

Welcome

President John Loftis welcomed everyone to the March NTWA meeting.



Guests

Tom Ma came to the March meeting as a guest of John Loftis. He lives in Plano.

Tom Oliver is from Frisco and is getting back into woodworking.

Steven Keller is from Fort Worth and found out about NTWA after an online search.

Mohamed Faisal, from Murphy, learned about NTWA from club member Munawar. He is a hobby woodworker.

Amir Bhatu is also from Murphy and came to the meeting as a guest of Munawar.

Announcements

John Loftis said the club received a Facebook inquiry wanting someone to make 20 9x12 maple cutting boards. See John for contact info.

Larry Maughan says that the widow of a close friend is selling her late husband's tools. See Larry for the location.

Larry also announced he will be doing demo on turning a goblet and bowl from 11:00 – 3:00 on Saturday at the Hurst Woodcraft Store (see Show & Tell to see the goblet he'll be demonstrating).

The slate for officers has been filled with the exception of treasurer. Volunteers should see John or Steve Yauch at the break.

Jeff Whitcomb said the library will probably be eliminated due to a lack of use and because the Party Barn would like to use the space.

Jeff also said there are free magazines on the back table. Take what you'd like.

Steve Yauch says a woodworking show will be held in Houston and he will send out info on it.

Membership renewals are due in April.

Shop Questions

Richard Kenyon said he used mdf to trim a ceiling and is having issues with expansion and contraction. Lynn Floyd said all mdf is not made equal as there are different grades. The more expensive mdf is more stable and that Plum Creek is a good brand. It was also suggested by others that you should put a finish on both sides.

Dale Smith is making a very heavy fireplace mantel and is looking for the best way to hang it. French cleats were the most popular answer rather than using long bolts extending from the wall into holes in the mantel.

Bill Moore has a bow-top window he is trimming and is having difficulty getting the trim to match the window. He's looking for template suggestions. Lynn Floyd said to make the trim molding accurate rather than trying to match the existing trim. The eye is drawn to the trim molding first. Other suggestions included using cardboard and using a string bow.

A question came up about the quality of Harbor Freight's HVLP spray guns since they are so inexpensive. The general comments were that they do a good job. Jay Stearns says he doesn't even clean them very well, just throws them away since they are so cheap. It was also mentioned that they are really gravity fed spray guns and that you need a large air tank to make them work effectively.

Show & Tell



Richard Kenyon made this 5-wood inside/out turning using wenge, walnut, cherry, maple and padauk.



John Rovi used this cutoff from a maple tree stump to display his wife's pottery. Note the bowtie repair on the crack.



Jim Polanco shows off this box he made to hold scented oils.

Jim also upgraded his shop by adding a workbench to his table saw top since he has such limited space.



Ed Mastin made this wastebasket as a veneering project using quartersawn white oak.



Munawar Soomro made this Texas-shaped plaque that he will engrave for a retirement gift.

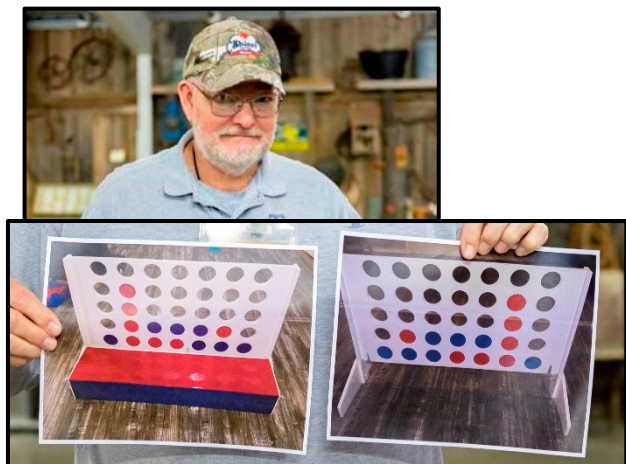


Dale Smith hand-carved this lid for a box that will be made later.



Larry Maughan turned this goblet. Note that the rings at the bottom of the stem are free of the stem itself.

Larry also showed off a solar-powered digital caliper and a bird's eye pine 2 x 4 he found at a local store. Everyone agreed it was rare!



Jerry Bean made these two disc-drop games for his grandkids. One has a built-in step for the shorter kids.



Jay Stearns made this Post Office bank with lacewood and oak. Of course Jay added a secret compartment!

There were two drawings for \$10 Show & Tell entries won by Sidney Futrell and Munawar Soomro.

Raffle

Nick Bottoms: Incra rule set

Jerry Bean: Rockler Contour Sanding Grips and Pad

Gary Turman: Rockler Bench Cookies

Carl Medina: Rockler Multi-roll Sanding Pack

Mentoring Program



Club member Jeff Whitcomb is the "father" of the NTWA mentoring program and made a presentation on why we need such a program and how it works. He stressed that the purpose was sharing knowledge and fellowship.

