

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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President **Walt Schuster** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The visitors were **Tom Desjardins**, a friend of **Mark Simon's**, **Jason Turman**, **Gary's** son, and **Jerry Courtade**.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **September 21st** at **Mike Pregent's Shop, The Turning Point**. The map is on page 3. The program will be a tour of **Mike's** shop.

Questions and Remarks

There will be a **contest** at the **Christmas** dinner. **Make any toy that can be given to one of the toy drives and bring it to the December meeting.**

Saturday, September 25th at 8:30 or 9:00 has been designated as the day to **replace the lights in Owen's shop**. If you can help, please let **George Thornton** or any board member know at the September meeting.

Dan Henry brought in a sample nametag made by a wood turner he knows. The wood turner will make them for \$3.50. Contact info will be forthcoming.

Corrections

Last month's newsletter indicated that the web site had had a measly 45 hits. That was a typo. It was supposed to say 4500. Sorry.

Articles and announcements are always welcome for the newsletter. Please send or e-mail any submissions to **Dorothy** – Dorothy.truitt@NTWA.org.

E-mails

If you are not getting your e-copy, check with **Dorothy Truitt** or **John Stankus** 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 via the web site www.ntwa.org. If you are unable to access the web site by the Thursday prior to the meeting, let Dorothy know at dorothy.truitt@NTWA.org

Dues and Other News

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

John also has some new NTWA directories available. Please contact him if you did not get our directory. Nametags are available at the meeting. Ask John for your membership card. Some of the local stores offer a discount when asked.

Web News

The new web site has a bulletin board for club members interested in classified ads. **Mark Simon** 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

The materials in the library are available on a one-month loan to members only. If you have materials checked out, please return them ASAP. There are still materials missing that have been checked out for months. The library will hold an occasional silent auction for duplicate editions. All proceeds go to the library fund.

Dale Osborne and **Orion Adcock** want to remind everyone that until October we won't be meeting at Owen's shop because of the hot weather. If you have library materials checked out, please bring them to the meeting and Dale or Orion will check them back in.

The Raffle, formerly known as the Bring Back, continues to be a big hit.

George Tocquigny won the **Porter Cable 2 1/2"** panel-raising bit, compliments of Porter Cable (see ad). **John Stankus** won some of the 50 board feet of a new wood called Lyptus that **Hogan's** (formerly known as **Paxton's Beautiful Woods**) so generously donated via **Jim Dawson**. As stated in the brochure provided – "Lyptus is a hardwood that is stronger than hard maple, yet matures in about 15 years. That's four or five times faster than cherry or mahogany. Lyptus sustainably managed forests assure consistent quality, supply and a pleasantly predictable price." It is grown in Brazil. More of the wood will be raffled off at the September meeting.

Show and Tell

Phil Timmons showed some scrolled wood pictures and scrolled Gibraltar (a Corian like product that is easy to scroll). Some were in the shape of Texas with names attached.

Phil also announced that he would be giving a class on scrolling in the near future. See his ad in the classified section.

John Stankus got a midi-lathe and told of some of the results on his first attempts at turning. He showed a handle he turned for a chisel.

Munawar Soomro brought in a bench-top router table that he made for his Craftsman, but the Craftsman didn't suit him so he bought a Porter Cable.

Steve Yauch showed a split turning and explained a little about how to do one.

Bob Jones brought in his new Black and Decker laser level. He also commented that Black and Decker has bought out Porter Cable.

Bob Jones won **The Show and Tell** prize.

Program

Bob Staebell – maker of fine humidors, gave the program for August. He showed some boxes and some inlays, explained how he made the joints, and displayed several of the jigs he has made. **Bob** explained how to square up a box and how to glue them tightly using ½" nylon rope, a steel bar, and corner pieces to hold the rope in place. He uses Tite Bond for gluing.

Bob had many of his beautiful humidors on display.

Who's Who?

The following is a biography of our programs chairman, Muniwar Soomro:

Munawar was born in Karachi, Pakistan, but lived in Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands in his youth. He attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan and then to Texas A&M in Kingsville where he completed a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. He works for a consulting engineering firm, Schmidt & Stacy Engineers designing HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems for commercial buildings and hotel/resorts. His wife Lisa is Hispanic from Brownsville, Texas. They have two daughters; Amna 10 and Aila 8.

