



# North Texas Woodworkers Association

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## **Welcome**

**President John Loftis** asked guests and first-timers to stand and introduce themselves.

## **Guests**

*Sam Pickett* found NTWA online. He says he's an amateur who is getting serious about woodworking. He works with both power and hand tools.

*John Rovi* is from Plano and heard about NTWA online. Has been woodworking for 30 years and does all kinds.

*Bodie Pyndus*, Allen, TX, found out about NTWA online or at Woodcraft. He's new to woodworking and has only been doing it for one year.

*Spike Eskins* lives in Frisco and the folks at Woodcraft told him about NTWA. He's getting ready to retire and decided to take up woodworking.

*Jared Hendricks* came in from Bedford. He likes to work with hand tools and learned about NTWA online.

*Larry Cook* is from Murphy and is new to woodworking. He found out about NTWA through Bodie Pyndus.

*Tony G.* is also from Plano and the Woodcraft store there told him about NTWA. He's new to woodworking.

*Henry Arnold* is from Dallas and found out about NTWA online.

*Pat Arnold* is also from Dallas and used the Internet to find out about NTWA.

*Joe Levy* is from North Dallas and found out about NTWA from his friend Tony G. He likes to build furniture.

## **Shop Questions**

*Manny Soomro* has a maple slab with live edges and is wondering how to flatten it. Jeff Whitcomb told Manny he'd help him do it.

*Isabel Nieves* is looking for 8/4 walnut at least 8" wide. Suggestions were Dakota Hardwoods, Central Hardwoods and Plano Lawnmower & Saw.

*Pat Arnold* is looking for someone to mill some planks for flooring. Contact him at 214-789-1883.

## **Announcements**

*Larry Maughan* brought in several boxes of Fine Woodworking magazines to be given away.

He also reminded everyone of Wood Worlds special sale for NTWA. Go to their website for details.

## Show & Tell



J.W. Hoover made this bird house from 2 x 4 stock using paduk for the trim. The pattern is from Winfield.



Jay Stearns made this small table out of quilted maple with a live edge. He used semi-transparent epoxy to join the pieces for the top.



Sidney Futrell made this Enfield hand plane from Cocobolo for its weight. He added one pound of tungsten for even more weight.



Steve Yauch had to make these to beads to resore an 1880's Eastlake headboard.



Ron Giordano made this fish-shaped band saw box out of a 1 x 6. He ebonized the black pieces using Behlen's dye topped with Minwax's ebony finish.

stands 85" tall and has 4 coats of Waterlux applied by hand.



Ed Mastin made a variety of mallets; round, square and even one with a brass head.

Two \$10 prizes were awarded tonight. They went to Jay Stearns and Ron Giordano.

## **Raffle**

Trey McConnel: 2 scrollsaw project books.

Bob Moore: Wood River 16pc Forstner bit set.

Gary Badger: Dust Right universal small part hose kit.

## **Program**

The scroll saw program tonight was presented by club member Bill Jacobs and Clara Gideon, the president of the DFW Scrollers club.



Gary Badger made this 18<sup>th</sup> century secretary desk out of Black Walnut. It



Bill started the program talking about his 20 years of scroll sawing saying he first got started when his daughter asked him to make her an angle Christmas ornament, only it turned out she wanted 25 of them. He's been scroll sawing Christmas ornaments ever since.



Bill uses a variety of woods of varying thicknesses and says you always want to cut the inside before you cut the outside.

He resaws thick woods to get the thin stock he uses for the ornaments. After resawing, he glues the planks back together using a minimal amount of yellow glue with a sheet of paper between the planks. (Note: Greg Merrell says he uses CA glue because it has so little shear strength and readily comes apart.)

Another trick Bill uses is to put packing tape on the face of the wood and glues the pattern to the tape. The pattern comes off very easy using this method.

Bill also recommends sanding the faces of the wood before scroll sawing. He uses blades with 20 teeth/inch and a slow cutting speed.

To finish the ornaments, Bill puts Watco Danish Oil in a bag and drops the ornaments in. A few shakes of the bag gets finish in all the cuts.



