

LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS *Club*

SEPTEMBER 1994

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The August meeting was held in the shop of Bob Patin on 21st Street with 18 persons attending.

Bob Patin showed three vases he had turned from pecan, hickory and beech. The beech was spalted from allowing it to weather outdoors for 3 months. One vase with a very small opening was made in two parts to permit turning the inside, but matching of the grain on reassembly was so good that it was almost impossible to detect the joint.

Howard Neely demonstrated the bandsawing of cabriole legs for a footstool. He also provided pointers on adjusting the length of legs so that the item would sit firmly on a level surface. The procedure basically consists of firmly attaching three legs and placing the stool on a flat surface. The position of the fourth leg is adjusted until it is in contact with the flat surface, at which point it is clamped in place for later permanent fastening.

Howard also showed an example of a carved wooden duck head which he makes for use on bookends, etc..

Ron Stowe demonstrated the creation of knobs for decanter stoppers. The procedure consisted of shaping the knob on the lathe, drilling a hole for insertion of a dowel in the bottle end, and placing a tapered cork plug over the dowel.

Gene Verret showed an umbrella & coatrack which he had made from plywood and dowels.

L.D. Gordon brought several wooden eggs which he had recently decorated with painted images.

Louisiana Furniture Gallery - It was reported that the Louisiana Furniture Gallery in Ponchatoula, LA is expected to open in late November or December. This showroom has been established by the Louisiana Furnishings Industry Association (LFIA) as an outlet for Louisiana's master furniture craftsmen. We are waiting for some information from the LFIA and then we will submit our application for membership.

RECYCLING HARDWOODS - Herbert Crookshank reported that a local group of LFIA, Buddy Robison of Cal Cam Cabinets, is interested in a project to recover (recycle) hardwoods from trees in residential areas which are now being destroyed. This will require a portable sawmill and equipment to detect metal particles buried in the wood. The president is seeking several of our members to help form a committee to support this activity.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I sincerely appreciate the excellent turnout for our meetings and the outstanding support of our club program through the showing of creations from your shops and the sharing of skills and techniques.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- * September 17
Shop of Bubba Cheramie
1117B S. Elton Ct., Lake Charles
- * October 15, 1994
Shop of Bob Ferguson
2326 22nd St., Lake Charles

AGENDA ITEMS

Demonstrations:

If you have something you would like to show or demonstrate, call Jim Couvillion (477-1228).