



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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Welcome

President John Loftis thanked everyone for coming to the October NTWA meeting.



A group of members catch up with each other before the meeting started.

Guests

Steve Hatman from McKinney is a hobbyist woodworker who located NTWA online.

Larry of McKinney is a hobbyist woodworker who was invited by member Bill Bush.

Ron Winch of Louisville met member Dan Chenault at Rockler who invited him to attend.

Zack and Beth Mailey are from Dallas and they found NTWA through a Goggle search.

Richard Sivernell of Plano was told about NTWA by John Horn who did a turning demo for the club. Richard is a turner who also does "flat" work.

Announcements

Jeff Whitcomb announced that he has PVC tubing of various lengths that can be used for a steam bending box. He was able to salvage them from a construction site and they are free for the asking.

Although there is still no woodworking show scheduled for the DFW area, GT Robinson said the guy who did last year's Houston show is still interested in doing one in DFW. A show of hands indicated broad support from club members for a show in April.

John Loftis related a tragic event for the family of his babysitter and asked for volunteers to help convert an office into a family/game room in the babysitter's home.

John also announced a change in tonight's program due to a health issue with David Frechtman. The veneering program will be delayed until the November meeting. Mark Seay of Woodcraft will step in to present a program on bandsawn boxes.

Shop Questions

Gary Turman asked if anyone had any experience with Shefton water stones. No responses indicated no one has.

Vic Caranna indicated he will have Corian squares available at the next meeting for any interested members.

Shop Questions (continued)

Gary Bobenhausen asked if it would be possible to thin glue that has thickened over time. The general consensus was to throw it away and not take chances that the strength of the glue would be compromised.

Lynn Floyd asked for recommendations for gluing Teak. Steve Jenkins recommended TiteBond III and to wipe down the joint with lacquer thinner first.



John Crawley got tired of the ends of his cell phone charger wires falling to the floor so he created this block with two slots and a swivel top to

hold up to two wires that stay put when disconnected.

Show & Tell



Jim Polanco made a box out of Oak for his grandson's sea shell collection. It has a removable tray with a glass tray and secret release to open the tray.

Jeff Whitcomb showed off his first cutting board made of Maple and Walnut. He intends to use these cutting boards as client gifts.



Although difficult to tell, this is a segmented bowl of walnut and maple turned by Paul Tieffle of the North Texas Woodturners for a fund raising raffle. The bowl is actually oval and to legs are part of the turning; they were not added after the bowl was turned.



Sidney Futrell brought in pictures of a torsion box bed foundation he made. The picture on the left show how the legs were slotted before gluing to give the foundation solid support.

Jim Palanco won the \$10.00 drawing for Show & Tell.

Raffle

Wayne Bower: Freeman Professional Pin & Brad nailer

Mike Mannes: Wooddriver Offset Gauge

Jeff Whitcomb: Kreg Squaree Cut Jig

Kurt Templeton: Pittsburg Digital Caliper

Ron Winch: Stop Loss bags for preserving finish.

Program



John Loftis introduced Mark Seay of Woodcraft. Mark generously jumped in at the last minute to catch up club members about various classes held at the area Woodcraft stores and to show us the basic steps in how bandsawn boxes are made.

Classes available through Woodcraft are announced in their monthly sales flyer that are mailed to everyone signed up on their email lists. If you're not receiving them and want to, go to www.woodcraft.com; click on "Sales Flyer" on the top menu bar and then click on the box below the flyer asking if you want to receive the flyer each month by email. It's that simple!

A basic cabinet class meets over 2 full days.

End Grain cutting boards is a 3 night class.



Building a country shelf is another popular class.



Spoke shaves and specialty planes are other classes



Mark then launched into the main part of his program on the steps to successfully making a bandsawn box.

1. Glue up a blank
2. Glue on a pattern
3. Cut the outside profile. Mark uses a 1/8" blade and prefers to use cool blocks. He "buries" the blade in the middle of the cool blocks to eliminate blade twisting and movement. He also stressed to make sure the blade is perpendicular to the table!
4. Cut the inside profile **IF** the drawer is a pass thru drawer. If not, then slice off the back of the blank to glue back on after the inside is cut out.
5. Sand, sand and sand some more. Mark uses a spindle sander for the inside profile and a belt or disc sander for the outside.
6. Cut off the front and back of the drawer to cut out the interior then glue them back on.
7. Mark glues on small strips of maple onto the bottom of the inside profile to even the shadow line around the drawer.



8. CA glue is used to glue a knob on the drawer.
9. Apply the finish of your choice and you're done.

November Program

The October program has been rescheduled for November.

Program Chairman Jason Carpenter has lined up another dynamite program for our November meeting. David Frechtman will be demonstrating veneering, but not just any veneering.

David studied at the North Bennett Street School of Woodworking in

Boston, MA after he realized he needed more instruction in joinery to go with his interest in woodworking design.

David has won numerous awards including a third prize in the professional category of the American Woodworker Excellence in Craftsmanship awards for his Demi-Lune hall table.

If you have any interest in veneering or have some special pieces of veneer you're looking for inspiration on how to use, then this is a can't miss program from one of the very best in the business.

*Next club meeting:
Nov. 18th, 2014
7:00 p.m.
The Party Barn*

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