His wife bought him a 10" cheap Delta table saw when they were doing the kitchen renovation putting up pre-fab cabinets from Home Depot. After that Munawar bought a cheap router that he had wanted for years. Then one thing lead to another and he got a little inspiration/motivation from one of his co-workers (Jim Kuchera) who does beautiful furniture. Munawar doesn't have a favorite tool, but if he had to pick one he'd pick the Porter Cable 893 router. Some of his projects are a microwave cart, roller cabinets for the table saw, drill press, a bench top router table, twin platform bed, couple of bookcases, custom bathroom and kitchen base cabinet, couple of magazine racks for his Mom and recently a jewelry box. The one he is most proud of is a 2'x4' box he made for a customer to hold his computer wires and other devices and he could use it as footrest as well.

Notes from all over

The following e-mail was received from a traveling **Dale Osborne**. Yesterday I visited a bookstore in Matamata, NZ, where parts of the Lord of the Rings trilogy were filmed. The store had the largest display of magazines I've ever seen. Included were these woodworking magazines (prices are in New Zealand dollars; multiply by 2/3 to get approximate U.S. dollar equivalents). Fine Woodworking, 21.95 (2 copies on display) Woodwork, 13.75 American Woodworker, 18.50 Practical Woodworking (British), 13.70 Workbench, 13.75 Family Handyman (from Australia), 7.95 Australian Woodworker, 8.30 Popular Mechanics, 15.50.

Keep in mind that Matamata, tho apparently thriving, is a very small town and less than 30 miles from Hamilton, a town of about 130,000. (I'm based in Hamilton.) The leading industry in these parts is agriculture: dairying, sheep, horses, fruit, and berries. Looks like NZ farmers are very interested in woodworking.

Last month, on the flight to NZ from LA, I came across mention of a woodworking club in this area. Unfortunately, I lost the reference, so I still haven't visited a Kiwi version of the NTWA. I'm on the lookout, tho.

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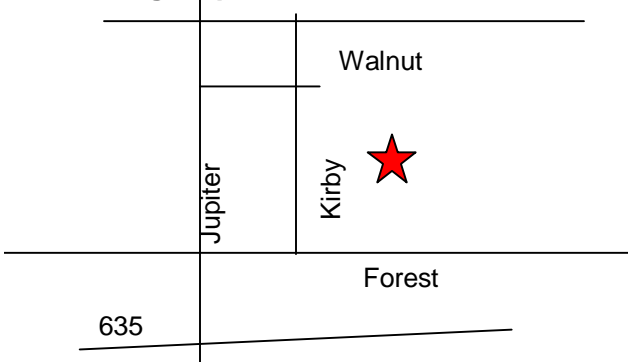
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

September meeting: Tuesday, September 21st @ 7:00 PM @ Mike Pregent's Shop, The Turning Point. The program will feature a tour of Mike's shop.
Saturday, September 25th, 8:30 AM, replace the lights in Owen's shop.
October's meeting (back at Owen's) will feature a scroll-sawing demo by Phil Timmons.
November will spotlight Howard Hill demonstrating finishing.
December's meeting is the annual dinner, plus the toy making contest.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Garland, going north on Jupiter – from 635, turn right on Forest and left on Kirby. Turning Point is on the right – watch for the sign.

Classified

For Sale: 25" Hegnar scroll saw with stand and magnifying light - \$550.
 Contact **Charles Grant** – 972-239-3287.

Beginning scroll saw classes with Phil Timmons 972-754-1041. Call to reserve spot.
 10 – 4 PM Sept. 25th, Oct 2nd, 16th, and 23rd. Cost is \$65 per day and includes materials, lunch, and drinks. Other times are available upon request. Bring your saw (he has 2 available) and be sure you have familiarized yourself with it – how to install and remove blades, etc.

Directions:

Take 75 North to 121 North, exit to Bonham, go East 5 miles on Hwy 82 past Legacy Ridge Golf Course. Turn left on County Rd 2900. At mailboxes turn left on County Rd 2904. Go to #330, the log home.

For those club members who have something for sale, you can list those objects in the newsletter by calling or e-mailing **Dorothy** the information. You can also put them on the web site by contacting **Mark Simon**.