

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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President **Walt Schuster** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The visitors were **Chris Wright**, a friend of **Adam Yavner**, **Tom McDermott** and **Jordan Priest**, who found the club on the web site, and **George Wilson** who saw the booth at the woodworker's show.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **May 18th** at **Owen's** shop. The map is on page 3. The program was not available at the time the newsletter went to print.

New Board – Returning president **Walt Schuster** thanked all of those who agreed to be the 2004 NTWA board. **Gerry Stevens** returns as vice-president, **Jack Edgecomb** as treasurer, **Dorothy Truitt** as newsletter editor/secretary, **Mark Simon** will continue as Webmaster, **George Thornton** continues to plan show participation, and **Dale Osborne** heads up the library. New board members are **Munawar Soomro** – Programs, **John Stankus** – Membership, and **Orion Adcock** – library assistant. Two new positions were added. **Bob Jones** is in charge of procuring goodies for the raffle and **Jim Dawson** will head up service projects. The board meets every 1st Tuesday at La Madeleine Preston and Park at 6 PM. Club members are welcome to attend.

At the May 4th board meeting, it was decided that the annual picnic meeting in July would also feature a **contest**. There will be a show and judging to see what imaginative thing club members and guests can make out of an 8ft 2x4.

Steven Deputy sent an e-mail to let the club know that he entered his plaque (the wooden eagle) in the Rockler Woodworking competition for 2003. (picked up the flier at the woodworking show) He won the Misc. category and was presented with a \$100 Gift Certificate to the store.

Questions and Remarks

Dan Henry reminded club members about a project planned by the Sawmill Creek woodworking forum. The members want to make a pen for each serviceman. Dupont will furnish red/white/blue Corian and pen kits are available for a reasonable amount on the Sawmill website.

Dan also mentioned a special woodturning session at Mike Mastin's shop at 1006 N. Tennessee in McKinney on May 15th from 9-4. Club members from various groups will be turning the pens. How many pens can a wood turner chuck? Woodcraft will have a turn-a-thon in July. More on this later.

Walt Schuster reminded the group that articles are always welcome for the newsletter. Please send or e-mail any submissions to **Dorothy**.

Walt also asked a question about the new waterproof glue. Hey, **Bob**, how about getting some samples for the raffle.

Classified

Orion Adcock has a Powermatic 1 hp mortiser for sale. He also has some 1/2" and 1/4" bits – "the expensive kind". Please contact Orion at orion.adcock@ntwa.org

Club members **Stephen** and **Patricia Munroe** announce the opening of their new shop at 1959 Hwy 78 in Wylie, SDM Woodworking, Crafts, and Antiques. They offer craft and woodworking supplies, tool sharpening and repair, and club members will receive a discount.

For those club members who have something for sale, you can list those objects in the newsletter by calling or e-mailing Dorothy the information. You can also put them on the web site by contacting Mark Simon.

E-mails

If you are not getting your e-copy, check with **Dorothy Truitt** or **Mark Simon** to make sure that your e-mail address is correct in our database. There are always a few e-mails sent back as undeliverable. The e-copy will be available no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting via the web site www.ntwa.org. If you are unable to access the web site by the Thursday prior to the meeting, let Dorothy know at dorothy.truitt@NTWA.org

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 club address. Membership is \$24 per year and is prorated from April. **Dues collection began last month for the new year.**

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

Web News

Mark Simon spoke about the new web site. It has a bulletin board for club members interested in classified ads. Mark welcomes comments and pictures for the web site. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to have added let him know.

Library

The materials in the library are available on a one-month loan to members only. If you have materials checked out, please return them ASAP. There are still materials missing that have been checked out for months.

The Raffle, formerly known as the Bring Back, was a big hit. Bob really came through on the items. **The Black and Decker laser level** was won by **Fred Groves**, The \$25 off coupon, donated by **Russel Imper**, sales manager of **Rockler** of Mesquite, was won by **John Stankus**, The last of the Bring Backs, a set of wood chisels was won by **Wendall Brough**, and a nice piece of figured oak, donated by **Mike Mastin**, was won by **Orion Adcock**. This month's raffle will feature a **Porter Cable 505 Sander**, donated by **Mark Johnson**, manager of Porter Cable, and another **\$25 off coupon from Rockler**.

Show and Tell

Pete Yavner brought in an article from the newspaper that featured his rolling pins. He also brought a cheese board made of paduke and hard maple. He used Gorilla glue to make the checkerboard pattern.

Steve Yauch brought in a piece of MDF that he cut to hold the blades from his jointer while he sharpens them.

