

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 lone visitor was **Darren Kammer**, a friend of **Mark Simon's**, who was kind enough to volunteer to take pictures in Mark's absence.

Announcements

Come to the meeting **August 17th** at **Mike Pregent's Shop, The Turning Point**. The map is on page 3. The program will be making boxes, inlays, and joinery presented by **Bob Staebell**.

Questions and Remarks

Walt Schuster thanked **Rutledge Haggard** for the use of the Party Barn. Walt and the board also thank Walt's wife, **Peggy**, for helping with the great picnic meal. He also mentioned that Woodcraft was having a 10% off sale.

Board members agreed that the 2x4 contest was a success and decided to make it an annual event so start thinking about the next contest in July.

In addition, the board discussed a **contest** for the **Christmas** dinner and decided on a toys for tot theme. **Make any toy that can be given to one of the toy drives and bring it to the December meeting.**

Saturday, September 25th has been designated as the day to **replace the lights in Owen's shop**. If you can help, please let **George Thornton** or any board member know at the August or September meetings.

Articles and announcements are always welcome for the newsletter. Please send or e-mail any submissions to **Dorothy** – Dorothy.truitt@NTWA.org.

Classified

For Sale: 25" **Hegnar scroll saw** with stand and magnifying light - \$550.
Contact **Charles Grant** – 972-239-3287.

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 **John Stankus** 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 at the meetings or by sending your dues to **John Stankus** at the club address. Membership is \$24 per year and is prorated from April. **Dues collection is ongoing.**

John 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

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

The web site had 45 hits on it so far this year. And now Mark has added an e-mail list for club members to make it easier for the newsletter to be delivered and for contacting members.

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 library will hold an occasional silent auction for duplicate editions. All proceeds go to the library fund.

Dale Osborne and **Orion Adcock** want to remind everyone that until October we won't be meeting at Owen's shop because of the hot weather. If you have library materials checked out, please bring them to the meeting and Dale or Orion will check them back in.

The Raffle, formerly known as the Bring Back, continues to be a big hit. A 10" combo blade went to **Adam Yavner**, and two pieces of oak lumber went to **Dan Dain** and **Russell Swinney**.

Show and Tell

Pat Munroe showed a plaque/picture like the ones they make in their shop.

Steve Deputy showed the completed plaque he has been working on for his military unit. It contains small bronze nameplates of all the unit members that have been called up for active duty. Steve won first place in a competition at Rockler.

Steve Munroe showed a bench he made from scrap wood he collects from construction sites.

George Tocquigny showed an antique router/shaper that looked like an exercise bike. He had found it recently at an auction.

Bob Jones brought in a small piece of basswood that was carved into a pen with a fish on the end. It was a gift from his daughter.

Charles Grant brought in an old Craftsman sander he bought at a garage sale. He asked if anyone knew the age.

Show and Tell prizes were won by **Charles Grant** and **Steve Munroe**.

Program

The program for July was a 2x4 contest. The object of the contest was to build something out of an 8' piece of 2x4 using no hardware. The contest was judged by the members present using several categories for prizes (raffle tickets for the following year).

Munawar Soomro's entry was a climbing monkey. Munawar was able to move the monkey up and down stair like projections on the main piece of the display. Munawar won in the novice category for best originality and best presentation.

Mark Simon's entry was a marble slide toy. Mark won for best use of the wood in the novice category.

Charles Grant entered a 3D picture/display entitled Bess Our Nest with bird houses and birds. Charles won best presentation and best originality in the advanced category.

Dan Pugliese's entry, one of his beautiful toys - a pick-up truck, won both a groan from the other entrants, and the best use of the wood in the advanced category.

Pete Yavner's unusual entry was a giraffe that used the entire length of the 2x4 and stood on 4 tiny little legs.

Bob Jones entered a rubber band rifle completely loaded and ready to fire.

Walt Schuster made, but did not enter, a stand for the club's dry-erase board.

Pictures are available on the web site at

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The following is an autobiography written by our programs chairman, **Muniwar Soomro**.

Well, I was born in Karachi, Pakistan. Did my high school there then we moved to Hong Kong where I did my GCE O and A levels (year 11 and 12 of schooling in British System). Then we moved to Cayman Islands where I did my GED and SAT to make it easier to get in US colleges. I attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan from 1984 (I think) for 1.5 years then moved to Texas A&I, now called Texas A&M in Kingsville where I completed my Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. So I moved from way up North to way down South; talk about weather change. I work for a consulting engineering firm, Schmidt & Stacy Engineers for living designing HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems for commercial buildings and hotel/resorts. I did spend about 8 years doing project management for a mechanical contractor in the Cayman Islands. I met my wife, Lisa at Texas A&I. She is Hispanic from Brownsville, Texas. I have two daughters; Amna who is 10 and Aila who is 8. My wife bought me a 10" cheap delta table saw when we were doing the kitchen renovation putting the pre-fab cabinets from Home Depot. After that I bought a cheap router that I have wanted for years. Then one thing lead to another and got a little inspiration/motivation from one of the co-workers (Jim Kuchera) who does beautiful furniture here I am spending most of my non-working time in the shop. I don't have a favorite tool, just depending on what I am doing, but if I had to pick one I'd pick my Porter Cable 893 router. Some of the projects I have done are a microwave cart, roller cabinets for my table saw, drill press, a bench top router table, twin platform bed, couple of bookcases, custom bathroom and kitchen base cabinet, couple of magazine racks for my Mom and

recently a jewelry box. The one I am most proud of is a 2'x4' box I made for a customer to hold his computer wires and other devices and he could use it as footrest as well. I used maple/birch plywood and stained the top to match is desk and painted the sides gloss black to match the trim of the desk. I have attached before and after pictures just in case you need it

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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.

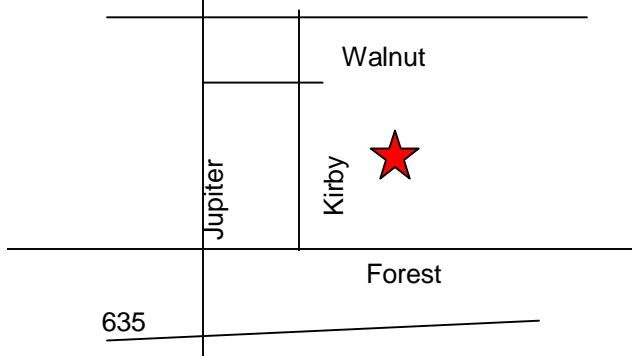
NTWA Calendar

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The September 21st meeting will be a tour of Mike Pregent's shop.

Saturday, September 25th, replace the lights in Owen's shop.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Garland, going north on Jupiter – from 635, turn right on Forest and left on Kirby. Turning Point is on the right – watch for the sign.

