

Welcome



President John Loftis welcomed a very large crowd to the September meeting. He said that the normal meeting format would be suspended due to the wood bending class by Frank Strazza, Craftsman/Teacher at Heritage School of Woodworking in Waco.

Guests

John Cotter of McKinney

Dan Webster

Harrison Shahall of Flower Mound who has a rebuilding shop.

Dave Kraemer of Dallas

Dave Leary of Dallas

The following are members of the Guys Building Guitars Club who were interested in the steam building program:

Johnny Anrens
Jennifer Hawsey
Scott Comisar

Announcements

A club member announced he has woodworking VHS tapes for anyone who has a VHS player. See John Loftis for details.

Golf Tournament to benefit High School students. See Keith for more info.

Bill Richardson has a need for a 41mm or 1 5/8" socket to repair his Powermatic tablesaw. Anyone with that large of a socket can contact Bill at 972-422-0243.

Kudos to Dan Chenault who was awarded 'Best in Show' at the Texas State Fair craft competition for his 'wooden quilt'. Dan showed off this "Wilt" at the July meeting.

Christmas Drawing Grand Prize

The grand prize for the drawing at the Christmas party will be a multi-day course at Heritage School of Woodworking in Waco.

Program

Tonight's program featured Frank Strazza who is a Texas furniture maker and instructor at the Heritage School of Woodworking near Waco. He has been building furniture full time for over 20 years and has won multiple awards, including Best of Show, Peoples Choice, First and Second Place, Best Traditional

Furniture and much more for many of his pieces, including several awards both at the Texas Furniture Makers Show and at the International Design in Wood Exhibition in California. Frank has also participated in building furniture for the permanent Collection at the White House in Washington D.C. He has also hand carved eagles for the White House and built custom furniture for both Senators and the former President of the United States.

His program tonight was a hands-on demonstration of steam bending. He talked about everything from choosing your wood and building your own steamer to building the proper forms. Frank brought his steamer and actually steam bent a few different furniture pieces during the demo.

Because this was such a visual program, we'll let the following pictures tell Frank's story.



Frank Strazza - Craftsman/Teacher addresses the club at the September meeting.



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Shave horse used to shape stock for bending



Frank's steamer



Bending forms and some of Frank's tools



Frank starts by splitting the log with a splitting froe and mallet



Once the split is started, Frank uses the froe as a lever to finish the split



The shaping starts on the shaving horse



Frank begins shaping with a spoke shave



Some of the shaping is done with a plane



The steam bender is loaded to prepare the pieces for bending



Once the piece is soft enough it is placed into a form to control the shape once it dries.

Special thanks to Jim Cadorette for taking the notes for this newsletter!

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Next club meeting:

Oct. 15th, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The Party Barn

See description below



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Note: Heritage School of Woodworking is now offering on-line courses that will allow you to learn at your own pace. These courses cover the same info as a live course. The normal cost of \$30/month or \$300/year have been discounted by 20% for NTWA members making the monthly cost just \$24.00.

you'll looking for inspiration on how to use, then this is a can't miss program from one of the very best in the business.

For info on these courses, go to www.sustainlife.com or www.heritagewoodschool.com.

October Program

Program Chairman Jason Carpenter has lined up another dynamite program for our October meeting. David Frechtman will be demonstrating veneering, but not just any veneering.

David studied at the North Bennett Street School of Woodworking in Boston, MA after he realized he needed more instruction in joinery to go with his interest in woodworking design.

David has won numerous awards including a third prize in the professional category of the American Woodworker Excellence in Craftsmanship awards for his Demi-Lune hall table.

If you have any interest in veneering or have some special pieces of veneer