

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

December, 2003

President **Walt Schuster** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The sole visitor was **Eddie Warren** who read about the club on the web.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **December 16, 7pm** at **Haggard's Party Barn**. The map is on page 3. The program is our annual Christmas dinner, show and tell, and a tool swap. Dinner will be provided, but each club member is asked to bring a dessert. Spouses and significant others, as well as visitors, are very welcome to attend.

President Walt Schuster announced that the board has asked that club members volunteer to help repair the lights in Owen's shop. The date and time to be announced later.

George Thornton announced the upcoming woodworking show at the Arlington Convention Center on Dec. 5, 6, and 7. He asked for any more pictures for the display board or samples of club member's work.

Dale Osborne announced that **Paul Johnson** had donated books and magazines to the club. The duplicates were to be auctioned off. **Dale** also mentioned that there are new books in the library. Someone in the audience offered a rousing hooray for all of the hard work that **Dale** does for the club library.

Ed. Note – sorry for all of the problems that we have encountered lately in the e-mailing of the newsletter. No one is quite sure what has been going wrong, but we hope to fix it this month. You will notice that only a reminder has gone out and that it will be necessary to find the current newsletter on the NTWA website. I realize this might be a bit inconvenient for awhile, please bear with us.

Questions and Remarks

Fred Groves asked if anyone knew of an accurate stud finder. He is not satisfied with his current one.

Roy Doell spoke of an old barn that needs restored. It is an example of the old post and beam construction. He asked if anyone knew of an expert he could consult. Homestead Heritage was suggested.

G. W. Robinson asked for comments on the Dewalt planer. He is considering one. The Rockler presenter, **Jeff Dheere**, gave his opinion.

Steven Deputy is looking at replacing his current table saw and asked for suggestions. He also asked for tips on finding white wood to use in a plaque he is making to honor his reserve unit.

Dale Osborne wants a 14" band saw. He asked for comments on the Grizzly. The feedback from club members was favorable.

E-mails

If you are not getting your e-copy check with **Dorothy Truitt or Mark Simon** to make sure that your e-mail address is correct in our database. There are always a few e-mails sent back as undeliverable. The e-copy will be available no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the web site by then, let Dorothy know at dorothy@truittfamily.com.

Auction

Several more items donated by Paul Johnson were auctioned off with proceeds going to the library.

- 9 copies of American Woodworker went to **George Thornton** for \$3.
- 24 issues of Woodworkers' Journal went to **Owen Haggard** for \$12.
- 24 issues of Popular Woodworking went to **Gerry Stevens** for \$7.
- 19 issues of Woodworks went to **Jim Dawson** for \$25.
- 2 volume set of American Woodworker sent to **Owen Haggard** for \$20.
- 35 issues of Fine Woodworking went to Brian Mercer for \$40.

If you have something to give away, please donate it for auction instead.

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.

Web News

Mark Simon spoke about the new web site. It has a bulletin board for club members interested in classified ads. Mark welcomes comments and pictures for the web site. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to have added let him know.

Library Notes from **Dale Osborne** –

The following NTWA Newsletters are needed to complete the archives:

- Vol. 1, # 6 & 7, Vol 2, #1-3,5
- Vol. 3, # 3-5,7-10,12, Vol. 6, #3
- Vol. 9, #10-12
- Vol. 10 – 13, all issues

If you have any original issues, please give them to Dale.

Show and Tell

Bob Wolslegel showed an article he found in Shop Notes. It was on the use of electrolysis to reduce rust on tools.

Steve Yauch showed some hollowed out spheres he turned on the lathe to use as Christmas ornaments. He found them too much trouble to make so he turned some spindles and used sea urchin shells to finish the ornament.

Steven Deputy bought some items at D & R Saw's annual sale. One was a shimless dado blade.

Adam Yavner showed some of his early turning work – a set of salt and pepper shakers of oak and bloodwood.

Fred Groves showed a child's chair he bought at an antique sale for \$5. It needed a new woven seat. He wanted to use sea grass and had to research sources on the net.

Pete Yavner showed some small cutting boards he made of padauk and maple. He uses gorilla glue and wanted some feedback.

Walt Schuster showed a 270 degree hinge he used on an entertainment center and a cabriolet leg he is making with a lathe and a spoke shave.

Duane Buuck showed a tool tray he made for a work bench. He showed pictures of the very customized workbench. He got some beautiful maple seconds from Seconds and Surplus.

Dorothy Truitt showed her new Drill Doctor that was complementary from the company. **Dan Pugliese** says that he has one and likes it. The Drill Doctor will be at the December meeting for trial runs. (Hopefully by that time Dorothy will have figured out how to use it.)

Show and Tell drawings were won by **Pete Yavner** and **Fred Groves**.

Walt Schuster brought in the **Bring Back**, a spoke shave. It was won by **Brian Mercer**.

Program

The program this month was raised panel cabinet doors, presented by Jeff Dheere from Rockler in Mesquite. Jeff gave a very informative demonstration and answered many questions from the floor. Thanks to Jeff and Rockler.

Member Biography

This month's newsletter spotlights club president, **Walt Schuster**. Walt and his wife Peggy live in Richardson and have 4 woodworking daughters (and 7 grandchildren). In fact, Walt says that the girls put themselves through college by working with him in the summer. Walt has been working with wood "all of his life" but has made a living with it since leaving engineering in the '70s. His most unusual project was a true spiral staircase that pivoted on one 2 1/2" steel pipe column. The tool he finds most useful is his table saw. And his philosophy is – Don't ever tell anybody you can't do something – just do it.



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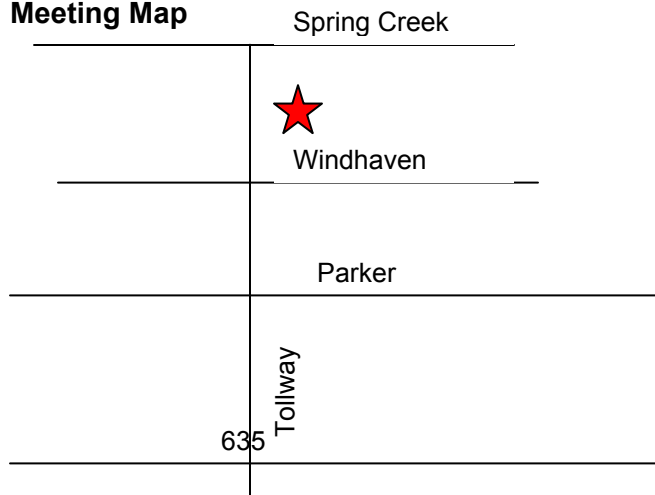
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

December meeting: Tuesday, December 16th, @ 7:00 PM @ Haggard's Party Barn. The program will be our annual Christmas dinner, Show and Tell, and a tool swap. Club members are asked to bring a dessert to share. Spouses and significant others are very welcome.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Plano, going north on the Tollway, take the Parker or Windhaven Exit, turn right onto Windhaven, and left at the first driveway. The party barn is on the left. If you reach the 4-way stop, you have gone too far.

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