

North Texas Woodworker=s Association

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November Meeting Review

By Earl Ashurst

Owen Haggard opened the meeting and welcomed visitors and new members, including **Mike Alder** who heard about N.T.W.A. at Paxton's, **Richard & Debbie Larson** who heard about us at the Dallas Woodturner's Club, **Kevin & Carolyn Kirkman**, **Bill McCloud**, **Sam Harder**, **Dick Koch**, **Lynn Sabin**, and **Dorothy Truett**. **Mike Pregent**, club vice president, gave an overview of how the club works and what we do, for the benefit of the many first-time attendees. Many other officers contributed details in their purview.

Announcements

Special event for our December 19 @ 7pm. meeting: **Annual Christmas dinner** at Haggards= Party Barn! Spouse or significant other welcome, potential members, too! See the map and instructions, p3. While you're at the party, stop by and check the mailing list with Bob Jones. Make sure we've got yours right!

Upcoming Programs:

Dan Henry, our Shows coordinator, thanked all the volunteers who helped at the woodworking show last month. We had a very successful exhibit, as testified by the large number of new faces at the meeting.

The next meeting, December 19, will be **the Annual Christmas dinner**. Hot food will be served, possibly BBQ, and you are asked to **bring your favorite dessert to share**. The program will be members showing off their favorite jigs, so **bring your favorite jig**. There will also be an informal tool swap.

George Thornton, one of our program coordinators, asked for volunteers to present skills, tips, tools - whatever - in the program part of future meetings. The objective of the club is to share skills, so please don't be shy about sharing what you know and do. If you have program requests, see George, too.

General Discussions

Walter Schuster brought a number of scraps of wood or various kinds, including some wood tubes suitable for making lamps or something similar. These were given to any member who wanted some. As they say, "Free is a very good price!"

Ted Knust reported a recall by Sears on their Radial Arm saw blade guard. They are replacing them with ones that go all the way down the blade. This is on models starting with 113.xxxxx. Check the Sears web site under Product Recall, or call 1-800-511-2628 to get the replacement kit. You will need your model number when you call.

Q & A

Ken Patrick is interested in an 18" Grizzly band saw and asked if any member has one. Nobody admitted to that,

so Ken invited any interested party to fly with him up to Grizzly's retail store in Springfield, Mo. to see what they have.

Martin Lutz has a deluxe **DeWalt router**, on which the variable speed circuitry burned out while he was using a panel-raising bit. He asked if anybody else has experienced this very scary condition. Various members reported experiencing similar situations on Makita, Bosch, Ryobi, and Porter Cable routers, so it appears to be a basic problem of variable-speed circuits.

One woman (sorry, missed her name) asked if anybody would be interested in buying a Central Machinery (from Harbor Freight) 16" floor model drill press. It cost \$250 new, has not been used, and she is asking \$150.

There was a discussion of the merits of the **Oneida cyclone dust collector**. The cyclone does not include the fan, but was highly recommended by members. **Mike Pregent**, who has several different systems at his commercial shop, did not recommend the Penn State one-piece cyclone system because the outlet is only 4" - too small for good air flow.

As to how to set up dust collection in your shop, there is a good book out on dust collection. For \$15 you will get more info that you can ever use. There is a copy in the N.T.W.A. library if Dale will stop reading it and put it back on the shelves.

Norm Shirk reported the Fein shop vac he bought at the wood show was a real pleasure to use for spot dust collection. Most importantly, it is quiet!

Charles Grant asked if anybody does routed signs. He knows of a customer looking for a sign routed into rustic wood. Contact him if you are interested.

Someone noted that cherry and cherry plywood age and darken at different rates, and asked what to do about it when building casework. It was suggested that the wood be stained with aniline dye for an improved color match. Also, gel stains like Watco work fairly well. Most important, make up test pieces of the various woods with the finish you are considering!

Someone asked what jig saw works best. Of course, this is a highly subjective question, but Bosch and Porter Cable tools were recommended. Someone noted that the DeWalt jigsaw has numerous reports of poor performance on the Internet.

Bob Jones and **Vic Caranna** asked what material is best for use next to a shower. Suggestions were MDO (medium density overlay is the material used for freeway signs) and Trex wood or a similar plastic impregnated material.

Martin Lutz reports he has oak wood (various species) he can bring to sell to members. He cuts his own and air

dries it himself, so he can offer a very good price (although probably not as low as Walter's scraps). He also gets smaller amounts of other woods and is open to requests. This touched off a discussion of small sawmills in the area. There are many, but they can be hard for us city-dwellers to find. Two business cards were passed around:

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Bring Back

Walter Schuster brought a set of Marples bench chisels, plus one short chisel showing the result of many years of faithful nail cutting. The drawing was won by **Mike Pregent**.

