods like teak don't mix. For a film finish, polyurethane is a better choice.

**T**o quickly raise grain before sanding, use rubbing alcohol. It works like water but dries faster thus speeding up this step.

**G**eneral rule of thumb: a fresh bandsaw blade's minimum cut radius is 2 X blade width.  
I.E. 1/4" blade = 1/2" radius.

**D**o not use remaining fingers as push sticks.

**I**f the tailstock of a pipe clamp slips, the edges of the lamination plates may be rounded. Reverse them for improved grip.

## THE NEW OFFICERS

The Lake Charles Woodworkers Club, Inc. will be guided by the following officers and board members during the coming year:

### Officers

President	Brent Evans
President-Elect	Barry Humphus
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Ferguson

### Board Members

Class of 1998-1999	Camille Vincent
Class of 1999-2000	George Kuffel
Class of 2000-2001	Richard Hopes
Ex-Officio	John Marcon

## ANNUAL TOY PROGRAM

Barry Humphus reports that toys will be collected at the November and December meetings. The Board will then arrange to distribute them to the appropriate agencies. We're looking forward to a big offering this year. Hope your working on your part.

There is more wood available. Woodworkers in need of basswood or mahogany for toys may call George Kuffel at 478-2707 during the day or evening for any wood they may need. Many of these scraps are suitable for toy vehicles or other objects with very little work or time involved.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome to our membership

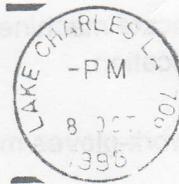
**Trevor Coyne**  
1325 Tulane Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70605  
(318)-478-9765

**Steve McCorquodale**  
449 McCorquodale Road  
Longville LA, 70652  
(318)-725-6874

Steve is the owner of The Woodcrafter's Friend, which custom saws logs into lumber. Using an electric bandsaw sawmill he can custom saw logs from 2' to 20' long in diameters up to 28". He can also plane small quantities in widths up to 15". Woods, including pine, hardwoods, cypress and redwood, are available for retail sale in small quantities (100 to 3,000 board feet).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Paid Members:** 66  
**Treasury:** \$524



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