

# North Texas Woodworker's Association

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## **October Meeting Review**

By **Earl Ashurst**

Owen Haggard opened the meeting and welcomed one and all to the meeting.

## **Announcements**

Our regular meetings resume **Tuesday, November 21** at **Owen Haggard's shop**, 6220 Communication Parkway, Plano. See the map and instructions, p3.

## **Annual Wood Workers Show [ed.]:**

The show at Big Town Convention Center was great! I know that I spent more than planned, and each item was something I *needed*. The selections were good, the prices discounted, and we got a chance to see lots of competitive vendors vying for our dollars. I spent Saturday at the show for the club, but must admit I was AWOL more than necessary. It was OK, tho, we had several club members manning our space. We had dozens of different display items, including George's lathe, Dan's models, children's toys, clocks, a google of stuff! If you missed this show this year, make a note not to miss it next year! [ed.]

## **Business**

Owen announced that **Steve Jenkins** has tendered his resignation as President of the North Texas Woodworker's Association due to conflicts with other obligations. The bylaws of our association require the Board of Directors to recommend replacement for any Board members who cannot fulfill their office.

The Board met on the first Tuesday of October and formally recommended that **Owen Haggard** be nominated for the office of President for the remainder of the year, and that the office of Vice President remain vacant until the next election. The membership voted to accept **Owen Haggard** as President and **Mike Pregent** as Vice President. Congratulations **Owen** and **Mike**!

## **Q & A**

**Geo Tocquigny** asked for a source for radiant gas heaters to mount on the ceiling of a shop. Anybody who knows please contact him.

Someone asked about A/C in a workshop, and especially about ductless units. Advice flew hot and heavy. Ductless systems are available for about \$1500, where window units go for less than \$500. Someone pointed out that motel units provide both heat and a/c and often show up in the Green Sheets for about \$250 reconditioned.

## **Bring Back**

**Vic Carranna** won last month's bring-back prize, so this month he brought a Steelex Pocket Hole Guide with 3/8" step drill bit. That's a nice prize, and **Walt Schuster** was very happy to win it.

*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 small hall table he's making to sell at "Trade Days". In an effort to make them quickly and inexpensively, he makes the top (using sweet gum) and buys factory-made spindle legs. Ken also brought in a leaded glass panel he made at Kristina Forte's class. The panel had a hummingbird flying to a flower and was very nice, especially for a first effort.

**Dan Henry** showed us a book he bought, entitled "Routers" (catchy name!). It is a compilation of 25 years worth of router articles from Fine Woodworking magazine. Dan pointed out a router jig for perfectly trimming edge banding.

**Norm Shirk** has used a shop-made countersink for some time. Recently he paid \$24 for a ratcheting countersink that he really likes. Also, he was stymied when looking for very small hardware until he went to a radio-controlled model store. They have lots of very small, fully functional hardware parts.

**Vic Caranna** was bothered by dust collection (or lack thereof) at his router table. He showed us a box he built that hangs under the table top and connects to a 4" dust collection hose. He reports a vast improvement.

**Walt Schuster** brought some cabriole legs that will go into some tables for his church. He just used a spokeshave to shape the legs and he reported that it was surprisingly easy to do. He used red oak for the solid parts and red oak veneer plywood for the table top.

The **Show and Tell drawing** was won by **Vic Caranna**. 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.

## **Auction**

A large, used box blower was donated to the club for auction. Bidding was lively and **Dan Henry** eventually won with a winning bid of \$37. Owen Haggard served as auctioneer and showed that he has been paying attention at all those horse auctions. He did a great job.

**Program**

**Steve Yauch** prepared a comparison of CAD software that is useful for designing wood projects. He had a well-organized handout with all the details about five programs. We intend to put the handout on the Web page, [www.NTWA.org](http://www.NTWA.org) so everyone can access it as they please. Briefly, Steve covered the following topics:

- Computer Requirements
- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Typical Features
- Learning to use CAD software

After that, he briefly demonstrated 3 of the packages. It is quite amazing how many of us use computers on a day to day basis and this program was timely and well received as a result.

**From the Board**

**Membership Fee review:** It was proposed that membership fees be reduced for members receiving the newsletter via e-mail. After discussion, the board voted to keep membership dues as they are for the present.

**Newsletter Classifieds:** The Board wishes to restate that the policy on classified ads in the newsletter is that members may submit items for sale from time to time. This will be free of charge, as a membership benefit. Non-members who present a program for the club will be offered free advertising space for a short period if they desire it. Other parties may also advertise in the newsletter, but a fee will be charged. The board agreed to extend this policy to the [ntwa.org](http://ntwa.org) web site's "marketplace".

**Call for Articles:** Members are encouraged to submit woodworking-related articles for publication in the newsletter as space is available.

The December issue of American Woodworker magazine mentions the recent visit to the NTWA, and Dan Henry's lathe steady-rest is described and pictured on page 110.

**Dan Henry** reports we are working on getting Rob West of Oak Park to present a program similar to the Router Workshop. This will be some time early next year. We are also talking to Bully Bussey for a similar program.

**NTWA Web Site!**

We now have a web page of our own: [www.ntwa.org](http://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. Your comments, contributions, and suggestions are welcome by NTWA WebMaster Mike McAloon at [mmcaloon@airmail.net](mailto:mmcaloon@airmail.net). Great work, Mike!

**Shop Tour**

October's Shop Tour was cancelled due to the Wood Worker's show.

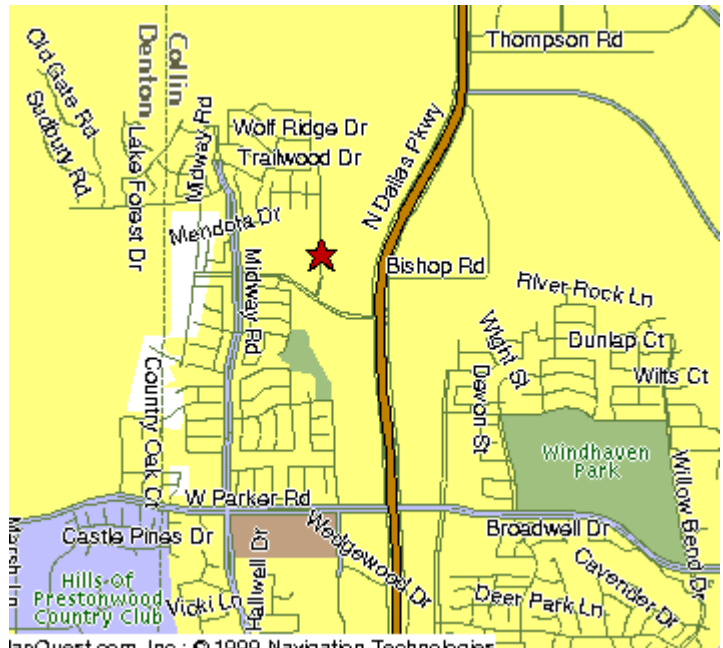
**SHOP TOUR for November** is undetermined, come to the meeting, maybe get a surprise!

**CLASSIFIEDS:**

Members can list items for sale, trade, or wanted free. Email or call your newsletter editor!

**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



<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 Woodworkers Assoc. and mail to address above. Or come to the next meeting and see Jack Edgecomb.

**NTWA Calendar**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's Shop.**

**Program: TBA**

**September Shop Visit: None scheduled.**

**December Meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2000 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.**

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