

LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB, INC. SEPTEMBER 1998

Officers

John Marcon, President
Bob Ferguson, Treas. & Newsletter Editor
Brent Evans, President-Elect

Board of Directors

Barry Humphus
George Kuffel
John Perry

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month we are going to have a special treat. Ms Rita Fontenot, who lives in Carencro, is a wood worker who specializes in model and miniature Cajun or Creole homes, especially farm homes.

John Kemp, in an article in Louisiana Life, dubbed her the Spirit of Cypress and goes on to describe the nature of her activities. "The ancients believed that wood was imbued with spirits of good fortune. Rita Fontenot.... believes that the wood she salvages from decaying, centuries-old houses and barns in south central Louisiana is possessed with the spirits of her Acadian heritage."

"The ancient wood spirits possess imagination. For over a decade, she has driven the backroads of the Acadian parishes in search of abandoned houses, sharecropper shacks and barns. Life has long abandoned these rotting buildings. Even memories of the people who once lived in these small Acadian cottages and worked the fields are fading."

Rita has a "passion for replicating and remembering an almost vanished way of life. With virgin red-cypress planks salvaged from old house and barns, Fontenot builds miniature-replica cottages, outdoor kitchens, plantation houses and furniture once common in everyday life in Louisiana's Acadian parishes."

Rita Fontenot is an engaging personality who puts her talents to good use. Be sure to attend this meeting and get to know her.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid Members: 63
Treasury: \$532

433-2838

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It will soon be time to elect new board members to assist the officers in carrying out the business of the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club.

As you may know, **Brent Evans**, our current president-elect, will move up to be president for the 1998-1999 term of office thereby creating one vacancy. **Barry Humphus** will become President-elect, and **John Marcon**, our current president will step down to become an ex-officio board member for a one year period. **George Kuffel** will continue as a board member of the Class of 1999-2000.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted, providing the individual as agreed in advance to accept the position, if elected. The names of the following individuals will be placed before you at the September meeting as nominees for the position of Board members.

Camille Vincent	Class of 1998-1999 (1 yr.)
Richard Hopes	Class of 2000-2001 (3 yrs.)

Please give these candidates your support.

NEXT MEETING

Sep 12 Rita Fontenot discusses her models of traditional Creole and Cajun homes and other items.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Oct 14 Equipment Demonstration
by DELTA

Nov 14 Noel Daste - What makes
a desirable shape.

ANNUAL TOY PROGRAM

Progress Report: One member reports that he has completed 34 wooden toy cars. How are you doing?? November will be here before you know it.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome to our membership

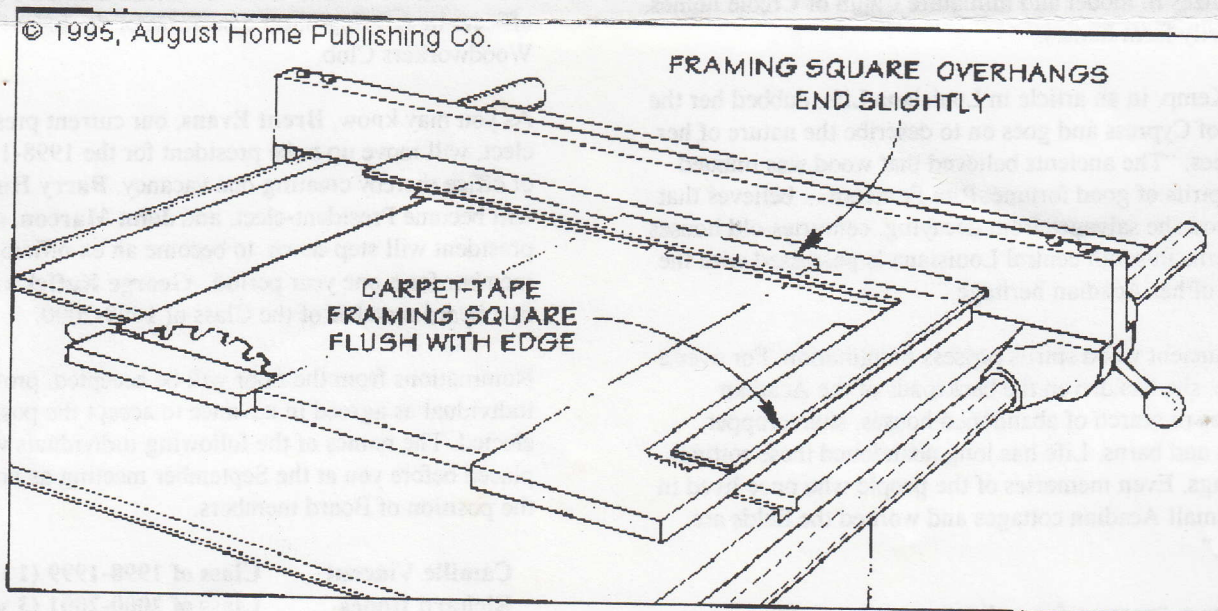
Mr. Brian Wood
1712 Moss Street
Lake Charles, LA

New memberships are available and welcome. Since July 1, the \$20 fee had been reduced to \$10 for the remainder of the year. A real bargain!!!!

FROM THE INTERNET

SQUARING UP LARGE PANELS

ShopNotes



Squaring-up a large glued-up panel on the table saw can be a challenge. Especially if the panel is too large to be supported by the miter gauge. And the ends of the panel are uneven so you can't run them along the rip fence.

The solution is to "fool" the rip fence. One way of doing this is to attach a board along the edge of the panel. But this doesn't ensure a perfect 90° cut. The method I use does. And all that's required is a framing square.

Just carpet tape the framing square flush with the panel's edge so it overhangs the uneven end slightly, see drawing.

Then butt the square up against the rip fence to make the cut. Once one end is squared up, remove the framing square and cut the opposite end.

Mark Klein
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California