

# North Texas Woodworker's Association

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## ***March Meeting Review***

By Earl Ashurst

**Steve Jenkins** opened the meeting and welcomed visitors. Martin Lutes was here from Tyler, TX.

## ***Business***

**Dennis Furlow** will do shaker boxes for the program in April so the travelling American Woodworker program can be presented at this (March) meeting.

Nominations for NTWA officers was opened for further nominations. None were forthcoming and as we had exactly one volunteer, no volunteer, for each position, it was moved and seconded that we accept the nominations by acclamation. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative and all those not nominated breathed a collective sigh of relief.

**Bob Jones** said **Christina Forte** is willing to have a shop tour if anyone is interested. We were! Details are listed in this newsletter.

## ***Bring Back***

**Earl Ashurst** brought a piece of ebony wood and two small Bessey clamps. The drawing was won by **Ken Patrick**, who also won the right to edit the newsletter this year. FYI, the money from the Bring-Back drawing supports the library.

## ***Library***

**Dale Osborne** said we have plenty of binders for the library now, so you can STOP BRINGING THEM! He also said, "Thanks."

PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING BOOKS OUT OF THE LIBRARY: Every book and video has a card in a pocket inside the cover. To check out the material, just take the card and put it in the metal box by the bookcase. To check it back in, find the card and put it back inside the cover. Magazines also have a card for each issue, but usually they are in a pocket in the binder holding a year's worth of magazines.

Members were invited to help themselves to some surplus magazines. Dale proposed, and we generally agreed, that some larger sets of material (for example a full set of Shop Notes) should be auctioned off.

We need a permanent bookcase for the library. **Walter Schuster** volunteered to organize the group effort. The consensus was that they should be tall, movable shelves made of plain material such as plywood (as opposed to showpieces).

## ***Auction***

**Dan Pugliese** brought in a fence and miter gauge for a Delta bandsaw. Bids started slow but built quickly. **Bill McPherson** registered the winning bid of \$42. Thank you to Dan and Bill.

## ***Show & Tell***

**Larry Mart** bought a Grizzly-brand cordless cut-off saw for \$79.00. The price was nice, but the blade it came with was dull. He installed a DeWalt blade and it works fine. It won't quite cut through a 2X4. **Frank Gregg** quipped that he has converted corded saws to cordless more than once.

**Dan Henry** showed us a lathe steady rest he made with roller-blade rollers. He used a jig to cut slots in the steady rest where the arms slide in and out. He has made several of these and for the first ones he bought the wheels separately (\$30 for 8), but then he found an ad from K-Mart for cheap skates and they have 8 wheels for \$15 and you simply throw away the boots.

**Walter Schuster** showed us a trim router he equipped with a fence and straight bit for flush trimming the face trim on shelves. Cool idea, Walt.

**George Tocquigny** showed us table saw fence he made for his son's Delta tablesaw. It was made of angle iron and steel tubing. He noted that when drilling the eccentric hole in a cam, it is important to be careful because if you get it off a little, it won't work quite right.

George also showed us a turned base, about 15 inches in diameter, he makes for a friend who carves water fowl.

**Frank Gregg** had a can of "Acoustic Texture" which he said worked quite well. It is messy, though, so wear lots of covering on hands, head, shoulders, neck, shoes, floor, windows, cats, dogs, lawn, neighbors, etc.

**Burt Andrew** made a very stylistic clock like one he saw in the movie, "Bicentennial man"

**Dennis Furlow** brought forms for making boxes. He used to use wood for the forms, but Styrofoam is lighter, easier to cut, and works just as well. We'll see more on this next meeting when he makes his shaker boxes.

**Fred Groves'** church asked him to make 60 crosses for their youth program. He made a jig to cut the arms and another one to assemble them. For large runs like this, jigs are essential to adequate sanity.

Show & Tell drawing winners were **Burt** and **Walter**, who each received \$10.

### Announcements

The club library needs a set of bookcases to hold our materials. See above for information.

