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Newsletter

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Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone and in keeping with his practice of having members introduce themselves asked Bill Jacobs to tell a bit about himself. Bill said he retired in Indianapolis after working for the IRS for 34 years. After several trips to Keller to visit his daughter and grandkids, Bill decided it would just be easier to move to Keller. He had part of the house he had built left unfinished for his shop and likes to use mesquite in his work.

Ron Garand grew up in a rowhouse in Philadelphia with a subway running under it. His father had a radial arm saw so that's what Ron uses. He lives in Plano, likes to make boxes and especially like tiger maple.

Jeff Whitcomb has been woodworking for 12 years. He credits John Horn with introducing him to woodworking. He works for Mayflower, cuts down his own trees for the lumber he uses, lives in Denton and his favorite wood is tulip.

Announcements

Jay let everyone know that the Texas State Fair deadline for entries is coming up. The 2018 theme for the fair is "Texas Innovations." It cost \$5.00 for each category you enter and the deadline is July 21st. It takes about 6 weeks for the judging. Go to www.bigtex.org for further details.

Steve Jenkins said he built a tabletop for a client that never picked it up. It is 42" x 8' x 1 ½". He will sell it for cost.

Jay said the club has been contacted by a lady from Corinth who has wood to sell from her father's estate. Contact Jay for details.

Larry Maughan has pen boxes for sale from a friend's estate.

Ron Garand, our new webmaster, says you can link your website to the NTWA website. Contact Ron at webmaster@ntwa.org to arrange the link.

Bill Jacobs has plans available for a circus wagon toy box.

Gary Turman talked about the raffle and how the prizes have been upgraded.

Steve Allen has ¼" alder and various pieces of plywood and mdf to give away. They are on the front patio. Pick up on your way out.

Wayne Bower talked about the Fine Woodworking article "*52 Boxes in 52 Days.*"

Jay asked for ideas for the grand prize for the July potluck. Suggestions included a drill press, router table, bandsaw, Bosch 9-gallon dust extractor with semi-auto filter cleaning, track saw, palm router and

a Stanley shoulder plane. The drill press was the winning suggestion. John Loftis reminded everyone that with the new tariffs going into effect July 10th, the purchase should be made as soon as possible.

Ed Mastin is looking to buy a small piece of WRC (western red cedar) for a fence repair job after recently removing the large branch that caused the damaged. The size needed is larger than 12"x1.5"x 1.5". If you have any, please contact Ed at 919-685-2657.

Shop Questions

Fred Sawtelle asked about the finish he should use for a stove backsplash made of ambrosia maple to best protect the wood. One suggestion was a glass cover, but Bill Richardson said the wood is against fire codes in most areas. He suggested using a manmade material instead of wood.

? asked about buying used router bits to get started. The general consensus was that if you aren't familiar with router bits, you should probably pass. John Loftis suggested he look at Whiteside who has a starter set that would be adequate initially.

? also asked for help setting up a 20' x 20' shop at his new home. Greg Merrell said that is the same size as his and he would help.

John Loftis is remodeling his home including the fireplace hearth. He

asked if anyone knew what the setback from the hearth to any combustibles was. Bill Richardson said it was 12". Note: Bill Richardson is a Dallas firefighter as well as cabinet maker.

Show & Tell



Bill Jacobs made this chair, step stool, ironing board combination for his daughter. He used Bodark with a shellac finish. Bill said he'd never make another one.



Jim Polanco made this jewelry box out of oak for his granddaughter.



Carl Medina made these lumberjack and stick horse toys. He added a wheel to the bottom of the stick horse to keep it from marking up the floor and wearing too fast.



Larry Maughan made these hollow vessels out of eucalyptus burls.



Bill Belitz used elm to turn this bowl and bird's mouth vessel.



Jay Stearns made this box out of aromatic cedar and curly maple. The top drawer has a box inside it.



Ed Mastin made this "slider" press for his brother's chef demos. He used maple for the press. Sliders are small

hamburgers made famous by the White Castle chain out of Wichita, KS in 1921.

And the winner of the \$10 Show & Tell drawing was **Bill Belitz**.

Guests

Mahendra is from Frisco. He is a self-taught woodworker and makes small temples for homes. He wants to learn more woodworking.

Wally Schlaegel of Life Church came in to give the club an update on his Haiti project.

Michael Bosley has a small shop and is just learning about woodworking. So far hard maple is his favorite wood.

Britt Baumel started woodworking 15 years ago after taking a class at Rockler but put off woodworking to raise a family. He's ready to get back into it.

Barbara Smith is retired and learned about NTWA at the Plano Woodcraft store. She says she is very much a hobbyist with limited hand tools.

Tracy Timpa says Adam Stevens told him about NTWA. He like exotic hardwoods and builds just about anything.

Raffle

Wayne Bower: Stonepoint 4' LED shop light.

Kent McClurg: Starrett 12" rule

John Loftis: Starrett 6" combination square with centering head

Elaine Turman: EZE Lap Model LD1 diamond sharpener

Program



Program Chairman Jeff Whitcomb with help from Vice President Steve Yauch used a laptop to project websites recommended by members as resources for technical issues, techniques and helping them solve problems. Videos seem to be a big part of our member's resources.

A list of these websites will be forthcoming as it is completed and late entries added.

Potluck in July

Don't forget to sign up your dish: NTWA will provide smoked brisket and roasted turkey. Use the app below so we have a sense of who will bring what. The big prize this time is

a drill press and knowing Gary Turman, it will be a good one!

<http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=PIWC5938&v=0a38e7286e> or visit www.perfectpotluck.com and locate the schedule by coordinator last name (Yauch) and password (NTWA). If that doesn't work let's fall back to low tech voice call at 972-322-8539 and let Steve know what you'll bring.

We will be doing Show & Tell so bring a piece and impress your family and friends.

Next club meeting:

Tues., July 17th

7:00 pm at the

Party Barn

Potluck: Bring your

Show & Tell

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