He provided a handout that is included as the last page of this newsletter.

Program

Club member Chris Kersey introduced Wally Schlaegel of Lifepoint Church to talk about a woodworking program he and his family have become involved in in Haiti which is the poorest country in the western world.

Wally became involved with this program through Pastor Lavaud who, Wally says, is a true visionary. Not only is he a pastor and a family man, he has founded a church, an orphanage, a water drilling company,

a radio station, a printing company, a dentistry, a grade school, a high school and now a trade school to teach woodworking.



Pastor Lavaud and Wally

The woodworking program started out utilizing all hand tools and they are gradually introducing portable power tools.

The goal of the program is to create a fully functional, self-sustaining workshop that will teach students the skills they need to build sellable goods.



Wally says the program needs can be summed up as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Funding: \$10,000 - \$15,000 plus travel of \$1600 per person per trip
3. Project ideas
4. Tools
5. Sustainability ideas (wood is very scarce in Haiti)
6. More prayer

Wally travels to Haiti at least once per year to help develop the woodworking program and if you'd like to get involved please contact him at wallyschlaegel@gmail.com and by phone at 469 662 6253.

To help support this program, the NTWA board proposed the membership approve donating \$1000 to this great cause. The motion passed.

Here are some closing photos shared by Wally.



Pastor Lavaud's complex in Haiti



Members of the first woodworking class.



Just some of the many children Pastor Lavaud touches!



The students were excited and proud of their accomplishments!



The first project was a stool made from pallets



The key members of the training team. Wally is the 3rd from the left.

THANK YOU



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Next club meeting:

Tues., April 17th

7:00 pm at the Party Barn

**Program: Dale Smith
Resawing on the
bandsaw**

**This will include a live demo
on the front porch of the
Party Barn.**

W. Northwest Hwy.; Dallas TX 75220 around 11:15 to eat and talk more about woodworking (lunch is on your dime).

Kay will be our tour guide at the shop, which is a full-service hardwood shop with a complete commercial wood shop and a plethora of different woods.

They have been in business since 1986 and is outfitted to sell wood at very reasonable prices but also provide additional services (44" planer/sander along with the normal compliment of woodworking tools).

They are very easy to work with and work with the general public as well as commercial customers. Jeff Whitcomb has used them for the past 10 years and found them very friendly and willing to listen to what he needed.

Here is a Googlemap link to locating Dallas Hardwood Lumber:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/10551+Goodnight+Ln,+Dallas,+TX+75220/@32.8685567,-96.9100808,14.42z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x864e9d40e44a6f8f:0x945d6bb64efb9cda!8m2!3d32.8684252!4d-96.9030124>

Elections

Please come prepared to elect a new slate of officers for the upcoming year!

Club tour!

NTWA will be touring Hardwood Lumber Company on Saturday, April 21st located at 10551 Goodnight Lane, just west of Walnut Hill Lane and I-35. <http://www.hlcdallas.com/>

We'll meet there at 10a.m., take the tour then anyone who wants to can head to lunch at Pappas BBQ; 2231

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NTWA Mentoring Programs

Why should we mentor.

1. We have spent years making mistakes until we finally developed a process.
2. We have learned from many sources, some personal and some via books or videos.
3. We are part of a club who's members always need fellowship and guidance.
4. We have skills and ideas that need to be shared so they are not lost.
5. It is fun to bring knowledge to others.
6. We all have, at least one thing, we feel we are comfortable with.
7. We can help others save money, time and aggravation. The last being the most important.
8. Our club needs all of us to be a group of members who share their skills.
9. It helps keep new members coming to the club.
10. The new generation of woodworkers will only become good if someone guides them and helps them be efficient.

Why we should be a mentee.

1. None of us knows everything.
2. Learning keeps our minds active and inspires us to do new things.
3. We humble ourselves when we acknowledge our shortcomings.
4. We provide a willing vessel for someone to teach us what they have spent years learning.
5. We should have fellowship with our fellow woodworkers.
6. There are things to be learned and things to be given in the relationship.
7. We give the mentor an opportunity to teach and that is a rewarding thing.
8. We will feel more confident in our approach to our hobby.
9. We will learn best practices, best purchases and best shortcuts.

The program is developing. We have 9 mentors at this point.

It is my plan to contact all of them and determine best time, best thing to teach and what level they are mentoring at.

As the program matures it is my wish that all find some way to either mentor or be a mentee. Eventually, all will be mentors in some fashion.

We have many members who bring fantastic things to show and tell.

I know I personally envy some of the things they make and wonder if I will ever be able to master them. I realize that everything is easy once you have done it a few times but the initial start up is what keeps me from doing it.

Once I can overcome that fear I realize that it was only the lack of knowledge and fear of failure that kept me from doing it.