



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

November 2016

Welcome

President John Loftis welcomed everyone to the November meeting. He said that in addition to the program on bandsawn boxes, we will be having a swap meet.

Guests

Jerry Andres is a beginning woodworker from the Colony and learned about NTWA through Woodcraft in Plano.

Dan Blackshear drove down from Hendricks, OK (just over the Red River). Likes to make cabinets and furniture. Knew of NTWA over 20 years ago when he lived in Arlington.

Announcements

Rutledge Haggard has a 16" Jet planer for sale. Can be seen in the Haggard shop next to the party barn.

Teresa Jones, TJ, entered the cradle she made in the Texas Furniture Makers Show in Kerrville and won the "Best Apprentice" category. See Show & Tell in the July 2017 newsletter for a picture of her fine work.

Steve Yauch reminded everyone of the potluck coming up for the December meeting. Two of the prizes will be a Festool item and a Doug Ashby custom knife. Doug was our program for the October meeting.

Part of the swap meet will be tools from the John MacGregor estate. His

family donated them to be sold by NTWA with the proceeds going to a charity in his name.

Shop Questions

Mike Manness asked for ideas on how to make figured maple pop. Jim Cadorette suggested he look at a video by Mark Spagnola, the Wood Whisperer. Others suggested to avoid boiled linseed oil which yellows over time. Armor Seal by General Finishes was another suggestion.

Manny Soomro is trying to fill cracks in a project with gold flakes and it's not coming out very well. Jim Polanco suggested he use epoxy mixed with brass shavings (from a key maker). Once it is sanded, it comes out very bright and looks like gold. Mark Spagnola has a video on the process.

There was a discussion on truing the end of a glue up to 90°. Suggestions included using a router with a straight edge clamp for a guide or taking it to a friend with a table saw with a sliding table.

Lynn Floyd is gluing up some lacewood and is looking for glue recommendations. Steve Jenkins said he uses Titebond II with no problems.

Show & Tell



Wayne Bower made this mahogany and maple jewelry box in a Woodcraft class.



Jim Polanco glued up some scraps and turned this cup on his lathe to hold his vapor stuff. Jim can now easily keep track of his "stuff" in his car, shop or house.



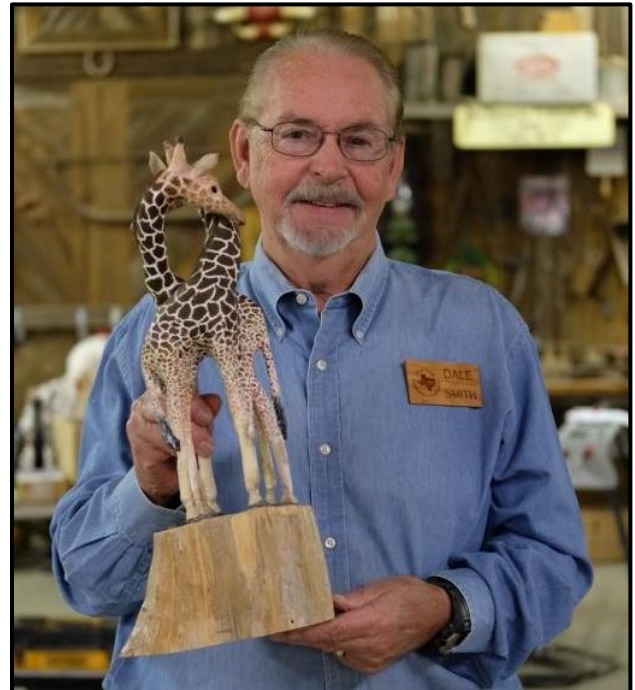
Pete Yavner made this cheese board using wenge and ash. He made the inlays using plug cutters.



Norm Burgess turned this bowl from mesquite.



Gary Badger designed this walnut grandfather clock using SketchUp. He finished this masterpiece with hand rubbed Waterlox.



Dale Smith carved this pair of giraffes from a cedar post. They were awarded a 3rd place recognition at the state fair which Dale received for them. Way to go Dale!!



Lisa Hawkins used her scroll saw to make this sea horse.



Fred Sawtell made several book holders for stocking stuffers and gifts. Keeps the pages flat.

Raffle

Ed Jordan: 4 foot Linkable LED shop light.

Rutledge Haggard: 4 foot Linkable LED shop light.

Wendell Brough: Veritas Wonder Pup bench dog.

Gary Turman: Veritas Wonder Pup bench dog.

Don Eason: Woodpecker Precision Triangle set.

Program

The November program was presented by Jay Stearns who became a serious woodworker 10 years ago specializing in bandsawn boxes. He's always been fascinated with boxes so that's all he's made.



Terry Evans is a box maker that Jay admires and he was inspired to make this 21-layer box by some of Terry's work. Jay won 1st in class at the 2016 Texas State Fair with this oval box.



The 16 drawers on this splatted sycamore log (below) rotate to open. There are hidden drawers too! The box design is from one of Jeff Vollmer's Puzzle Box books.





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Jay walked us through the process of entering a project in the Texas State Fair. Entry forms are available at www.bigtex.com as are all the details. Projects must be pre-entered; they do not allow "walk-ins." He advised us to pay close attention to the deadlines as they are very strict. There is a \$4.00 entry fee and August 20th is normally the turn-in date.

Next club meeting:
Dec. 20th, 2016
7:00 p.m.
The Party Barn

Potluck!
Bring your Show & Tell!

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