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December Meeting Review

By **Earl Ashurst**

Owen Haggard opened the Christmas meeting and welcomed everyone to the Haggard Party Barn, which has been newly renovated and expanded to about twice its original size. I can't say enough to praise the Haggards for hosting us at their marvelous facility. It makes putting on our holiday meetings very easy.

Earl Ashurst, club secretary/chaplain, offered an invocation on the food, after which everyone got real busy eating for a while.

There was a tool trade advertised for the meeting, but the only items presented were a pair of faceplates (one with LH threads, one with RH) for a Craftsman lathe and some bandsaw blades. The faceplates went for \$5 for the pair, but I didn't hear whether the blades sold.

After the Bring-Back drawing, we used the same tickets to draw for some extras. First, a nice, framed cross of multi-layered laser cut veneer made by **Bob Jones**. It was won by **G. T. Robinson**. Then two loafs of bread, banana and pumpkin, were won by **Jim Dawkins**.

Owen called a few auctions of items donated to the club. A set of Forstner bits attracted a lot of bids. They went to **Rutledge Haggard** for \$15. Two boxes of hook & loop 5" sanding discs were next. The box of 100 grit went for \$8, and the 150 grit went for \$7, both to **Dan Henry**.

It was a fun evening and nobody went home hungry. Personally, I was too tempted by the dessert table and had trouble getting up from the table.

Again, thanks to the Haggards for hosting the event. By the way, if you missed the Blues Brothers on the new stage, you can hang your head and cry. It was the best!

Announcements

Come to the meeting Jan 16, 7pm, at Owen Haggard's shop!

Upcoming Programs:

George Thornton, one of our program coordinators, asked for volunteers to present skills, tips, tools - whatever - in the program part of future meetings. The objective of the club is to share skills, so please don't be shy about sharing what you know and do. If you have program requests, see George, too.

General Discussions

Dale Osborne asked about the pros and cons of left-tilt vs. right-tilt tables saws. This is one of those perennially controversial questions, so it generated a lot of discussion. Whether the opinions expressed were helpful to Dale is another question.

Bob Furlow asked if there is an internet index of all woodworking magazines. Each magazine has its own

indexing, of course, but he wanted a single index. Someone brought up WoodFind, which is a subscription service. Here is a review:

Platform: Windows

Developer: WOODFIND (<http://home.kendra.com/woodfind/>)

Price: \$56.95, \$18.95 for yearly updates

Reviewed By: Bill Kovalick, WoodBin

To put it simply, WOODFIND is a program for finding information in woodworking magazines. At the heart of it is an index that contains references to articles, tips, and letters from 23 woodworking magazines. That amounts to 1200+ issues and more than 26,000 entries! What is really impressive is that this index has been manually updated every year since the early 1990's.

I should make it clear up front that the WOODFIND index does not contain the actual woodworking articles and letters - only references or summaries of them. You'll still have to track down the magazines yourself. All the major woodworking magazines are indexed so unless you subscribe to the East Podunk Woodworking Times, your favorite magazine is likely to be covered by WOODFIND.

It was proposed that we subscribe to the service for the library.

Craftsman radial arm saws are being recalled because of a problem with the blade guard. If you have one and want to find out if it is included, go to the Sears web site for more info. If yours is included in the recall, you simply fill out a form and Sears will send a replacement blade guard

Bring Back

Mike Pregent brought a pair of new 12" wooden shop clamps for this month's drawing. You can't get enough clamps, so lots of folks bought tickets for them, including Mike. Wouldn't you know that Mike won again!? However, he is a gentleman, so he put it back in and Owen had another ticket drawn. This time, **Dan Walker** won it.

Bring-Back is a fund-raising meeting event, where participants pay a dollar each for Bring Back tickets. A single winning ticket is drawn, and the winner takes the item offered home to keep. The winner has the responsibility to bring back a new item for the following month=s Bring Back event.

Library

No news this month.

