

North Texas Woodworker's Association

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Newsletter

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January Meeting Review

by Mark Montgomery

Mike Pregent opened the meeting. The first agenda item was the upcoming election of club officers. The following list of position vs. Nominee resulted:

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| President | Mike Pregent |
| Vice President | Owen Haggard |
| Treasurer | Walter Schuster |
| Secretary | Needs a Volunteer |
| Newsletter | Earl Ashurst |
| Membership | Bruce Strannemar |
| Programs | Jack Edgecomb & John Bixby |
| Library | Les Brannon |
| Shows | Jim Dawson (nominated in absentia) |

Nominations will be allowed from the floor at the February meeting just prior to voting.

Show & Tell

Steve Vauch received a table from his grandparents that needed some repair. He made a scratch stock jig to replicate some beading when he was making replacement molding. Steve said it took only 30 minutes to make the jig, and his replication work looked pretty good.

Earl Ashurst made several frames out of basswood for some paintings. He used the table saw to cut the large cove portion of the profile and sandpaper wrapped around a full can of Pepsi to smooth out the cove. Earl used various router bits to develop the remaining portions of the frame profile and then did chip carving on the edge trim to match a style on the painting. Earl estimated it took him 1 - 2 hours for the chip carving and another 2 hours to trace the pattern.

Bob Blumer likes to use feather boards. He made several using plans from Woodsmith issue #109 on feather board jigs for the table saw. Since Bob only has a radial arm saw, he modified the table height to work for his radial arm saw. Bob brought several copies of the article for those who missed that issue. He also donated several feather boards to our raffle.

How about several more jigs. Dan Henry made a sled for his table saw. This was an adaptation of two separate magazine articles: Wood - Jan 94 for the fence, and Popular Woodworking - Sep 97 for the base. Dan combined the two plans to make his improved version that has two angle fences, each with

NTWA Calendar

Next Meeting: February 17, 1997 @ 7:00 pm - Owen Haggards' (map on back)

Program Topic: Foot Powered Tools

February Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 1998@ 7:00 pm

Program Topic: To be announced.

Shop Tours: None Scheduled

Contact Frank Gregg at 214-351-1030 if you would like to Host a shop tour.

an additional sliding fence. He also made a straight fence that supports using a Wood Haven aluminum stop. Dan used ½” plywood with a ¼” plywood on top and a replaceable center piece. Dan used oak wood runners because he never could get the plastic runners to slide smoothly; they were too wide and were difficult to trim down accurately. Dan said this project took a lot of effort to make, but the results were worth the effort.

Larry Cumba brought a nice oak table with a marble insert. This took several evenings of work and cost only ~\$20. Larry also brought an Incra measuring tool that he never uses and generously placed it in the raffle.

Justin Lake showed his new Sears router. This was an example of the often exceptional replacement policy at Sears. Justin took back his Sears router that he felt had a very poor adjustment mechanism. Sears apparently agreed that the design was bad and gave him the new and improved version of this 1.5 hp router even though Justin’s router was 3 years old and he had no receipt. The new router costs about \$60. Some of the features Justin likes on the new router include: a solid locking mechanism, top & bottom markings on the depth adjustment ring, an easy locking shaft, and a light on a tube.

Les Brannon brought a knockdown worktable he made using plans from one of Jim Tolpin’s books. He used two sets of plywood legs (interlocking pairs of plywood) with a plywood torsion box top. He said it is real solid and the top does not move around on him.

Fred Groves received some quick clamps for Christmas. This caused him to make some holders to hang his new clamps on the wall. His design was a little different in that he hangs his clamps from the tail side. A simple groove is cut just wide enough for the clamp bar, and a small notch or indent is made to catch the side pin at the bottom of the bar. Simple but elegant.

George Tocquigny brought some more items he turned on his Carba-Tec lathe. Some of the pieces included a magnifying glass with a turned wood handle, tooth pick holders out of mesquite and king wood, a key chain, a perfume pen, and a perfume atomizer made from cocobolo (George uses a simple wax stick finish and buffing on the cocobolo).

The Show & Tell drawing winners were Dan Henry and Earl Ashurst.

Raffle Winners

Jeff Patro won the floor foot mat brought by G.T. Robinson for the bring back raffle. Larry Mart won the feather boards from Bob Blumer, and Bruce May won the Incra measuring tool donated by Larry Cumba.

Main Program

John Bixby led the steam bending program. He brought a steam bending setup consisting of various pieces of schedule 80 PVC 4” pipe and fittings along with a fish boil propane burner, a 5 gallon gasoline can full of water, and a radiator hose to connect the outlet of the water can to the PVC pipe fitting. The plans were in American Woodworker several years ago. John brought a bending jig and strips of oak for people to try their hand at steam bending wood. Nothing like hands on experience to really see how something works. John also brought copies of a table of bendability of domestic hardwoods to help one determine the best woods to use in steam bending.

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The board serves from April 97 through March 98. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