Norm Shirk brought in a box made of Baltic birch plywood he had made to try some practice cuts for drawers. He also had a very nice board for hanging keys that he made from birch plywood and mahogany.

Chris Morgan brought in a Join Tech calibrated sliding miter. He spoke about his expensive ruler being off so he checked all of his ruler. After finding several mismatched he wrote to John Economaki – of Bridge City Tools - and was told the usual "It is within tolerance." He also brought in a beautiful free-formed

music rack that he designed to make something without straight lines. Made from maple and walnut, it was part of a Mark Adam's class project. Thanks to a quick thinking Munawar, Chris has agreed to to the June program and show how he did the marquetry face of the rack.

Phil Timmons showed the nameplates and cat clock he cut out of Corian with his scroll saw. He also had a deer plaque cut from African paduke. He uses 12.5 teeth per inch blade to cut the Corian and slows the saw down. Phil also volunteered to do a demo.

Dorothy Truitt and **Bob Jones** brought in some pictures of a butterfly cage that they built for Dorothy's elementary school. The cage was built primarily of alder with some mahogany and a screen wire cover. Bob very generously donated the materials, his time and expertise to the project. Dorothy's contributions were some indecipherable dimensions and handing Bob the tools.

Adam Yavner had pictures of his finished and installed 1st commissioned piece. Adam wanted the club to know that he did get paid.

Dale Osborne showed a jig he made to keep threaded inserts straight.

Dan Dain showed some picture of the drawers he made to go into an existing cabinet. He was looking for matching hardware.

Larry Maughn brought in some new cards for Mike Mastin's shop and some nice pieces of curly woods that he had just bought.

Walt Schuster showed some irregular shapes he cut on his Unisaw.

Show and Tell prizes were won by **Pete Yavner**, **Phil Timmons**, and **Dan Dain**.

Auction

Dale Osborne auctioned off some magazines. **Steve Yauch**, **Dan Henry**, **Mark Simon**, **Munawar Soomro** and **Fred Groves** all won bids that totaled \$27. All auctions monies go to the library fund.

Program

The program for March was an audience participation showing of table saw fences.

Steve Yauch showed his Powermatic Vega fence.

Mark Simon showed a DeWalt TS. It works great except for the buttons that get in the way of jigs.

Dan Henry had a Delta Unifence. He had to add some plastic laminate to cover a gouge. He found it to be easily adjustable and versatile. He had add-ons that he had either bought or made.

Walt Schuster also had a Delta Unifence. He demoed some of his techniques and showed an article on fences in the latest issue of Woodworker's Journal.

Chris Morgan showed an Incra fence. It works on a different principle and is very precise. It is only a right sided fence.

Larry Maughn showed a catalog with the latest model and some Master Gauge tune up tips.

Bob Jones showed an old model he replaced with a Sears Professional grade.

Gary Turman brought in his mitre gauge that he had modified.

Dale Osborne spoke about his Jet fence and some of the problems he has encountered. Orion Adcock had some useful suggestions.

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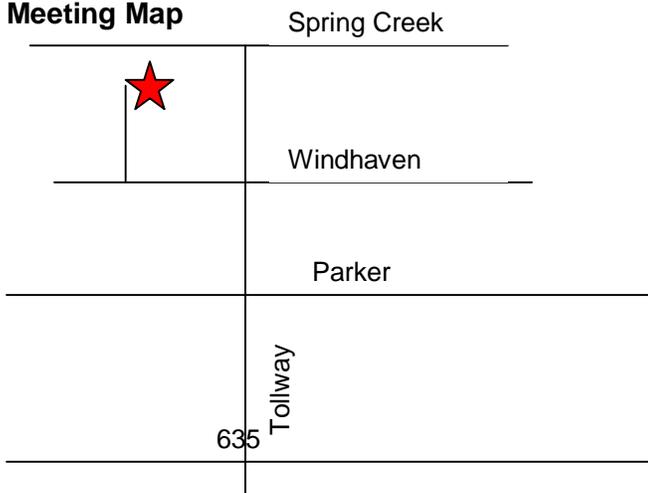
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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

May meeting: Tuesday, May, 18th, @ 7:00 PM @ Owen Haggard's shop. The program was not available at the time the newsletter went to print.
The June 15th meeting will feature Chris Morgan's marquetry demonstration, the July 20th meeting will be the annual picnic, and the August 17th meeting will be a demonstration from Woodcraft (at Mike Pregent's shop in Garland).

Meeting Map



Directions: In Plano, going north on the Tollway, take the Parker or Windhaven Exit, turn left onto Windhaven, and right on Communications Parkway. Owen's drive is the first available turn on the right.

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