

# North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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**President Steve Jenkins** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The visitors were **John** – I apologize for not catching the last name – and **Jeff Whitson** who heard about the club at **Curly Woods**. Ed. Note – last month's visitor was **Scott Wheeler**, not Steve. Sorry Scott.

## Announcements

This month's meeting will be the annual Christmas dinner to be held in **Haggard's Party Barn**. The map is on page 3. In addition to the dinner, the program for **December** is the second annual toy-making contest. All of you Santa's elves bring in a toy that will later be donated to a charity. Club members are encouraged to bring their significant others as well as their special desserts. Dinner will be provided.

## Questions and Remarks

**Bob Jones** asked about a source for shop plans. He is going to build a 20x30 or 20x40 shop at his new place in Terrell. The **Grizzly** Web site, **woodnet.net** and **DT Central** were some suggestions. It was noted that **Owen's** shop is 30 x 60.

**George Thornton** again passed around a sign up sheet for the Woodworking Show. He discussed the goals for the booth and some possible activities. **Kirk Darroch** suggested making up some toy truck kits to be used in the booth. If trucks are left over they can be donated after the toy contest.

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

## Classified

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**.

## E-mails

**John Stankus** reminded the club of the creation of two Yahoo groups for members to use. One will be for announcements and the other for the newsletter. All current members with e-mail need to sign on to the North Texas Woodworkers Yahoo groups

## Dues and Other News

Visitors are always welcome of course, but if you are a regular attendee and have not joined the club, please remedy that oversight. The club needs your financial support. Please give your dues to **John Stankus** at the meeting or mail it to the PO Box.

**John** also has some new NTWA directories available. Please contact him if you did not get our directory. Nametags are available at the meeting. **With so many new members, it is difficult to keep track of all the names. Please announce your name and/or wear a nametag.**

## Web News

The web site now has a **member e-mail list** and a place for members to display their projects. There is also a bulletin board for club members interested in classified ads. **Mark Simon** welcomes comments and pictures for the web site.

## Library

The materials in the library (housed in Owen Haggard's shop) are available on a one-month loan **to members only**. If you have materials checked out, please return them ASAP. If you are new to the club, please check out our extensive library of information. If you have not yet joined, this month is a perfect time.

## Show and Tell

**Munawar Soomro** showed a box with dovetails that he built for his daughter.

**Greg Glennon** showed a block that he used to try out stains for the cherry bed frame he is building. Cherry is notorious for blotching but Greg had good luck with his trials. **Howard Hale** showed Greg how to apply an oil based gel stain.

**Norm Shirk** told about his accident with the table saw. While cutting a piece for a table he is building, the piece caught on the blade, swiveled and slammed into Norm. Although he went to the emergency room, he was luck to escape serious injury. It was Norm's first bad accident in 20 years of woodworking.

**Owen Haggard** showed the progress he was making on a very large project he had undertaken for his daughter's dance class. They needed a sleigh for their Nutcracker production and Owen generously volunteered to design and build it.

**Dorothy Truitt** brought in her first attempt at jig making. It was for building picture frames. The design had a flaw or two so club members offered suggestions for correcting them.

**Steve Yauch** showed a set of the brass set up bars.

**Larry Maughn** brought the club up-to-date on the deals going on at Rockler and Woodcraft.

The **Show and Tell** drawings were won by **Owen Haggard** and **Greg Glennon**.

**Raffle**

The raffle prizes were a fatigue mat won by **Greg Glennon** and a diamond sharpener won by **Stewart Cole**.

**Program**

This month's program was member-sharpening techniques.

**Steve Yauch, Larry Maughn, Munawar Soomro, and Gary Turman** all shared their favorite systems. **Gary**, a metal worker, gave a very informative demonstration – with props – for the various stones, etc. Maybe we should have a whole program using Gary's expertise in this field.



**Owen Haggard** with his sleigh project.



**Gary Turman** brings out his bag of goodies.



**Munawar Soomro** had diamond and water stones.



**Steve Yauch** showed 2 diamond stones and a leather piece glued to a board.



**Larry Maughn** showed a new and improved version of the Veritas jig.

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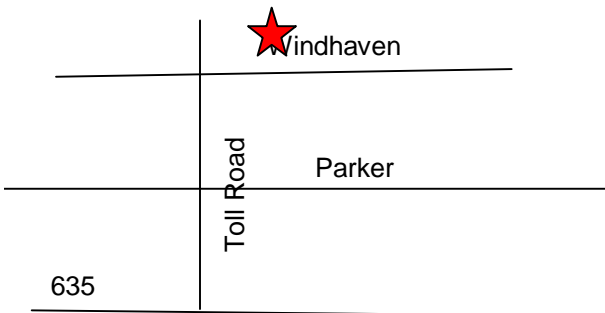
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

**NTWA Calendar**

**December meeting: Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM @ Haggard's Party Barn in Plano.  
The program will be a the annual Christmas party/dinner and a toy making contest.**

**Meeting Map**



**Directions: In Plano, going north on the Toll road, exit Parker or Windhaven, turn right on Windhaven, and left into the first driveway. If you reach the stop signs, you've gone too far.**

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**Dec. 20th**  
7:00PM  
**Haggard's Party**  
**Barn**  
See you there!  
**Don't forget to**  
**bring a dessert.**