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

Dale Osborne, club librarian, announced that the library has a new magazine: "Woodwork" with issues from 1990 to present. There was a box of free magazines that were old, duplicate, or otherwise not displayable. A list of the club's books will be posted on the web site www.ntwa.org. Dale also announced that because single magazines are a problem to check out, check out of magazines will now be for an entire binder (one year's worth).

Show & Tell

Mike Hollander makes small wooden boxes. He is interested in learning more about chip carving and about finishing. Also, he described a workbench he built with a top of Douglas fir laminate he got from Architectural Building Supply. We have heard about this place before. They have cutoffs of long-span structural laminations, usually several feet long and 4X thick, and at a nominal cost. They are located at 6707 Levelland Rd., Dallas, TX 75252 (972) 248-6308.

Charles Grant has had trouble with bandsaw blades breaking or not cutting straight. He tried several brands with mediocre results. Recently he tried a blade from Delta Industrial Supply in Ft. Worth. They have blades that are inexpensive, haven't broken, and cut true.

Norm Shirk brought in pieces from his efforts to make a router table. He made a rig for the caster wheels so he can adjust their height to conform to an uneven floor. He got some great locking casters from "Casters of Dallas" south of Royal on Harry Hines.

Also, Norm showed how he built a 360 degree swivel for

his dust collection hose. He used plastic he got from the scrap bin at Regal Plastics. He got tiny T-nuts at a hobby supply store. He showed his circle-cutting jig. Then he proved that there is no application a good engineer can't over design by showing off a home-built electrically controlled blast gate, solenoid actuated, with indicator lights showing the position (open - closed), and ball detents to hold the gate in place. Wow!

Ken Patrick showed off the wooden fighter plane model (F-15) he bought from **Dan Pugliese**. Very nice work, Dan!

Dan Henry showed the lathe steady rest that was published in American Woodworker's December 2000 issue. The magazine article said to build the ring, then route the slots for the support arms, but it works MUCH better to cut the slots while the work pieces are still square, then cut and glue them into circles.

George Tocquigny showed us two leatherwork pieces he carved many years ago. He had a loose leaf binder and a purse, both excellent examples of careful craftsmanship. The carving is very similar to wood carving in how it is laid out and executed. Of course, you use different tools.

Last month, **Vic Caranna** brought in a single pedestal for a desk he was building. This time he showed photos of the finished desk. It is so interesting to see projects at different stages.

The final Show & Tell item was a rocking chair built by **Martin Lutz**. He was asked to go last and in greater detail because we did not have a program for the meeting like we usually do. Martin built the chair at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking (see www.marcadams.com). The class was \$700 for a seven-day class in Indianapolis. The chair was built from about 85 board feet of 8/4 walnut and is still incomplete.

The most impressive thing about the design was that Martin, a big man, sat in the chair during the entire meeting, then took it apart as he explained it. None of the joints have been glued up, but had the strength to be used. Now that's a good design! The rockers were glued up from 1/4" slats, wide enough to get both rockers out of one glue up. The main shaping tools were Nicholson 49 & 50 rasps. If you missed the meeting, you will want to check out this chair next time you run into Martin and we hope he brings it back when it is glued up and finished.

Show & Tell drawings were won by **Ken Patrick** and **Charles Grant**, who each won \$10.

From the Board

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.

Shop Tour

December's Shop Tour is cancelled due to the Christmas Holidays.

CLASSIFIEDS:

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

Directions to the December Christmas Dinner meeting:

Take the Plano Windhaven exit from the Dallas North Tollway, proceed North from Windhaven on the Tollway access road to the first right, Bishop Road. Drive east on Bishop for about 2 mile, turn right into last driveway towards large metal building, park on left of building.

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?Pyt=Tmap&addr=6000+Bishop+Road&city=Plano&state=TX&slt=33.056600&sln=-96.825000&name=&zip=75093-7813&country=us&BFCat=&BFClient=&mag=9&desc=&cs=9&newmag=8>

Meeting 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, December 19, 2000 @ 7:00 pm. At Haggard's Party Barn, Annual Christmas Dinner. Bring a dessert and your favorite jig.

December Shop Visit: None scheduled.

January Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2000 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.

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A woodworker went out to his shop one Friday afternoon. But, being paid recently for some planes he made, instead of going inside, he stayed out there the entire weekend working on projects and spending his entire paycheck on new tools and materials.

When he finally went inside on Sunday night, he was confronted by a very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade about his actions.

Finally his wife stopped the nagging and simply said to him. "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" To which the weary woodworker replied. "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. Come Thursday, the swelling went down just enough to where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye. - submitted by **Jeff Taylor**



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**DECEMBER MEETING IS THE
CHRISTMAS DINNER!
SEE MAP INSIDE!**