

North Texas Woodworker's Association

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Newsletter

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September Meeting Review

By **Earl Ashurst**

In the absence of the President and Vice President, **Earl Ashurst** conducted the meeting. Two new faces, **Doug Hogan** and **Jack Dingler** were recognized.

Announcements

Our regular meetings resume **Tuesday, October 17** at **Owen Haggard's shop**, 6220 Communication Parkway, Plano. See the map and instructions, p3.

Dan Henry discussed the Wood Show coming up October 20-22. NTWA will have a booth at the show and volunteers to man our booth will get into the show free. Thanks to all who signed up.

Q & A

Jeffrey Dickerson is looking for someone to refinish a set of chairs and a table.

Business

Nothing Special this month!

Bring Back

George Thornton brought in a 24" clamp. The drawing was won by **Vic Carranna**. [Awright, you guys, cut out the back-and-forth and let some other folks have some of the fun! ed.]

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 Patrick brought a mystery wood. He bought a pallet of it and wants it identified if possible. Guesses were few, perhaps it is brown ash? If anyone wants some, Ken will share for \$1.25/bf. It is S4S.

Martin Lutz had another mystery wood, but he actually knew what it was. He had the wood milled at a bandsaw mill near Tyler. He enjoys milling found

wood and is always looking for trees. In this case, it was China Berry.

Vic Carranna showed a raised (double-beveled) panel pedestal for a desk. He used red oak throughout. The plans for the pedestal came from the 8-93 and 8-95 issues of Wood magazine, the top from WoodSmith magazine and his own CAD work.

Steve Yauch was enjoying some dumpster diving when he encountered an old book case, from which he salvaged the wood. He tried cutting coves into this wood on his table saw. He advises cutting a LITTLE at a time.

Jack Dingler had a three-piece table top made of red oak. It will be a drop-leaf table and he inquired whether he should epoxie the hinges or if screws would hold it. The consensus was that screws are adequate if carefully installed - pre-drilled, etc.

The **Show and Tell drawing** was won by **Steve Yauch, again**. This is gettin' monotonous! 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

Our thanks to Mike Pregent for another fine demonstration of Computer Controlled Routing on a production scale. It has been an interesting experience for all of us to see Mike's shop grow over the past three years.

Mike explained some of the business-related items such as what kinds of router bits he uses, how long they last, resharpening, and when to choose which bit.

He explained how he makes his cuts, where he gets designs and how he markets his work. He uses a CAD program to design his project, converts the file from raster to vector which is used by the router table.

He also discussed dust collection and mentioned that anyone with a need for sawdust can have all they want at his shop.

After the discussion, we all enjoyed making some sawdust at the router tables.

[editor: It was interesting to hear Mike tell us about the growth of his business. From a little hobbyist idea to make a few things for fellow woodworkers to becoming a major supplier of patterned wood craft items has taken only three years. Did you know Mike used to be in a specialty medical supply business? Now his CNC router shop goes through a semi-trailer

load of Baltic birch plywood in about a week, and they make so much sawdust and scrap lumber that the City of Garland must sometimes stop twice a day for the refuse. Mike says you're welcome to come by anytime and dig in the scraps for birch plywood chunks that make GREAT JIG material!

Mike is moving the business in the next few weeks to a facility twice the size, from about 20,000 sf. to 40,000 sf. Not bad for a little hobby business, huh? [KP:]

From the Board

The October program will be a presentation of various PC CAD programs for the woodworker by

NEW! NTWA Web Site!

Mike McAloon announced that we now have a web page of our own: www.ntwa.org is up and operating. If you have news, photos, or anything else to submit for the club, you can do it online. The page has a nice look and is very easy to negotiate. Great work, Mike! 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 October meeting. Think it over, help us out!**

Shop Tour by Earl Ashurst

For the September Shop Tour, about ten members gathered at my shop on Saturday to see what mistakes I've made so far. Nobody mentioned the incredible oversight of leaving out a dust collection system beneath the raised floor, so that was a relief. I gratefully received kind remarks about the home-built dust filter installed on the ceiling, and on the rather high (chest height) router table.

The numerous cabinets (compliments of a doctor who suffered slight water damage at his office) also gathered praise. We enjoyed homemade cookies (yes, I baked them myself) and shared stories and I have to admit that I enjoyed the morning very much. My wife said it was a brilliant move to volunteer to host a shop tour, but she only meant that she was glad to see all the sawdust vacuumed up and the counters cleared off. I think she wants me to do it again next month, but I have plans to make some sawdust instead. [EA:]

We appreciate Earl hosting this month's visit. We encourage all members to do the same, it really does not hurt, and you might vacuum up a little sawdust.

SHOP TOUR for September is cancelled due to the Wood Show at Bigtown.

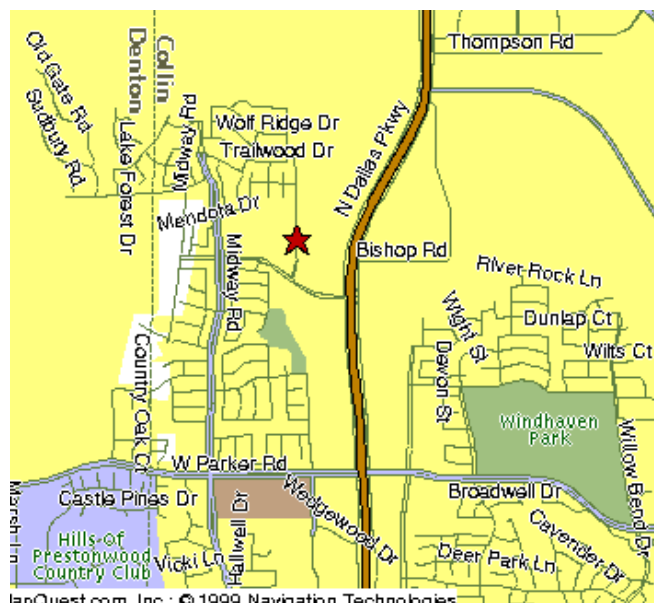
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Meeting MAP!

Directions to the October 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, October 17, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's Shop.
Program: CAD programs for woodworkers

September Shop Visit: Cancelled, due to the Wood Show at Bigtown!

November Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2000 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.



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