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Newsletter

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January Meeting Review

By **Earl Ashurst**

Owen Haggard opened the meeting and welcomed visitors: **Mike Collins** from Coleyville, **Jim Erriman** from Heath, TX who heard about us at Paxton's, and **Bill McCloud** from Murphy.

Announcements

Come to the meeting Feb 20, 7pm, at Owen Haggard's shop!

Upcoming Programs:

We will have a demonstration of the Leigh dovetail jig for the February meeting. We thank **Dave Arbuckle** for offering to make this presentation.

General Discussions

Bob Jones has member lists for anybody who doesn't have one, yet.

Owen reminded everyone that our **annual election** of Board Members is coming up in the February meeting. We have several positions where the incumbents are not available to serve again, so we need volunteers. By the end of the meeting, Owen had at least one volunteer for each position except secretary. If you can help your club by serving, please contact Owen or come to the February meeting ready to volunteer. Also, it is very acceptable to run for any position, even if we already have a volunteer for that position. If you want it, please step forward.

Slate of Officers for Elections: Additional nominations will be accepted before the election.

President: **Earl Ashurst** Vice President: **Jim Dawson**
Treasurer: **Jack Edgecomb** Secretary: [open]
News Letter: **Lynn Sabin** Shows: **Dan Henry**
Programs: **Ken Patrick** (co-chair) Library: **Dale Osborne**
Membership: **Bob Jones**-with monthly help selling tickets
Webmaster: **Mike McAloon**

Elections are in February, March is a training month for new board members, and the new officers are officially in charge in April.

Owen also discussed the idea of making up a member photo board. **Kevin Kirkman** volunteered to take the photos.

Where can you get an old table stripped and refinished? Sanderson's in Lewisville. There is also a place in Grapevine and one in Dennison.

Auction: **Frank Gregg's** edge clamps were auctioned. Martin Lutz bid \$5 each and took all twelve at that price.

One More Time: 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

Tim Walker brought an InchMate calculator. **Mike Pregent** has been very lucky in the Bring Back drawings lately and he won it again.

Library

Dale Osborne had another box of surplus magazines free to whomever wants them. He also has a new book list.

Fine Woodworking and Woodwork magazines have enough of a spine so there's a card for each issue. All other magazines are together in notebooks for a year.

Subscriptions to Fine Woodworking and Fine Home Building magazines are due today. If we get ten or more, the club gets a free subscription, but everybody gets a 20% discount through the club subscription.

Kevin Kirkman volunteered to loan his index of Shop Notes to fill in some missing pages from the library copy.

Show & Tell

Earl Ashurst brought in the fence from his Jet contractor's model tablesaw. He reported he had been frustrated for years because he couldn't rip a straight edge on a board --it always bound up. Recently he noticed the front corner of the fence protrudes very slightly. When a board goes by the small protruding spot, it moves over and causes the board to bind. He cut off the corner of the fence above the high spot and now he can rip a board.

Dan Henry brought photos of a large Murphy bed, or hide-a-bed. He used a kit from Create-a-bed which provides all the hardware, including large air pistons to help lift it up. Dan incorporated a table into the design so that when the bed is up, the table can be attached to the front with clips replacing two legs of the table.

Dan also showed his latest toy -- a "Router Raiser", available from WoodCraft for about \$89. It is an attachment for a router that allows you to accurately raise and lower your router via a wrench that fits into a nut in the router base while it is installed in a router table. It is very neat and he likes it.

Lynn Savin likes hand planes. She was recently working on cabinets for storing her 50 or so planes and still didn't have enough room.

She showed us a holder she made for two jointer planes. It easily attaches to the side of a cabinet and the planes are securely held in place, but can be quickly lifted up and out. She also showed a rare Stanley #5¼, or "schoolboy" jack plane. It is slightly smaller than most jack planes and fits her hands nicely, so it is her very favorite.

Dave Arbuckle saw a pattern for a chessboard in WoodSmith magazine, so he made one up from walnut,

birch and lacewood. He used an Incra miter gauge (the source for his poverty) to cut the squares and found it to be easier than he expected. It turned out so well he is considering making some chess pieces so he can play on his new board.

Stan Harder brought in a big box like a suitcase and challenged us to guess what it was. Then he opened it up, took legs out and inserted them into mortises, and set up a marble machine. He designed it himself, mostly as he went along. It had two separate tracks for marbles. Someone asked if he'd lost his marbles, but he said he'd only lost a few that broke when they fell on the concrete floor.

