

North Texas Woodworker's Association

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Newsletter

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August Meeting Review

By **Earl Ashurst**

Steve Jenkins opened the meeting. To everyone's surprise, there were no visitors, (although Jim Rogers of Carrollton later introduced himself).

Announcements

The **September meeting will be at Mike Pregent's** air conditioned shop @ 2657 Forest Lane, east of Jupiter & west of Shiloh, in Garland. See map pg 2.

Steve said he got an e-mail from someone looking for somebody to carve some fireplace columns and corbels. If anyone is interested in this job, please call Steve.

Martin Lutz has bandsaw blades for sale. They are 93 1/2" long and fit Delta and similar 14" bandsaws.

Frank Gregg has a wide resaw blade for sale. It is also 93 1/2" long and 1/2" wide.

Ken Patrick stood up to highly recommend Christina Forte's stained glass classes. He reminded everyone that Christmas is coming and it isn't a last minute project.

Member List

We'd like to build up a list of NTWA members' interests so that members can contact each other for special projects and other referral needs.

Q & A

Bob Jones is looking for someone to do raised panels for him. He usually does this himself, but will be unable to do it for a few months.

Business

Bob Jones reminded everyone to be sure to pay your dues. There were lots of renewals at this meeting. He promised to post a list of those who have paid to the e-mail subscribers. For those who receive the newsletter via the post office, check the date on your mailing label. You can reach Bob at 972-424-8860.

Bring Back

Vic Carrana brought two hold down clamps. The drawing was won by **George Thornton**.

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

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

Ken Mays made a nicely finished depth gauge made of cocobollo and brass. He uses it mainly for turning, but it has other uses as well.

Frank Gregg rebuilt a cedar deck recently. It had several problems, but one of them was that it was built with no space between the boards on the deck top. Frank showed us the little jigs he used to space the new deck boards.

Earl Ashurst showed off the Sears jig for putting in biscuits. It never worked terribly well, so he recently bought a DeWalt plate joiner and he reported that he absolutely loves it. The difference in accuracy is hard to believe!

Steve Yauch brought some whistles he has been working on for some time. The bodies were turned and drilled out. He made whistles in maple, cherry, and some mystery wood.

Dave Arbuckle showed some turned knobs. He reported that maple is very difficult to turn, but he did a nice job of turning knobs in three sizes so they go well together.

The **Show and Tell drawing** was won by **Steve Yauch**. Each meeting, \$10 is presented to the winners of a drawing among those who present Show and Tell items. There is one prize for each 5 presenters

Program

Perry LeBlond of **Paxton Hardwood** gave the program on how wood is graded and processed for sale. To start, he had a box of nice, laminated posters with photos of various kinds of veneer. Many of us enjoyed getting one of those.

Paxton's owns a large number of businesses, most are wood related. Their retail store is in Grand Prairie.

Lumber grading starts with the log, as it is graded for what use it will go towards. The grading that concerns

us, however, starts as the board comes off the saw line. The main grades are FAS (Firsts and Seconds), #1 common, and #2 common.

The board must meet three tests to be graded FAS:

1. greater than 6" wide
2. lengths of eight to sixteen feet.
3. 83 1/3 % usable wood on the face.

Clear cuttings of a board have to meet certain size rules.

Smaller considerations are that it must have limited *wane* (stretches of bark and sap wood) and splits, or checks.

Wane has to extend for less than 1/3 of the length. Checks have to be less than three times the surface measure of the board. For example, if you have 10 board feet of lumber, cracks can extend for a total of thirty inches from the two ends.

Color and grain is not considered in grading, and knots don't disqualify a board.

Some wood is graded as "Select and Better". This relaxed grading standard is for smaller species of trees that can't otherwise meet the FAS standard.

#1 common lumber is graded similarly, but shorter lengths are allowed and/or narrower widths, as well as more defects.

Perry also discussed plywood and other synthetic materials.

Paxton is looking for people to send in photos of things made with their lumber products.

Many Thanks, Perry!



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From the Board

The September program will be demonstrations of CNC equipment at Mike Pregent's shop.

NEW! NTWA Web Site!

Check the banner for our new Web Site! Your comments, contributions, and suggestions are welcome by WebMaster Mike McAloon at mmcaloon@airmail.net

Annual Woodworking Show

The Annual Woodworking Show at Big Town Exhibit Hall in Mesquite is coming up **October 20-22**. NTWA

will have a booth there, with a few member-built projects on display. We need volunteers to man the booth, talk to area woodworkers, and do a little recruiting for the Club. Best part is, volunteers get into the show for FREE! Sign up at the meeting. Check out the promoter's web page.

www.thewoodshows.com. **We'll will have a booth signup sheet at the September meeting. Think it over, help us out!**

Woodturner's Show (repeat article)

Dan Henry forwarded this information: The 14 Texas Chapters of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) are having the 9th Annual **TEXAS TURN or TWO (TTT)** at the Maricopa Ranch Resort in Cannon Lake, TX (New Braunfels area) on October 6-7-8, 2000. Contact Butch or Pat Titus for info, Phone 210-649-2166, email btitus@sprintmail.com. More next month!