Show & Tell

Norm Shirk showed his self-designed drill press table and fence. He used 2 pieces of birch plywood with oak banding, a laminate top, T tracks and an aluminum fence. He said the hardest part was cutting the T track to match

the bevel on the edge banding. His fence was a nice piece of work and not nearly so over-engineered as his submission last month!

Dan Henry showed his MDF skill-saw guide. It is simply a wide piece of MDF glued on a piece of 1/4" plywood. The sole of the skillsaw rides against the MDF. Initially, you trim the plywood with the saw, so the edge is exactly where the cut will always be with that saw. Someone suggested gluing sandpaper on the bottom of the jig to help it stay put. Dan advised that if you make one of your own, be sure to make it wide enough so the saw will pass by your clamps.

Jack Edgecomb had a jig for cutting raised panels on the tablesaw, especially small pieces, and for cutting the narrow side of a panel. He demonstrated this jig last year (or was it the year before?) in a battle of the panel raisers when he was pitted against **Walter Schuster**. Jack also showed us a circle-cutting jig for his router. He cut the dadoe for a glass clock face by using different bits in the same jig. Next, Jack showed a jig for drilling consistently spaced holes, like when installing shelf pins, and butt hinge template for routing hinges into doors.

Charles Grant brought a miniature bench (about 1 1/2" long) he makes for a lady who packages them and sells them to craft stores. He makes 200 - 1,000 at a time, using a sled on his tablesaw. He cuts grooves on the ends of a stack of small pieces, then trims the notched ends off. The notched pieces become the legs of the benches, while the remaining piece becomes the top. Very clever.

Dan Walker, who was here for the first time after hearing about us at DNR saw, brought in his Kreg jig. He uses it extensively for making face frames.

Your faithful, long-suffering secretary [**Earl Ashurst**] showed his favorite jig, a piece of rope, which he uses for lashing the hose from his dust collector to various pieces of machinery to catch dust. I think it was a clever demonstration, even though many of you tried to hoot me down for such audacity.

Charles Grant and **Norm Shirk** each received \$10 for their Show & Tell offering. We have a drawing to award \$10 for each 5 submissions. Bring something to show and perhaps you will be paid, too. [Hey, Charles, this could get profitable! ed.]

From the Board

Call for Articles: Members are encouraged to submit woodworking-related articles for publication in the newsletter as space is available.

Bob Jones made up some member lists so we could take them home. He asked that everyone check their address, including e-mail addresses even if you don't get the newsletter via e-mail. If there are any changes, please let Bob know.

Dale Osborne announced that Fine Woodworking magazine will renew magazine subscriptions through NTWA. We will individually get a 20% discount by subscribing or renewing through the club, and if there are at least 10, the club will get a free subscription for the

library. We did this last year and it is a good deal. Time is short, though, so Dale will take sign-ups at the January meeting only before sending it in. Make your checks out to NTWA and give them to **Jack Edgecomb**.

Dan Henry announced that the planned Saturday router workshop has been canceled due to Mr. Busby's ill health.

ELECTIONS! It's getting on to NTWA officer election time again. This ain't Florida, so we only vote once, and we don't count dimples! If you have an interest in serving your fellow woodworker, please contact a board member and let him know. Elections are held at opening of the March meeting, so don't wait too long!

Shop Tour

We have no shop tour scheduled for January. If you wish to host one, and can afford the donuts, please come to the meeting or let a board member know, and we'll make the announcement at the meeting.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Members can list items for sale, trade, or wanted free. Email or call your newsletter editor!

FOR SALE - Delta bandsaw, 6" cut to 12" resaw. Call Ruben @ 214-388-4319. \$250 OBO.

Directions to the January 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.

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?Pyt=Tmap&addr=6000+Bishop+Road&city=Plano&state=TX&slt=33.056600&sln=-96.825000&name=&zip=75093-7813&country=us&BFCat=&BFClient=&mag=9&desc=&cs=9&newmag=8>

Meeting MAP!

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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 Woodworkers Assoc. and mail to address above. Or come to the next meeting and see Jack Edgecomb.

NTWA Calendar

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2001 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's shop.

December Shop Visit: None scheduled.

February Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2001 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.

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