Frank Gregg held up a copy of the October 2000 issue of American Woodworker magazine to show his tablesaw jig that doubles as tenoning jig. The magazine didn't return his original, but he had another one to show. He also pointed out his edge clamps in the 2001 ToolBuyer's Guide. He made up a bunch of his edge clamps and he brought in a dozen to donate to the club.

Ken Patrick showed us some wood auctioned as maple and passed it around. Turns out it was poplar, so the message is "watch out!" The price was good, even for poplar, so no harm done.

He also had the pieces to make up some large panel doors for a wall system cabinet he is building. He chose to divide the door with a mullion, due to his limitations in resawing. The panels are thin slices of quartersawn red oak with terrific grain pattern and rays. He salvaged the wood from the Mary Kay building during renovations two years ago. Ken dry-fitted a door together and showed us why you need three hands to hold up an unglued door.

Martin Lutz is building a grandfather clock for a friend as a wedding present. He brought in the hood to show how he made the curved arch. He made the molding in 1/2 inch pieces and laminated them together to build up the shape. He built two of these clocks in 1983 in H. S. woodshop, but now he misses all the great tools they had. He doesn't have a shaper. He found that Woodworker Supply has a router bit that cuts a big cove in a board. It comes out smooth, unlike when you use a tablesaw for the same operation.

He also showed us some laser-cut plaques he had **Bob Jones** make for him to personalize his work. One was specific for the clock, but he had some more that said "Handcrafted by Martin Lutz".

George Toquigny showed several plumb bobs he turned. He uses solid brass tips. He tried epoxy to attach the tip and found that the heat from polishing the brass melted it. He now uses super glue or even ordinary wood glue. He had a machinist make the tips from scrap brass George buys by the pound. The tops are ordinary lampshade nuts on a short threaded rod. He showed us plumb bobs made out of mesquite, cocobolo, and rosewood. He finishes with deft, brushed on with a very fine squirrel-hair brush. He also showed the bearings and tips he uses to hold the wood and polish it. Typically, he starts with files, the wet/dry sandpaper from 400 through 1,000 grit, then Tripoli polish on leather, then jeweler's rouge on leather,

then untreated leather for a final polish.

Rubin Glaucier brought several items he makes, some incorporating tiles which he hand paints and fires himself. He is making fancy boxes of stoppers for all the local vineyards and he showed us an example. He had a number of turned items, including bowls, a shifter knob for a car, and an old fashioned walnut scoop. All these pieces were in a large box with finger joints, but he didn't talk much about that.

\$10 Show and Tell prizes were won by **Martin Lutz** and **Dave Arbuckle**.

Program

Dennis Furlough did a program on dovetail jigs. He showed a basic Craftsman jig that is inexpensive, but cuts only half-blind dovetails. Many companies make these small jigs and they are useful if you make drawers and not much else.

Dennis spent a lot of time showing us his Keller jig, which comes with a book and video which he showed us. The kit includes two templates and two bits and is very simple. Dennis keeps the two bits in two routers that he uses for nothing else than cutting dovetails. He cut dovetails in a couple of boards, and I'd estimate it took him about 2.78341 minutes, including explanations. Everyone was very impressed, although, at more than \$200, this jig isn't for the casual user.

From the Board

Come volunteer, come vote, come serve your fellow woodworker!

Shop Tour

We have no shop tour scheduled for February. 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.

From: Mark Myers [mailto:mark@timbershop.com]
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Thanks for your time

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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, February 20, 2001 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's shop.

February Shop Visit: None scheduled.

March Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to contact you and your group about our summer classes in woodworking. We will be offering a variety of classes with some well known teachers from around the country including Brian Boggs, Mario Rodriguez, Nora Hall, and Phil Lowe. Please check out our site at www.northwestwoodworking.com for the current class schedule and for our summer list of classes.

The Northwest Woodworking Studio is dedicated to teaching the art and craft of woodworking. Founded in 1997, the Studio is the center for craft education in woodworking in the Pacific Northwest. We promote the value of woodworking experience through hands-on classes teaching traditional woodworking skills to students of all ability levels.

Through my work as a furniture maker and teacher for 25 years, I have come to believe in the value of hands-on learning. It's how I learned. My writing for Fine Woodworking Magazine is all good and has value, but the best way to learn is to get your hands on the tools and the wood. That's why I started this school.

I would love to send some brochures out to you and your group if I could. Please let me know how many you'd like and I'll send them out soonest. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Gary Rogowski

Directions to the Febuary 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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