

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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President **Walt Schuster** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. **Walt** expressed a thank you to all who have served on the board this past year.

Visitors were **Dr. and Mrs. Burton Jones** (Dr. Jones was a member a long time ago), and **Laurence Brigg's friend, Diana**.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **May 20th, 7pm**, at **Mike Pregent's Shop**. (see the map on page 3). The program will be May 20- **Router Ravings**- membership participation - comparisons of routers and accessories- plunge vs. fixed, table mount vs. handheld, trim vs. heavy duty. What are your likes and dislikes? Bring in your special use jigs, fixtures or bits that solved your problems or created bigger ones and share them with the group.

Mark Simon mentioned that dues began as of April for the year 2003.

Questions and Remarks

Fred Groves asked if anyone knew where he could get cypress to make outdoor furniture. **Bob Jones** suggested **Bob Pugh's** mill. Other club members recalled a mill in Ft. Worth.

Norm Shirk is clearing land in East Texas and will have some hardwood available. If interested contact Norm via the NTWA directory.

Robert Pearson, a new NTWA member, announced the impending opening of Rockler's newest locations in Arlington and Mesquite. Rockler is seeking experienced woodworkers, men or women, with the ability to demonstrate their area of expertise to the public. If you are interested you can contact Robert at 469-767-1123.

Dues and Other News

For those of you who are interested in joining NTWA, you can do so by sending your dues to **Mark Simon** at the address below. Membership is \$24 per year and is prorated from April. **Dues collection is ongoing.**

Mark also has some new NTWA directories available. Please contact him if you did not get our directory. Nametags are available at the meeting. The wooden

tags are \$3 to cover the cost of making the tags.

E-mails

Members who want the newsletter delivered by e-mail may need to check with **Dorothy Truitt or Mark Simon** to make sure that their e-mail address is correct in our database. There are always a few e-mails sent back as undeliverable.

Web News

Thankfully **Mike McAloon** has agreed to continue as Webmaster for the club. Mike welcomes comments and pictures for the web site. If you have not checked the site lately, take a look.

Library Notes from **Dale Osborne** - When borrowing from the library, please include the **year** in the "date borrowed" column and **PRINT YOUR NAME in CAPITAL letters**. Then place the card in the appropriate section of the box of library cards. When returning an item, retrieve the card from the box and place it in the item's pocket. Please keep for no more than 2 mos.

The following items are either WAY overdue or missing altogether:

book no. 164 entitled **Joiners and Planers**.

Video # Title

5 **Mastering your Table Saw**: Kelly Mehler

8 **Small Shop Projects** - Boxes

9 **Making Kitchen Cabinets**: Paul Levine (2 copies)

12 **Touch-up & Repair Finishes**: Mohawk

14 **Woodmaster Planer**, Set-up & Operation

18 **Bowl Turning**: Del Stubbs

19 **Making Mortise & Tenon Jts.**: Frank Klausz

21 **Mastering Woodworking Machines**: Mark Duginske

22 **Router Jigs & Techniques**: Bernie Maas & Michael Fortune

Dale says there are over **\$300** worth of library materials **missing or WAY overdue**.

Show and Tell

Gary Turman showed a Bessey UniKlamp used for small items – looks like a K-body, but isn't. Much of the clamp was plastic, making it unsuitable for heavy clamping.

Dan Pugliese had one of his wonderful toys – an aircraft carrier.

Phil Timmons had some dowels, butcher block materials, and four solid oak doors he wanted to sell.

Charles Garrison showed a box he had made from a tree that a neighbor in North Carolina had cut down. Charles has made 20 bowls and 9 jewelry boxes from the wood (ambrosia maple). The box has a floating top and the interior tray is flocked.

Adam Yavner showed a canopied doll bed that he made from a design done by his young daughter.

Laurence Briggs had a picture of a cradle he made for his granddaughter. He also showed a turning he had done and finished using dye. He had several different colors of aniline dye.

Dan Henry had a picture of an oak entertainment center that he had built.

