

WOODWORKERS

Club

JANUARY 1993

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

38

NEW MEMBERS:

Ricardo Bacca
Gary Burge
Mitchell Frazer
John Marcon
Kay McElveen
Dan Morgan
Sherman Young

NEXT MEETING:

- January 16
Shop of Ron Stowe
1711 8th Street
Lake Charles ph. 436-5952
- February 20
Shop of Jim Couvillion
3809 Texas Street
Lake Charles ph. 477-1228

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

If you have anything you would like in the newsletter, send or call:

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++ SAFETY TIP ++

When using a table saw, always stand to the side of the wood you are cutting. Should the saw kick the piece backwards, you are less likely to be injured.

MEMBER PROJECTS

Leo Parker is into jewelry making. He brought some wooden bracelets he had made on his lathe. The bracelets are not too difficult to make, and are very inexpensive. Besides, the women love them!

Sherman Young brought some carvings that he had done. He has just started carving and is doing very well. His first carving, a Nativity, was so good he won best of show at a local fair. He is also tinkering with layered animals in a Noah's Ark set. Nice work Sherman. Keep it up!

EDITOR'S TALK ON NEW IDEAS

I am looking for new ideas to make our meetings even more interesting. I would like to see more demonstrations and possibly some workshops. I recently visited a woodworking club in Atlanta to see if they had some good ideas. One idea I observed is they had monthly workshops on different topics. One would last two or three hours and covered making chairs, bowls, small tables, or even finishing techniques. Although they did charge for these workshops, \$25.00 for instruction and materials. I thought we could get our members to give workshops on their specialties at little or no cost. I know some of us are just learning and would

enjoy more how-to demonstrations. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mack Gafford showed the group a very good bargain if you are in the market for sandpaper. He ordered a 20-pound box of sandpaper from a mail-order catalog. The box was packed full of various grades of paper which are remnant pieces from some sort of sandpaper belt company. He said the boxes can be ordered in three grades: fine, medium, and coarse. Thanks Mack, for this cost saving idea.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This section is to spotlight a member of our organization who some may not know. We have some very interesting people and I would like to tell you about one:

Ron Stowe is from the state of Iowa and has been living in Lake Charles since 1939. He is retired from many occupations such as working at a bank in New York and a chemist/clerk at Shell Oil Company. His woodworking background comes from his training in nine workshops at Arrowmount School of Arts and Crafts, two symposiums of the American Craft Council, and ten symposiums of the Louisiana Craft Council. Ron principally works with wood turning, but has made furniture and even designed and built his own

home. He is one of the founders of the LCWC and has served as chairman.

Turning

TREATED WOOD

At the last meeting, the subject was brought up about turning treated wood. The members were informed that this can be a very fatal task if oneself is not correctly protected. The reason for such concern is that treated lumber is impregnated with chemicals. The dust created when turning contains these chemicals that are harmful when inhaled. It will also irritate the skin. Proper dust masks, eye goggles, and arm protection should be used. Another wood to be cautious of is spalted wood (decaying wood). It also is dangerous because the dust carries bacteria that can lead to lung illness and/or death. For those who do not understand or are not familiar with these woods, please ask someone.... possibly a club member who has worked with this technique.

ON THE AIR.....Norm Abrams returns January 24th with an all new season of the NEW YANKEE WORKSHOP airing Sundays at 10:30AM on LPB.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING SCHEDULE

- INTRODUCTIONS - Around the shop - Give your name
- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
- AROUND THE SHOP - Any new projects, Christmas gifts made, project plans, new tools, odd catalogs, good books, etc.
- DEMONSTRATION - Ron Stowe will show the different ways to fasten the workpiece to the headstock of the lathe.
- TALK SAFETY - Safety with a wood lathe. Bring some good rules for all to share.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS - Any words of wisdom.

FIRST ANNUAL WOODWORKERS CLUB SHOW

The first annual LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB show was held November 22 thru December 15, 1992 at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum. The show was a success with more than 225 visitors signing the register. The museum director loved the show and asked if we would like to possibly do it again later. We were also asked if we would like to show at the museum in Sulphur. Think about it....maybe some time next year. Many thanks go out to all those who participated in the

show and especially to those who set up and took down the props and volunteered their time at the museum greeting visitors. Some of our members worked very hard to get the show going and did a great job. Thanks also go out to the wives of these members for helping with the placement of the displays. They were there supporting and helping us and gave great suggestions.

CLUB TREASURY

Previous balance.....	\$2.20
Money collected on 12/19/92.....	\$23.00
Money owed to Ron Stowe for paint....	\$11.08
Purchased 40 stamps.....	\$11.60
Total.....	\$0.88



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