### Program

Sam Satterwhite, an editor of the Family Handyman and American Woodworker magazines brought about 100 issues of American Woodworker magazine and gave them to everybody who would take them. In fact, he gave us each two copies so we could share with friends. He told us about the magazines and how they operate. While he is touring under the sponsorship of Ford Motor Co., he is also gathering ideas for future stories and he photographed a number of the Show and tell items.

American Woodworker is aimed at intermediate to expert woodworkers and it focuses on furniture and finishing. It will also focus on information you can use, rather than people. The magazine was purchased by Reader's Digest about a year ago, so this editorial bent is just getting in place nicely.

The Annual Tool-Buyer's Guide will continue and is also on their web site, <http://www.americanwoodworker.com/>. Someone asked if advertisers will dictate how the reviews come out and he said no. The editor, Ken Collier, is determined that the magazine will remain responsive to readers, not advertisers. Some advertisers call and complain, but most of their revenue comes from subscriptions. On a similar vein, they are committed to keep the magazine more than 50% editorial content, instead of all ads.

In the future, they will do both hand tools oriented projects, as well as power tools ones. They try to approach projects with tools the average woodworker will have. There will be 2 tool reviews per issue, 6 issues of projects plus a 7th issue being the Tool guide. Their web site has a couple of the articles each month.

### Shop Tours

Last month's shop tour of **Frank Gregg's** place was a success. We understand Frank had a number of visitors show up for coffee and donuts!

This month's shop tour is at **Christina Forte's** glass shop. You'll remember Christina's beautiful stained glass panels from her presentation in February. She's graciously agreed to open her shop doors to NTWA members for a visit on Saturday, April 22, from 9am to noon. Directions to the location will be available at the April meeting (there's some incentive!)

If you are willing to share your shop with the club, please contact **Earl Ashurst** (so your tour can be announced in the newsletter) at (972) 517-7825 or <earla@directlink.net>. Show off your stuff!

### Election Results:

President	<b>Steve Jenkins</b>	Programs	<b>George Thornton &amp; Dennis Furlow</b>
Vice President	<b>Owen Haggard</b>	Membership	<b>Bob Jones</b>
Treasurer	<b>Jack Edgecomb</b>	Library	<b>Dale Osborne</b>

Newsletter editor	<b>Ken Patrick</b>	Shows	<b>Dan Henry</b>
Secretary	<b>Earl Ashurst</b>	Webmaster	<b>Craig Sullivan</b>

If you would like to try receiving the newsletter via electronic mail, send a message to Bob Jones at <**cascademondiale@home.net**> and he'll fix you up.

**FOR SALE:**

Lurem C-410 Combination machine - \$5500  
 5 HP 16" jointer / Planer, 3 HP Shaper, 12" tablesaw with sliding table, mortising table.  
 If interested, contact Steve Jenkins

**Directions to the Meeting:**

From northbound on the Dallas North Tollway, exit at Windhaven Dr. (just North of Parker, South of Spring Creek) and go West. Take the first right onto Communications Parkway and turn into the first driveway on the right. Find a place to park along the driveway or on the street and come back to the shop.

Here is a hot link so you can get a map to the meeting place.

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?Pyt=Tmap&addr=6220+COMMUNICATION+PKWY&csz=plano%2C+tx&Get%20Map=Get+Map>

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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

Membership in NTWA is \$24.00 per year. Make checks payable to No. Texas Woodworker's Assoc. and mail to address above. Or come to the next meeting and see Jack Edgecomb.

## NTWA Calendar

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 18, 2000 @ 7:00 pm.** At Owen Haggard's shop (map above)  
 Program: Dennis Furlow will talk to us about making shaker boxes.

**Shop Visit: Saturday. April 22, 2000 @ 9:00 am to noon** - Christina Forte's Stained Glass Workshop

**May Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2000 @ 7:00 pm.** At Owen Haggard's Shop. Program: Application of Gold Leaf by Jack Edgecomb