Fred Groves showed a birdhouse he had turned out of a dogwood that blew down in his neighbor's yard. Fred put the piece in the freezer for 3 weeks, then in the fridge. It developed a small crack, so he put it in a plastic bag on a shelf and later found that the crack had healed itself.

Scott McCaffrey showed some bandsaw boxes he had made from ash and afzelia burl.

Bob Jones showed his seven stitches from an accident with his bandsaw AND tablesaw. A door slammed, he jumped, and oops! For comparison, Bruce Stanemeir showed what happens when you DON'T get stitches. Bob's are healing better. This led to a brief, and gory, discussion of how to respond when cutting off a finger. It was strongly suggested that a program on safety might be necessary.

The **Show and Tell** prizes were won by **Laurence Briggs** and **Fred Groves**.

The **Bring Back**, a set of counter sink drill bits, was brought in by **Adam Yavner**. It was won by **Dan Henry**.

Classified

Club members can place ads in the newsletter for free. Call or e-mail Dorothy.

For Sale:

1 **Delta Sharpening Center** \$70

Contact: **Dale Buchanan** 214-850-6603

Leigh Jig with dovetail, also mortise and tenon attachment. Ex. Cond. Cost \$560, will sell for \$350.

Steve Carlton 972-422-0241 carlton@airmail.net

Wanted: 3 1/4 hp **Porter Cable router** -**Chuck Fowler**
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Program

This month's program was **Band Saw Boxes**, presented by **Jill Baker**. Mrs. Baker showed many of the beautiful boxes she has made, some of which have won ribbons at the State Fair. After giving a brief background for her interest in woodworking, Mrs. Baker explained how she designed and built each of the boxes. She had several different types of designs and many varieties of wood, most of which started out as purchased turning blocks. She showed an example of an error caused by bad blade alignment, a fence designed for small cuts, and some delightful wooden purses made on a Legacy Wood Chuck. Some suggested tips were: use nail files from beauty supply shops for tight corners, use 400 – 600 grit sandpaper, yellow wood glue, and last, but not least, a book entitled Building Beautiful Boxes by Lois Keener Ventura. Many thanks to Mrs. Baker for an excellent presentation.

The Spring Tool Sale at G. Lynn Dowd's will be held May 17th,

9:30-7pm and May 18th 12-6pm at 1400 Williams Dr. Garland, TX (Mapsco 29G)

Thousand of Vintage and Antique hand tools of historic, collectible and practical interest. An eclectic assortment of hand tools for woodworkers, metalworkers, carpenters, mechanics of all types, and assorted other trades and crafts. There will be a select group of trade and craft related books and paper goods, kitchen and farm collectibles, tool boxes, and rustic items.

Congratulations go to **Ross** and **Debbie Smith** on the birth of their son.
Hunter Andrew Smith
March 20th 4:49 PM
20" 8 pounds 2 ounces

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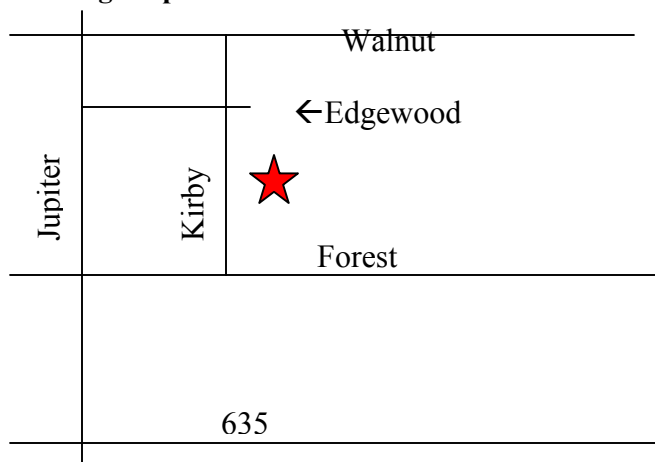
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th, @ 7:00 PM @ Mike Pregent's Shop. Program will be Router Ravings, member participation – bring your ideas, problems and solutions, and router jigs.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Garland, from 635 take Jupiter north to Forest. Take a right on Forest and a left on Kirby. Mike's shop, Turning Point, is on the right. Watch for the sign.

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