



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone and asked several members to introduce themselves.

First up was Mike Blazer who said he started woodworking in junior high school but has only been a serious woodworker for the past 10 years. Likes to build furniture in the Craftsman style. His favorite wood was oak but is now cherry.

Spike Eskins is new to woodworking this year after taking several classes at Woodcraft. He is currently making a desk using ash.

Jim Cadorette also started woodworking in junior high. Later in life he helped a neighbor back in Massachusetts build unfinished furniture. He currently learning how to build ukuleles.

G.T. Robinson has been in NTWA for many, many years. He grew up on a farm where they had to make most of their own "stuff." A 9" Sears radial arm saw was his first tool of significance and he now has more tools than he needs. His last big project was a rolltop desk, but now makes toys for schools and other groups. He used to like walnut but developed issues with the dust, so he now uses cherry and quarter sawn white oak. He retired from the Department of Agriculture.

Announcements

Jay Stearns said that the SW Association of Turners is having a swap meet at the Waco Convention Center. Admission is free, but it cost \$175 for classes which include an evening dinner.

Ron Giordano was contacted by a non-member needing a box built. See Ron for details and contact info.

Joe Polich brought in a request for a club member to repair a double chaise in Southlake. He brought in handouts with the details and pictures of what need to be done.

Gary Turman talked about tonight's raffle. There will be six winners selecting four prizes each for a total of 24 prizes, but the last person with a winning ticket gets a 5th prize since they are essentially taking the left overs. He is requesting that winners give the club a quick review of their prizes over the next several meetings.

Kent McClurg has an Incra table saw and jointer plane for sale. Contact Kent at kdermc4@gmail.com.

Mike Blazer brought in a lot of "treasure hunt" stuff for free. He was asked by a friends estate to find a good home for the mix of items.

Sidney Futrell said he would be on vacation for the September meeting and needs a volunteer to take



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pictures. Nello Armstrong volunteered.

Wayne Bower has an Incra Jig and 14" Jet bandsaw for sale.

Joe Polich brought in the last of his magnetic straight edges for give away.

Guests

Kenny Durant was invited by Alvin LeGrenade. He likes to turn pens and other lathe projects. Kenny especially like exotic materials.

Jim Spallisa is from Allen and was a past member in the 90's. Like to make furniture and built-ins.

Bodie Pyndus has been woodworking for 2 years and has a YouTube channel. He recently started a woodworking club at a Richardson church.

Sam and Ann Orton have limited furniture experience but like to make their own to upgrade and save money. Sam like tools and Ann is currently reworking a bookcase.

Clayton Armstrong is the son of Nello. He is a prop maker/mill worker for movies. He usually works with poplar and red oak.

Sidney Miyakawa moved from Hawaii in after retiring from the Navy. He's currently making a hope chest for his

daughter using hand tools. Also likes to make furniture.

Kerry Rike is just getting into woodworking.

Mark Blackter is building a shop. He like to build projects for kids and wants to meet other woodworkers to learn more.

Show & Tell



Jay Stearns made this bandsawn box using aromatic cedar and antler horns for pulls. He use lacquer for the finish.



Dennis Amber made this keepsake box out of maple, mahogany and wenge. He coated it with 6 coats of Danish oil.



Britt Baumel made this box using finger joints and a sliding lid. He coated the ash with Armorseal.



Wayne Bower made this table using sliding dovetails to secure the top.



Dale Smith carved this cane topping with the head of a cobra.



Steve Rogers brought in pictures of two projects. The one on the left is a TV stand he made using bubinga. The one on the right is a mirror he framed using bubinga and maple.



Gary Badger used walnut to make this Sam Maloof style rocker. He chose Waterlux for the finish.

And the winner of the \$10 Show & Tell drawing was **Dennis Amber**.

Raffle

Please see the last page for the list of winners and the prizes they chose.

Program

Dale Smith conducted a clinic on basic sharpening techniques.



Dale stressed that there are a lot of techniques and theories and it's up to you to pick what works best for you.



In sharpening chisels he uses a figure-eight motion sharpening the bevel and finishing on the back of the chisel.



A Tormek or similar wet grinder can be used to sharpen a variety of edges from chisels to plane irons to knives and even scissors.



Here is a variety of "stones" that can be used to put a great edge on your tools.

When sharpening your carving tools Dale recommended stropping perpendicular to the cutting edge to keep from rounding the over the tip.

Dale and others in the audience cited YouTube as a great resource for learning new techniques.

**Next club meeting:
Tues., Sept. 18th
7:00 pm at the
Party Barn**

**Program:
Bandsawn Boxes
with Jay Stearns
and Dale Smith.**

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August Raffle Prizes Pick Four

Prizes	Winners					
	Gary Badger	Jay Stearns	Jim Cadorette	Mich Bosley	Wendell Brough	George Crosby
Paul Sellers knife (2)	X	X				
Preval spray system (2)		X	X			
Zona craft knife (2)		X		X		
Sandflex blocks (3)			X	X	X	
Automatic center punch (2)					X	X
Stanley hinge self-centering punch (3)		X		X		X
Tormek honing compound (2)	X				X	
Splinter tweezers (2)	X				X	
Smith's diamond rod sharpener (2)			X			X
Protec work mat (2)			X	X		
General drill gage (2)	X					X
Mystery prize (Renaissance wax)	X					