

LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB, INC. JANUARY 1998

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The December meeting was held at Norman Robinson's and was a great event. We appreciate the hospitality and efforts of Nemo and his wife, Betty.

The president, John Marcon reported that the Christmas toys were well received at the Women's shelter and that we have even received special letters of appreciation from the mayor, Willie Mount, for our efforts in the community.

The program for the day was "Show & Tell" and there was an interesting display of individual creations as well as discussion of several tools and techniques.

Herman Vincent showed a small table with a top which had been veneered with an olive burl. It had been finished with a sanding sealer and a lacquer to give it a glossy finish. Herman noted that **Constantine's** has a wide variety of veneers available and there frequently are special sales of assorted veneers which could be very useful for small projects, particularly by combining various wood types.

Barry Humphus displayed a coffee table which he had made. The top, which was also covered with a bookmatched walnut veneer (Herman Vincent provided the instructions), was mounted on the leg and skirt assembly in an unusual manner.

Bubba Cheramie showed pictures of the baby's cradle which he recently made for a daughter. Made from oak, it required extensive use of purchased oak dowels.

Bill Tolin showed several pepper mills: one of walnut and the other from a spalted sycamore. He is furiously turning out the mills as his current holiday project. Bill noted that they are all gifts for designated recipients.

Bob Patin displayed a large turned bowl made from a maple burl. It may have been turned on his new, big lathe.

John Perry showed example of special moldings that he had recently made using the William & Hussey molding cutter which he purchased several months ago from Lynn Boddie. John has also offered to contract to make special

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Together with the Board, I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. We are planning an interesting and informative agenda for 1998 which will meet the various interest of our members. Our newsletter will keep you up to date on planned events.

Your presence at our meetings each month and participation in our various programs will result in a more meaningful club experience. Why not make attendance at meetings each month one of your New Year's resolutions?

John Marcon

molding runs wherein the purchaser would be charged a per foot rate plus the cost of the cutter blade.

NEXT MEETING

Jan 10, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in the shop of
John Marcon
512 Orchard Drive
Lake Charles, LA

Subject: - Finishes (non-antiques) by
Gary Breaux of South City Paint

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb. 14 A visit to Crookshank Cabinets
Mar. 14 and/or Apr. 11 (Still clarifying)
- Sharpening Tools by Steve
LeGrue of The Cutting Edge
--- or ---
- A Visit to Cal Cam Cabinets

Horace Gradney showed several tools which he has found to be particularly useful in his shop. One was a reversible drill and countersink unit. The flexibility permits two functions to be performed with a single electric drill. He also showed a right angle attachment for an electric drill plus a device which is a simple paint can opener and closer (a hammer is not required!). Horace noted that, as it may be in many shops, he has many special jigs in his shop which are almost necessary to do effective work.

John Marcon showed a **Veritas** mallet which he has found particularly effective for light tapping (carving with impact chisels). Made of wrought iron, it is excellent for small jobs where sensitivity is important.

Scott Pias reported on a special carver's class which he attended in Arkansas recently. He also displayed recent efforts in carving caricatures, and offered guidance to those who wished to follow this path. A book on carving by Tom Wolfe was recommended.

CARVER'S ALERT: For all persons interested in learning about the techniques of carving.

Scott Pias has offered to arrange for a special workshop with a well qualified instructor. It will be necessary to charge a fee to cover the cost of the instructor, but every effort will be made to minimize the expense. This could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for you.

Please contact **Scott** directly and let him know that you are interested and would like more information.

Scott Pias
1010 Holly Street Lake Charles, LA 70601
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SHOP NOTE

John Perry advises that there are dimensional differences on commercially available dowels which, although subtle, could prove to be a problem to you.

Three foot long dowels, probably of domestic manufacture, are dimensioned in **inches**.

Four foot long dowels, probably of foreign origin, are made to **metric** dimensions.

If you require a dowel to fit into a hole which has been drilled with our normally-available, English scale, inch/foot system drills, you may wish to take a sample hole with you when you go to purchase your dowels. Then you can check the fit on the spot and avoid a great disappointment later.

ARTISANS GALLERY

As you may already know, a number of our members are also members of the Artisans Gallery, and in fact Lynn Boddie is their president for 1998. The Lake Charles Woodworkers Club wishes to support this organization and help in whatever manner we can.

Upon occasion, there is a need to serve as a receptionist when one of the employed individuals is unable to be present. The individual would be requested to be present from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to welcome visitors and provide whatever assistance is possible. So far we have three volunteers: John Marcon, Bob Ferguson, and Bill Tolin. May we add your name to the list?

Don't wait for a special engraved invitation, call John Marcon now at 478-0646.

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

It is now time to renew your membership dues for the 1998 season. Please submit your \$20.00 payment to the Treasurer by mailing to the address below or bring to one of the next several meetings. Please make out all checks to Robert Ferguson (The club does not have a checking account).

Robert Ferguson
2326 22nd Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for the January meeting will be Gary Breaux from South City Paint Company who will tell us about many of the commercially available and widely used finishing materials and techniques for wooden materials.

There is considerable experience within our members, unfortunately it may individually be limited to one or two systems with which we are comfortable and thus limiting our ability to do better things. There are so many different finishing materials on the market today which enhance our capabilities, ease the work, and help us to meet environmental restrictions. We need to take a look at them, and Gary Breaux will open our eyes to a variety of stains including oil stains, gel stains, analines, and combinations. He will also talk about clear finishes including shellac, varnishes and lacquers and how to get the desired finishes. This is a popular activity which sometimes includes the whole family, so Spouses are invited.