



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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Welcome

President John Loftis thanked everyone for coming to the January meeting of the NTWA.

Guests

Carl Medina is from North Richland Hills and likes to build furniture.

Carl Gideon is from Quinlan and builds furniture. Came with George Freeman, tonight's program.

Jason Dechard, from Royce City likes to build furniture and he too came with George Freeman, tonight's program.

Dean Freeman is from Little Elm and he also came with George Freeman, tonight's program.

Cory Blythe was not to be left out. He tagged along with the rest of George Freeman's group.

Trace McConniel visited us from Frisco.

Ty & Camille Watanabe just moved from Seattle. Camille wants to get involved with woodworking and found us on the web. They are currently in Fairview.

Announcements

John Hunt announced he has pictures of tool docks for sale. Members can view them during breaks.

TJ brought in a portable chopsaw stand looking for a good home.

The club received a bunch of purpleheart boards from a remodel job the home owner was giving away. John asked that members only take a single board and only if they have a project in mind for it.

Shop Questions

No shop questions tonight.

Show & Tell



Lynn Floyd made this "ankle loom" for weaving smaller items such as hat bands and belts up to 2" wide.

Lynn also made this powderhorn using an external screw tip kit. He weaved the strap for the horn on his ankle loom.





Manny Soomro made this end grain cutting board from maple and walnut.



Dale Smith made this artist's easel out of 2 x 4's. He designed it so that it will also tip horizontally for doing water colors.

The winner of the \$10 drawing was Manny Soomro.

Raffle

Kent McClurg: Wood River 24" aluminum straight edge.

Dan Nilius: Porter Cable ½" 20V drill/driver.

Carl Gideon: Wood River Fractional Inch Drill Guide

Dave Cassman: Sandevil 3.0 sanding block

Program



George Freeman of Specialty Lumber & Logging of Quinlan, Texas was the featured speaker for the January NTWA meeting. The topic was "Wood Choices - 52 Native Woods of Texas."

Not only does George saw and sell wood, he enjoys woodworking and woodturning in his own shop. Their specialty is cutting slabs to 5' wide and beams to 22' long.



George's company is not only a sawmill, but supplies wood of all varieties and sizes from large slabs to turning blanks.

George walked the group through issues such as choosing the right wood for your woodworking project to the characteristics of common woods to the 52-species native to Texas.

He broke down the common woods found in Texas and the characteristics of each and how many of each species are found in Texas. For instance, there are 128 species of Maple trees in the world with 13 found in North America and only 9 found in Texas.

George showed the group the results of his experiments in ebonizing wood and discussed what he did to achieve very good success.



George talked about the characteristics of wood that determine whether it is classified as a hardwood. He then got into the Texas woods that are considered hardwoods and highlighted his talk with samples of projects out of the various woods.



George then got into the various "Colored" woods of Texas including the Walnuts, Eastern Red Cedar, Bois-d'-arc (Osage-orange) and Red Mulberry and their general uses including Intarsia/Marquetry.



George then wrapped up his presentation talking about burls and spalted Woods and how to make spalted woods yourself.

George provided the following list of references for researching wood:

Books:

- Forest Trees of Texas,
Texas Forest Service
Bulletin 20, 1963
- Texas Trees, a friendly guide
Cox & Leslie, 1988
- Trees of East Texas
Vines, 1977
- Wood, Identifying and using
Meier, 2016
- The Real Wood Bible
Gibbs, 2012
- Woodworker's Guide to Wood
Peters, 2000
- Understanding Wood
Hoadley, 2000
- Spalted Wood
Robinson 2016

George also suggested the Internet and specifically "The Wood Database," www.wood-database.com

He also suggested using Google's search engine.

George's complete slide program is now posted on the NTWA website including two other presentations: "**Harvesting and Working With Green Wood**" and "**Wood Allergies and Toxicity.**" Find them on the [HOME PAGE](#) under [LATEST NEWS](#) or on the [LATEST NEWS tab](#).

Next club meeting:

Feb. 21st, 2017

7:00 p.m.

The Party Barn

**Roger Thompson's
desk/alter build.**

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