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April Meeting Review

By Larry Cumba

Steve Jenkins opened the meeting and welcomed visitors **Al Bishop**, **Dan Thompson** and **Pete Yauner**.

Q & A

Gary Hecht wants to know if there is anybody interested in mold and casting making. He would like to compare notes.

Dan Henry called the American Woodworker rep, Sam Saderwhite, and suggested that they bring their wood-working show to Dallas.

Business

Bob Jones reminded everybody April is dues renewal time. If you haven't paid yet please bring it as soon as possible. I'm not sure of the amount but you can reach Bob at 972-424-8860.

Bring Back

Ken Patrick supplied the Bring Back this month, several pieces of ash won by **Larry Cumba**.

Bring-Back is a fund-raising meeting event, where participants pay a dollar each for Bring Back tickets. A single winning ticket is drawn, and the winner takes the item offered home to keep. The winner has the responsibility to bring back a new item for the following month's Bring Back event.

Library

Walter Schuster is the lead man for the library bookcase project and needs volunteers. Have some fun and help the club. His number is 972-231-0934.

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.

Show & Tell

Gary Hecht saw an article in a 1985 woodworking magazine on bandsaw boxes. He brought the real McCoy. A heart shaped box with sliding drawers in the center of the heart. Nicely done.

Jeff Taylor brought the dust collector he bought from Penn State for \$209.00. Bob Jones said he has the same model for three years with nary a problem.

Norm Shirk helped his boys with their pine wood derby cars. Restricted by size and weight limits, Norm came up with two designs. One was a pickup truck and the other was a bullet shaped car. If I got my facts right, I think he said they won a race and a design award. Good going, Dad!

Dan Pugilese impressed us with the SUV he made of contrasting woods. Never one to go half-measure, his SUV came with a trailer hauling a four-wheeler. While I'm already sitting there feeling inferior, he had the nerve to throw sand in my face by pulling out another one! This one was pulling a trailer with a motorcycle. Both were up to his usual high standard of quality.

Steve Yauch brought his folding jig. Used on both his table saw and router table, it is used in conjunction with vertical panel raising bits he has. Pretty smart design.

Dan Henry laid out \$184.00 for the 2hp Porter Cable plunge router just out. Dan likes it a lot. He said if anybody wants to borrow it for a test drive, they can buy one at Lowe's just like it. He also brought the \$30.00 Dust-B-Gone dust mask he bought. Handy in that it won't fog up your glasses and is washable. Same rules apply with the mask as with router.

Dale Osborne showed us the sanding blocks he made. The neat thing about them was that on each end he screwed a binder clamp on for quick and easy changing of paper.

Announcements

None.

Program

Dennis Furlow gave us an impressive program on Shaker oval boxes. With him he had about twelve

boxes going from tiny to pony holding size. Each one has a corresponding number like buying shoes.

Dennis said he gets his materials from The Home Shop in Charlotte, Michigan. Phone number is 517-543-5325. It is a lot easier just to order the wood and save yourself the trouble of trying to mill the wood down to the thickness required. He also gets his tacks and tops and bottoms from the same supplier.

To get started Dennis makes the box part first. He uses a template to mark the fingers for the band or side of the box and cuts them with a bandsaw. Then the fingers are soaked in hot water and trimmed to final shape with a utility knife. Tack holes are drilled and the other end is sanded to a bevel. Tacks are applied by hammering against an anvil to curl the end of the tack.

The next step is to mark and cut the bottom. Holes are then drilled around the edge to hold pegs that fasten the band to bottom. The top is done the same way using the box as a sizing guide.

Don't count on this description to make a shaker box. Space limits the steps required to do the right job. Suffice it to say Dennis is the expert. If you have any questions he the go to guy. If for some reason you didn't get the printout of instructions he had I'm sure he would be glad to bring some more next meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Furlow, for a fine program!

Next month Jack Edgecomb is going to teach us how to gild with gold leaf

P.S. Earl, you'd better be there.

Shop Tours

Holy Cow! You weren't at April's shop tour , and you missed a great time. Only Bob Jones and I were there.

Even if you don't like donuts (there were plenty), you would have had a great time. Christina Forte's Stained Glass workshop is in North Plano, and was easy to find.

We went in and found a pattern set up on the table, looking like a giant "Paint-by-Numbers" canvas. Christina had already cut out a lot of pieces, and spent a short moment demonstrating how to grind each piece to approximate the pattern. Then she turned over the reins! What Faith! What Fortitude!

I ground several pieces to fit, it was great fun. I think I'm a bit slower than a pro, and probably too much of a perfectionist, but I could like this a whole lot! She then demonstrated the glass cutting jig, and I cut a mess of strips for the panel border out of a beautiful piece of tan marbled glass. Yes, I did it correctly, and didn't break anything!

Then we got to play jig-saw-puzzle, as many pieces had their numbers relating to the pattern either obscured or missing. We ended up with odd pieces, so we cut and fitted a few new ones.

This panel will be a beauty. If we'd had a good turnout, we might have finished it up for her that morning!

We thank Christina for her hospitality and confidence to let us diddle around in the shop without fussing over us. It was great fun, and I left with resolve to sign up for her stained glass education course.

No shop tour is scheduled for May, do you want to host one? If you are willing to share your shop with the club, please contact **Ken Patrick** (so your tour can be announced at the meeting) at (972) 734-2392 or kenp@airmail.net Show off your stuff!

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

Classified Ad: Last month the bring-back was several pieces of nice **clear ash lumber**. At this month's meeting, good weather permitting, Ken Patrick will have a whole trailer-load of this ash (two pallets), selling @ 1.50/bd ft. These are surfaced two sides, in 6' and 10' lengths, and range from 4"-10" in usable width. Not all are perfect, but you should be able to find some beautifully figured ash for your next project.

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%A0Map=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, May 16, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's Shop. Program: Application of Gold Leaf by Jack Edgecomb

Shop Visit: None Scheduled this month, how about volunteering?

June Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's Shop. Program: Dan Henry will demonstrate a slick vacuum lathe chuck, and some turning techniques. ***For show and tell, members should try to bring something turned that has artistic or technical interest.***

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