Shop Tour

The August Shop Tour was at Vic Carrena's well-appointed garage workshop. Vic is an accomplished woodworker, as you can see from the pictures we took that Saturday morning. He's built a beautiful kitchen island, replaced the top on the dining table, built a beautiful cedar chest, freshened a roll-top desk, and made end tables. His next project was in the rough on the shop floor, a new computer workstation.

Vic's garage is well-arranged for multi-purpose use, as the family car must share residence. He's got most of his power tools on dollies, and there are painted locator marks on the floor for fast setup when it's "business time". Included in the line up are a superb cabinet saw, drill press, lathe, shaper, jointer, bandsaw, and a magnificent multi-purpose planer / drum sander / gang saw / moulder. The new oak lumber on the floor, nicely squared, sized, and planed, was a testament to the value of such a professional tool. Vic also has proper ventilation with an air cleaner, and dust collector on wheels to share among tools.

His workbench was neat and organized. Vic said it's seen everything from the cedar chest to a Mustang V-8 engine!

We appreciate Vic opening his doors in Richardson to club members to see how he designed and organized his work space. I'm sure everyone left with a couple of ideas for improving their own work areas.

SHOP TOUR for Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon: Come see Earl Ashurst's new cramped shop in what was formerly a two-car garage. High points will be the raised floor and ceiling-mounted air filtration unit. Low points will be the air conditioning (mounted at floor level) and floor-mount electrical outlets. **See map on ad page.**

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PAID CLASSIFIEDS:

Scroll saw, Hegner Polymax 3, unused, with stand and light, \$700. You saw this unit at the picnic Tool Sell 'n' Swap. The price is now affordable!

Jet 13 bench model drill press, used gently, \$100.

Morris Newberger, Phone weekdays 972-385-8092 x12

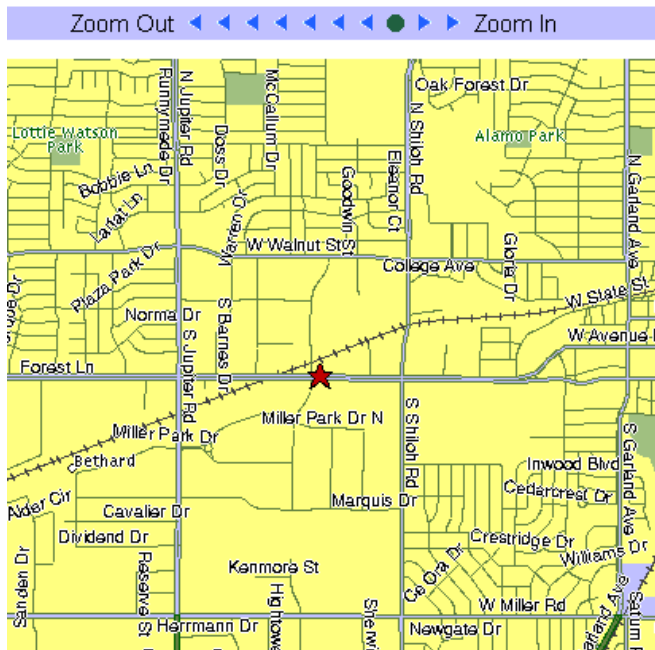
FOR SALE: 1975 Rockwell 10 inch cabinet saw. New 1-1/2 HP motor with less than 2 hours run time. 36 inch T-Square fence. Well cared for and always protected from the weather. \$700.00 Contact Jim Brooks at 214 328-8018, please leave message and I will contact you as to the location of my shop.

Sept. Meeting MAP!

Special Directions to the September Meeting:

From LBJ Freeway, take Forest Lane exit (east of US 75), proceed NE/East on Forest Lane past Jupiter, across the RR tracks, just past International. Address is 2657 Forest Lane. **See map!** Here is a hot link so you can get a map to the meeting place.

2657 Forest Lane, Garland, TX 75042-6546



<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?BFCat=&Pyt=Tmap&newFL=Use+Address+Below&addr=2657+Forest+Lane&csz=75042&country=us&Get%0AMap=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, September 19, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Mike Pregent's Shop.
Program: CNC routing machine demonstrations

September Shop Visit: Earl Ashurst's shop, Sat 23 Sep 9am to noon, see above!

October Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. We return to Owen Haggard's shop for a program on programs! Drafting programs for your PC, that is!

