

North Texas Woodworker's Association

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Newsletter

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February Meeting Review

By Larry Cumba

Steve Jenkins opened the meeting and welcomed guests Roger Robinson, Bill Anderson and wife, Mike Macklin and Ronald Jeeters. Steve also thanked the guys that organized the Bob Flexner workshop, which was a big success.

Bring Back

Jim Dawson brought back some pieces of cocobolo and ebony, plus two router bits. Nice loot, Jim! They were won by Earl Ashurst and we all wonder if his bringback will be as grand?

Q & A:

Larry Mart mentioned that at the workshop Bob Flexner said that one of his pet peeves is that cans of finishes usually do not have their ingredients listed. So one day, while at the lumber yard, Larry noticed that the Velspar brand was the only one that did so. If you have a reaction to different chemicals this can be very valuable information.

Dan Henry was finishing his china hutch and ran into a problem with the dark stain he was using. He called Bob Flexner who suggested a remedy. Dan was impressed that he took the time to talk to him, was down to earth, and a real likeable guy.

Frank Gregg is making a kitchen counter top with a forty-five degree chamfer on the edge. A couple of our distinguished members said Wilsonart is the only supplier of that type of material. Case closed.

Show & Tell

Ken Glasscock brought a bookstand carved from 1 piece of wood in India. His mother bought it 35 years ago. He offered copies of the pattern to anybody who was interested.

Ken Patrick showed us the walnut Hepplewhite drop leaf table he made with tapered legs and mortise and tenon joinery. The titebond glue keeps swelling out of the joints, though.

Bob Jones brought us a picture of the twenty four foot long cornice board he made in one continuous piece. At eighteen inches high with gold leaf moulding and trim, Bob said installation was quite a job.

Frank Gregg was building a CD drawer for a book case. Everything was going fine until he noticed the drawer was too wide for the slides. As a remedy he dadoed each side to fit the slides. You can't keep a good man down.

Steve Yauch showed us the homemade faceplate he is going to use on his lathe.

Steve Jenkins let us take a look at the mill gauge he brought. It is used to measure the thickness of finishes.

George Tocquigny has finished the ball and claw legs he has been carving to go on a foot stool he is making. We got to see the finished product and the start of the stool frame. Hurry, George.

Nominations for Officers:

President	Steve Jenkins	Programs	George Thornton & Dennis Furlow
Vice President	Owen Haggard	Membership	Bob Jones
Treasurer	Jack Edgecomb	Library	Dale Osborne
Newsletter editor	Ken Patrick	Shows	Dan Henry
Secretary	Earl Ashurst	Webmaster	Craig Sullivan

NTWA Calendar

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 1999 @ 7:00 p.m. at Owen Haggard's shop (see map inside)

Program Topic: Dennis Furlow - shaker boxes OR Sam Slaterwhite from American Woodworker magazine

April Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 18, 1999

Program: Shaker Boxes if we don't get a chance to do them in march.

Announcements:

The club library needs loose-leaf binders (2" to 3") and plastic storage crates. If you have any laying around or if they are being thrown out at your office, please bring them in so we don't have to buy new ones.

Program:

This month the program was on leaded glass and how it can be useful in woodworking. Christina Forte, an artist with twenty years experience, was gracious enough to come and give us her insights into the world of leaded glass. She also brought a beautiful, door-size leaded glass panel she donated to the club to be auctioned. After a spirited round of bids, Mike Pregent came out on top and the club had a significant boost to its bank account. Thanks Christina! And thanks Mike!

After the auction Christina got down to business. She started by showing us different types of glass and their uses. As for tools and equipment, an investment of a hundred dollars is all that is needed to get rolling. Christina gave a summary and demonstration of the tools and jigs she uses to cut and attach glass to the lead channels she uses to hold the glass. To start a panel that requires a lot of special cuts she makes a pattern on paper and numbers each piece of the pattern. Then the pieces of the paper pattern are cut and glued to the glass she will use. Time to cut the glass (which she made look easy). After that, the lead is cut and attached to the glass. Christina also showed us some neat jigs she uses to make repetitive straight cuts.

She gives classes for the inspired that cost seventy five dollars for ten lessons. Also, she sells glass supplies. Her business is called FORTE' IN GLASS. Phone number is 972-380-0011. Her web site is <http://users.aol.com./forteglass>. She is also available for made-to-order custom work. After her program for which we are very grateful, Bob Jones took a minute to give us some tips on attaching leaded glass to wood. Thanks to both Christina and Bob for a fun program that gave us another way to express our creativity.

P.S. It was good to see Walter Schuster back at the meeting.

Larry Cumba

Shop Tours:

Frank Gregg will host a shop tour March 25, the Saturday after the monthly meeting, from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Frank is famous for his jigs, and having seen his shop, I can vouch for the fact that it will be an interesting and worthwhile shop tour! He shares space with Hudson Rush Co. at 11450 Pagemill Rd, Dallas, TX 75243. It is very near Skilman and Forest Lane. Take the Skilman/Audelia Rd exit from 635 and go North on Skilman. Turn right on Pagemill Rd. and 11450 is on the left - about the third building. You can call Frank at (214) 343-6471.

If you are willing to share your shop with the club, please contact Earl Ashurst (so your tour can be announced in the newsletter) at (972) 517-7825 or <earla@directlink.net>. Show off your stuff!

If you would like to try receiving the newsletter via electronic mail, send a message to Bob Jones at <cascademondiale@home.net> and he'll fix you up.

We'd like to have some bookcases for the club's library. It will be raised as a potential club project at the meeting, so be ready to give the club your support. Let's make our library the best ever.

TIP:

If you are looking for ideas on organizing you work space, try checking out the Lowes Home Center web page. They have plans for mobile woodworking tool cabinets, storage shelving, building a loft in your garage, and a number of other interesting ideas. See their How-To index at <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/findex.asp>. Of course, they want you to buy the hardware at their store, but the ideas and plans are pretty good. And free is a very good price!

FOR SALE:

Luren C-410 Combination machine - \$5500
5 HP 16" jointer / Planer, 3 HP Shaper, 12" tablesaw with sliding table, mortising table.
If interested, contact Steve Jenkins

Here is a hot link so you can get a map to the meeting place.

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?Pyt=Tmap&addr=6220+COMMUNICATION+PKWY&csz=plano%2C+tx&Get%AOMap=Get+Map>

Directions to the Meeting:

From northbound on the Dallas North Tollway, exit at Windhaven Dr. (just North of Parker, South of Spring Creek) and go West. Take the first right onto Communications Parkway and turn into the first driveway on the right. Find a place to park along the driveway or on the street and come back to the shop.

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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 6:00 p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

Membership in NTWA is \$24.00 per year. Make checks payable to No. Texas Woodworker’s Assoc. and mail to P. O. Box 831567, Richardson, Texas 75083-1567. Or come to the next meeting and see Jack Edgecomb.