

# North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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**Mark Simon** opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The lone visitor was **Allen Heersink**. **Allen** owns a store in the Preston Ridge Mall that sells Australian wood.

## Announcements

Come to the meeting **December 21<sup>st</sup>** at **The Haggard's Party Barn**. The map is on page 3. The program will be our annual Holiday Dinner with the toy contest. Club members – don't forget to bring a dessert and your significant others.

## Questions and Remarks

There will be a **contest** at the **Christmas** dinner. **Make any toy that can be given to one of the toy drives and bring it to the December meeting**. The only directions available at this time is that the paint cannot contain lead and that no parts should be small enough to fall through a toilet paper roll. **Munawar Soomro** said that the toys would be distributed to needy children

**George Thornton** announced the dates for the annual Woodworking Show at the Arlington Convention Center and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the club booth. The show will be December 10 – 12. Discount coupons will be available in the show fliers. George also had show fliers with coupons.

**Mark Simon** reminded everyone that elections for officers would occur in March of 2005 but that everyone should begin to think about taking an office. **Walt Schuster** has already indicated that he would like to step down as President. If you would like to fill a position, please let Walt know ASAP.

**Jim Dawson** announced that he had some items for sale.

**Dan Henry** asked if anyone had tried out the new lumber (Lyptus) that was raffled off. **John Stankus** said that it machines well, but you have to watch out for splintering.

**Dale Osborne** enquired about the best way to debark a pecan tree that is about 10" in diameter. **Howard Hill** suggested a draw knife.

**Fred Groves** asked if anyone knew of a source for ash paneling. He needs some to finish a project.

**Larry Maughn** expressed a need for an antique furniture restorer. He also had a piece of mesquite that had chain saw oil dripped on it. He wanted to know if there was any way to get it out of the wood. Suggestions included acetone to remove the oil and simply adding more oil so that the whole piece looked the same.

**Munawar Soomro** asked for suggestions on buying either a planer or a jointer when you could only afford one. The consensus was that there was no consensus.

**John Stankus** announced that **Klingspor** has offered to give club members a 10% discount in return for the roster list. Club members agreed as long as the list contained names only.

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: Don't have a pickup and want to haul 'stuff'? Utility trailer 5x10 with ramp, trailer dolly, ramp cable lock and hitch lock. Package deal a steal at \$575.00, OBO. **Marvel Gates** 972-635-2757. I also have a trailer hitch that fits a Buick Park Avenue, will let you have it really cheap.

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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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. If you have library materials checked out, please bring them to the Party Barn and **Dale** or **Orion** will check them back in.

**Dale Osborne** held one of the occasional auctions for extra library materials. The proceeds go back into the library fund.

Misc. magazines - **John Stankus** for \$5  
Misc. project books – **Charles Grant** for \$2  
Misc. furniture mags – **Dan Henry** for \$5  
Misc. mags/books – **Gary Turman** for \$7

### The Raffle.

No Raffle was held this month. December's Raffle will contain several donated items. The generous merchants will be featured in the January newsletter and on the web site.

### Show and Tell

**Steve Yauch** showed a turned mesquite candlestick. He added some lead to the base so the candlestick wouldn't fall over. When asked how he melted the lead, Steve said he used high tech, an empty tuna can.

**Fred Groves** showed his turnings for the woodturner club's holiday contest. He had an ornament and a top.

**Dick Koch** showed the seven drawer oak tool chest he had built.

**Charles Grant** showed a toy racecar he made.

The **Show and Tell** prize was won by **Dick Koch**.

**November's program** was Wood Finishing by **Howard Hale**. The program was well over an hour long and during that time Howard emphasized that good finish starts with good preparation of wood. In that regard he demonstrated sharpening and use of the cabinet scraper and smoothing plane. According to Howard, with properly tuned smoothing plane and use of cabinet scrapper, sanding is almost eliminated. After preparation of the wood, the program continued with demonstration of French Polishing. The club did manage to record the whole program on videotape, which should soon be available in the library. Owen did an excellent job recording this demo so the video will be quite instructional to all members.



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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**

**December's meeting (the 21<sup>st</sup>) is the annual dinner, plus the toy-making contest. Bring a dessert to share and your significant other.**

**Meeting Map**



**Directions: In Plano, going north on the Tollroad, exit Parker or Windhaven, turn right on Windhaven, and left into the first driveway. The Party Barn is the large building on the left. If you reach the stop sign you have gone too far.**

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**Dec. 21st**  
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**Haggard's Party**  
**Barn**  
See you there!