Clara Gideon began by talking about the DFW Scrollers Club. Dues are \$20 per household per year. They meet at 530 Davis Dr. in Irving the last Saturday of the month from 9:30 to noon except November and December. Check their website, [www.dfwscroller.net](http://www.dfwscroller.net) for meeting dates and times.

They have scrollers in the club from 10 years old to the 80's.

Clara says they have scroll patterns on their website as well as links to other sites that offer patterns. Patterns are available from all over

the world and the better ones do cost.

Clara differs from Bill in how she holds multiple blanks together to scroll at the same time. She doesn't glue them, but tapes them together with blue painter's tape. She uses a glue stick to attach the pattern to the project. Spray glues don't work as well and make it hard to remove the pattern.

Another method she uses to attach the pattern to the project is with a Xyron Creative Station. You just run your pattern through the machine and it attaches an adhesive film to the back of the pattern. The one she uses can do patterns up to 9" wide. Go to [www.xyron.com](http://www.xyron.com) for more details on these machines.

To get started, Clara drills holes with a #59 or 1/16" drill bit using a Dremel tool on a portable drill press. Her preference on blades is a #5 platinum, but says blades are really a personal preference. Others in the club prefer other blades. Spiral blades cut in all directions, but have a wider kerf and leaves a very rough cut that has to be sanded. The #5 platinum doesn't require sanding because the cut is so smooth.

Once the starter holes are drilled, she says when cutting, keep the work piece flat and turn the wood carefully.

Regarding scroll saws, Clara says the Hegner is one of the top saws. Other good ones are Dewalt, Hawk, Excaliber and Clayco. The Harbor freight saws are inexpensive and do work, just not very well.

Features of the saw you should consider are a magnifier with a light and a foot operated switch. Other features should be smooth running and easy blade changes. You will wear out blades rather quickly depending on the material you are cutting and how aggressive you are in your cutting process so the easier it is to change them, the better you'll like it.

She ended the discussion with some trouble shooting tips for when the blade doesn't follow the line:

1. Dull blade.
2. Pushing too hard.
3. Wrong blade for the material you're cutting.

Here are some samples of Clara's work:





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**Next club meeting:**  
**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**

**Program:**  
**Sheri Hill, Furniture**  
**Medic**

Newsletter edited by: Joe Polich  
Pictures by: Sidney Futrell



## Scroll Saw

Product and Contact list.

### Wood Suppliers

#### Barney Robinson Hardwoods and Lumber Co

2500 E Lancaster Fort Worth, TX 76103

817 534-8901

This is a home owned company and easy to work with. Go into their warehouses, pick the wood you want and they will help you load. Then you go pay. They will cut to length to fit in your vehicle so you don't have to own a truck or van. Now, if you pick a board from the bottom, it is up to you to move the boards, remove the one you want and put all the others back.

**Rockler Stores** located in Arlington, Garland, North Dallas & Frisco...usually when wood goes on sale. They give 10% discounts on non-sales items to guild members such as DFW Scrollers upon showing membership card.

**Woodcraft Stores** located in North Richland Hills & Plano...usually when wood goes on sale. The North Richland Hills location only caters to turners for discounts.

#### Brazos Forest Products

2760 N Great Southwest Pkwy. Grand Prairie, Tx 75050 (Take the Post and Paddock exit off 360. I understand they carry the best of wood and easy to work with.)

972 602-1777

#### Dakota Premium Hardwoods, LLC

641 W. Mockingbird Ln. Dallas, Tx 75247

972 677-7437

Or

6805-C Imperial Dr. Waco, TX 767712

254 772-9663

Good plywood and good prices. They also have hardwoods.

#### Fort Worth Plywood Co

4301 N Sylvania Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76137

817 831-4206

They carry plywood as well as craft ply 1/8 birch. Also carry hardwood.

### Fritz Hannaman, Custom Sawmill

6620 Retta Mansfield Road, Burleson TX 76028

Phone 817-6372600 or 817-473-6660

Fritz works out of his home (in a very rural, country setting) so call first to make sure he is available. Also he prefers cash sales. Be ready for a character if you haven't met him before.

