

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

August, 2003

President **Walt Schuster** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM.

It was good to see so many family visitors at the July picnic.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **August, 19th, 7pm** at **Mike Pregent's** shop in Garland. The map is on page 3. **Vic Caranna** will be doing his presentation on face frame joints (Kreg, Biscuits, dowels).

President Walt Schuster thanked the Haggard family for the use of the party barn and his wife, Peggy, for seeing that the picnic came together.

He then introduced all of the officers that were present and discussed the proposed amendment to the club by-laws. This is the final reading of the amendment which will be voted on at the August meeting. The amendment is as follows:

1. check-out time limit will be 60 days
2. members failing to return materials in a timely fashion will be expected to reimburse the club the equitable cost of the items as determined by the librarian

Questions and Remarks

Walt Schuster showed a small blade used for cutting that dulls easily and can't be sharpened with a file. He asked for ideas

Chris Morgan reminded fellow club members that **Rockler** has a second site opening in Mesquite in late July. Be sure to let them know that you are a club member when you visit the store. It is on the southbound service road at 635 and Town East Blvd. in Mesquite.

Dues and Other News

For those of you who are interested in joining NTWA, you can do so by sending your dues to **Mark Simon** at the address below. Membership is \$24 per year and is prorated from April. **Dues collection is ongoing.**

Mark also has some new NTWA directories available. Please contact him if you did not get our directory. Nametags are available at the meeting. The wooden

tags are \$3 to cover the cost of making the tags.

E-mails

Members who want the newsletter delivered by e-mail may need to check with **Dorothy Truitt or Mark Simon** to make sure that their e-mail address is correct in our database. There are always a few e-mails sent back as undeliverable.

Web News

Thankfully **Mike McAloon** has agreed to continue as Webmaster for the club. Mike welcomes comments and pictures for the web site. If you have not checked the site lately, take a look.

Library Notes from **Dale Osborne** - When borrowing from the library, (**current members only**) please include the **year** in the "date borrowed" column and **PRINT YOUR NAME in CAPITAL letters**. Then place the card in the appropriate section of the box of library cards. When returning an item, retrieve the card from the box and place it in the item's pocket. **Please keep for no more than 2 mos.**

The following items are either WAY overdue or missing altogether:

book no. 164 entitled **Joiners and Planers**.

Video # Title

5 **Mastering your Table Saw**: Kelly Mehler

8 **Small Shop Projects** - Boxes

9 **Making Kitchen Cabinets**: Paul Levine (2 copies)

12 **Touch-up & Repair Finishes**: Mohawk

14 **Woodmaster Planer**, Set-up & Operation

18 **Bowl Turning**: Del Stubbs

19 **Making Mortise & Tenon Jts.**: Frank Klausz

21 **Mastering Woodworking Machines**: Mark Duginske

22 **Router Jigs & Techniques**: Bernie Maas & Michael Fortune

Dale says there are over **\$300** worth of library materials **missing or WAY overdue**. Thanks to those who have already returned their missing materials.

Show and Tell

This month's show and tell included a box contest.

Dan Henry showed a tissue box cover that he had made on the scroll saw several years ago. It had very intricately cut sides.

Vic Caranna showed a jewelry box he made for his wife for Christmas. The box had about 60 hours of work in it. It was made from Paduke with scroll-sawn panels.

Bill Jacobs showed one of 5 nesting Shaker boxes. The bent wood box was so small that he used toothpicks as dowel rods.

Dean Hofer showed 2 boxes that he traded at a craft show for the pens he turns. One was a puzzle box and the other was a rectangle accented with brass.

Larry Maughn showed a Master Gauge alignment gauge recommended by Wood Magazine and a box he built over 10 years ago with his first Inca equipment. The box was walnut and maple with wooden hinges.

Adam Yavner showed a mirror he made for his eldest daughter (both of the Yavner's daughters were present). He made the fram3 with base molding, splined the mitre and cut the glass himself. (He was not wearing bandages!)

Gerry Stevens showed a fireplace stand that displays the decorative quilts that his wife pieces. There is a different quilt for each season. (So much talent in one club!)

Duane Buuck showed a band saw box he made in 1981 using a piece of walnut from his uncle's farm. He also showed a pen box he made for his daughter's graduation from law school. The box has recessed hinges and is pinned with dowel rods.

Walt Schuster showed a tiny mitre box he built for a special project.

The **Show and Tell** prizes were won by **Dan Henry** and **Vic Caranna**.

The box contest – and it's gift certificate to Woodcraft – was won by **Vic Caranna**.

The **Bring Back**, a set of countersink drill bits, brought in by **Pete Yavner**, was won by **Dan Pugliese**.

Classified

Club members can place ads in the newsletter for free. Call or e-mail Dorothy.

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1 Delta Sharpening Center \$70

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Program

This month's program was a delicious meal, followed by show and tell. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening.

Next month this space will have a new section – member bios. Each month one of the club members will be featured with a picture and a brief introduction. Be prepared – it will be YOUR turn at some point.

The following is a bit of interesting information taken from Woodzone.com

Reaction Wood is abnormal wood formed in a leaning tree. In softwood trees, the reaction wood forms on the lower side of the lean and is called **compression wood**. Compression wood is often very dense, hard, and brittle. In hardwood trees, reaction wood forms on the upper side of the lean and is called **tension wood**. Woolly surfaces and excessive longitudinal shrinkage are often symptoms of tension wood.

Reaction woods should be avoided for a number of reasons. The dense hard wood is less likely to accept an even stain when compared to other parts of your project. The reaction wood is also more prone to failure under load and will crack and split more easily when nailed or screwed. Carving and shaping can also be difficult and dimensional changes with changing moisture levels are likely.

The primary problem comes in trying to identify reaction wood. Even an experienced woodworker can have trouble picking out reaction wood. There are some hints that a board may contain reaction wood. Crookedness or a sweep in the log is a sign of reaction wood. Wood fibers that are unusually dense and hard for the species is another sign. Very small fuzzy fibers on surfaced hardwood can be a sign of reaction wood as well as crack and splits that pull wildly away from the board. If you find a piece of reaction wood "accidentally", save it for future reference. Fortunately reaction wood is more of an exception than a rule. And now, if you happen to run across an uncooperative board, you'll have an answer for why your cuts are twisting and curling.

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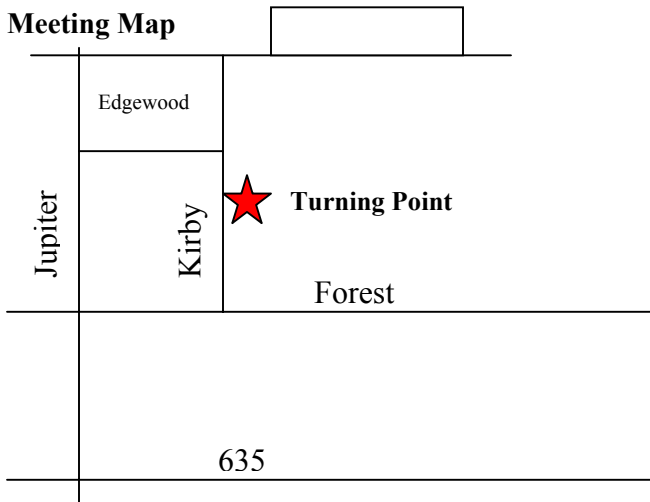
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

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Meeting Map



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