



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

March, 2008

The monthly meeting was started by Steve Jenkins promptly at 7:00 pm on February 19th.

Announcements

Elections will be held this month, so please consider helping out the club by taking up a position. If you are interested in any of the positions, please feel free to call any board member for information.

Remember to bring in your Woodcraft receipts. They are donating 10% back to the club for any receipts turned in under the club's name. The gift cards will be used as future raffle items.

When checking out library materials, please be sure to put your name, date (mm/yy) and phone number on the card located inside the cover. The card then goes in the checked out items box. The materials in the library are available on a one-month loan to **members only**. If you have materials checked out, please return them at the next meeting.

This month's meeting will be held on March 18th at Owen Haggard shop. John Horn will be demonstrating Quick and Easy Turned Toys. For additional information on the demo and John Horn, please see the end of this newsletter.

Dues and Other News

Annual dues will be collected at the March meeting. The annual dues have been raised to \$36. Be sure to turn in your money to Dick Koch. Checks may be made payable to NTWA.

Mark Simon has made many updates to the website. Take a look at www.ntwa.org. There is a special space for members to display some of their work.

Q & A

Q. What finishes are safe for projects made for children?

A. Once cured, all finishes are safe, use something with no heavy metals. Other recommendations included salad bowl finish and mineral oil.

Q. How should you glue treated pine?

A. Use marine epoxy, poly glue along with hidden dowels for added strength.

Q. Will treated wood harm plants?

A. No but using cedar or redwood is a better choice.

Q. What is the best way to remove dust from a bandsaw?

A. Along with using a dust collection system, hook up a 4" port to a shop vac and attach to the up feed of the bandsaw blade.

Show and Tell

Steve Jenkins brought his router jig for edge banding showing how to use it to trim the banding.

Dick Koch brought in some samples of dove tail drawers.

Tom brought in some new rocking horse handles he made using copper banding on the end closest to the horse's head.

Bill Jacobs brought in some ornate wooden crosses. He cut the scroll saw design from a thicker piece and then cut it into several crosses using his bandsaw.

Ross brought pictures of a full size tool cabinet he built in a class and also a block plane he made.

Adam Stevens brought a terrific outfeed tray he made from parts of a conveyor belt they were throwing away at work.

Lyndel brought three beautiful decorative plaques he made using his scroll saw. Each plaque took many hours to make.

Thad Burnett brought in a danish bow saw he made in a class using Maple and Narra wood.

Sidney Futrell brought some drawers he made with hand cut dove tails. The dove tails were cut using his Danish bow saw.



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Vic brought an heirloom clock he made as a wedding gift for his daughter and son-in-law of Makore wood.

Sandi Burnett brought a turned natural edge maple burl bowl.

Remember to bring in your show and tell items as it makes the meetings more entertaining and informative as well as giving you a chance to win money! Depending on how many people bring in items, we'll have one or two drawings for \$10 cash awards.

Raffle

Every month we will hold a raffle for members for woodworking prizes. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

This month's prizes were:
Metal detector
Corner clamps

Program

The February demo was on drawer construction methods including:

- Pocket hole joinery
- Dove tails, through and half blind
- Box joints
- Finger joints

Classified

Munawar is selling his Carvewright machine. Please see him if you are interested.

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

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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.



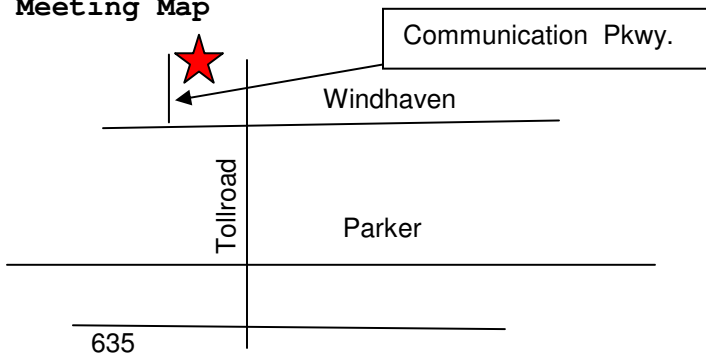
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NTWA Calendar

March meeting: Tuesday, the 18th @ 7:00 PM at Owen Haggard's shop in Plano.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Plano, going north on the toll road, exit (north) on Parker or Windhaven. Turn left on Windhaven and make an immediate right onto Communication Parkway. Owen's drive is the first one on the right.

Quick and Easy Turned Toys by John Horn

Since one of my activities is playing Santa Claus each year, and woodturning is a major part of my life now that I have retired, it seems only natural that making toys and improving woodturning technique at the same time would be a desirable goal.

There is a lot of information available about making "flat" toys but little about "turned" toys. The few books that feature turned toys show rather complex ones that take a lot of time to complete. Since some woodworking groups are interested in producing a volume of toys for underprivileged children, several people in the Woodturners of North Texas have come up with designs and techniques for producing turned toys quickly that can be turned on any size of lathe. One of the items is toy cars, which offers an opportunity to develop and refine your skills with interrupted cuts while producing a worthwhile project for the community. What better way to develop proficiency is there other than a lot of practice using materials that are cheap and easy to turn?



John joined the Woodturners of North Texas in 1990 and actually started turning in 1996.

Since then he has demonstrated at the Texas Turn or Two, now called the South West Association of Turners for the last ten years and performed demonstrations for several clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. He has won several awards including 1st place at the State Fair of Texas in 1999 and 2000. His primary focus at this time is teaching classes for the beginning turner at the Woodcraft stores in Dallas (Addison) and in his shop in North Richland Hills. He has developed a series of projects, which the beginner can produce in a few hours, and get a flying start at successful woodturning.

He is a past-president of the Woodturners of North Texas and a member of the American Association of Woodturners.

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