### Woods of Mission Timbers (cabinet shop)

4203 FM 455 West Sanger, TX

phone 940-458-4750

## BLADES

**Mike's Workshop** Mike's carries the Flying Dutchman brand of blades.

**Polar # 1, # 3, #5, #7 & #9.** I have found these to be reliable, but you do have to clean up the back of your project. #5 blades are great for Corian with very little clean up, usually a trip to the kitchen sink to wash the dust off & that's it.

**ULTRA REVERSE #1, # 3, or #5** These are good clean cutting but seem to dull faster than the Polar. Very little clean up on the back since they are a reverse blade.

**SPIRAL -----MANY COMPLAIN ABOUT THE NEW SPIRALS ---THEY** do not cut as well

Spiral #1. Most people use Spiral #2.0, but they flex more than the #1.

**Seyco Scroll Saw Specialist** 1 800 462-3353

**PLATINUM SERIES BLADES #1, #3, #5, #7 & #9.** Very smooth, little clean up, very reliable and sharp blades. Costs a little more, but well worth it.

## OLSON BLADES

**Sloan's Woodshop** also carries OLSON brand blades. The PGT series is very popular.

**Drill BITS** I usually use 2 different sizes of drill bits...#59 for smaller holes, 16 of an inch for larger holes.

Occasionally different sizes, Rule of thumb, use the smallest drill you can get your

blade through. You can order through

- (1) MSC Industrial Supply [www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com)
- (2) McMaster-Carr [www.mcmaster.com](http://www.mcmaster.com)



**Mike's Workshop** also carries the same sized bits & more at very reasonable prices. They are easier to order through to me as they don't supply other industries. Either way it's much more economical on line than buying per drill in a store.

## SCROLL SAWS

DeWalt - Rockler, reliable and economical - top or bottom loader.

Hegner - Advanced Machinery 1 800 727-6553 - bottom load

Hawk - Bushton Manufacturing 620 562-3557 - bottom load and very reliable.

Excalibur - No longer in production but Seyco 800 462-3353 has parts -top or bottom loader.

JET - can be ordered through Woodcraft but may not be available in stores.

Seyco - Ray Seymour, Seyco - Rockwall 800-462-3353 - top or bottom loader.

## Patterns

**Steve Good** scroll saw patterns Free, but asks for donations patterns downloaded. Sign up for email & the patterns come to your in box.

**Sue Mey** [www.scrollsawartist.com](http://www.scrollsawartist.com) --this artist has patterns for both scrollers and carvers. When you order, give your payment, the pattern is then downloaded to your computer. Very fast. Now if you want a printed pattern, Shipping is added. The artist is in South Africa.

**Sheila Landry** [www.sheilalandrydesigns.com](http://www.sheilalandrydesigns.com) patterns are downloaded. Shelia does a lot of painted items while her partner, Keith Fenton does wonderful word art. They are located in Nova Scotia.

**Scrollrific Crosses** - Bobby Riggs is a local out of Keller, Texas & he sells his patterns for \$5.00 each. You can follow him on Facebook under the Scrollrific name. If you see something you want, just IM him.

**Berry Basket** [www.scrollsaw.com](http://www.scrollsaw.com)

**The Wooden Teddy Bear, Inc.** [www.woodenteddybearonline.com](http://www.woodenteddybearonline.com)

**Cherry Tree/Wildwood Designs** [www.cherrytreetoys.com](http://www.cherrytreetoys.com)

**Meisel Hardward Specialties** [www.meiselwoodhobby.com](http://www.meiselwoodhobby.com)

**The Windfield Collection** [www.thewinfieldcollection.com](http://www.thewinfieldcollection.com)

Scroller, LTD [www.scrolleronline.com](http://www.scrolleronline.com)

Baggetta (free patterns) [www.baggetta.com](http://www.baggetta.com)

### Magazines

SCROLLSAW WOODWORKING & CRAFTS lots of information and patterns.

SCROLLERS CHOICE...the new kid on the block & a bit pricy. You order on line each time they publish. They can be found on Facebook.

Projects with patterns

THE WINFIELD COLLECTION Catalogue 1 800 946-3435

SCROLLER Catalogue 1 800 486-6053