

Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the NTWA and the 2 x 4 challenge. He also congratulated the North Dakota State Bison for winning a record 7th FCS championship in 8 seasons. GO Bison!



Member Intros

Nello Armstrong is an artist and photographer who found NTWA through TJ – Teresa Jones. His favorite wood is cheap wood and he does mostly hand tool work. Nello lives in Valley Ranch.

Dan Nilius is a retired Navy nuclear engineer. He has been doing woodworking for 45 years and likes big projects, especially outdoor projects. Also likes to do indoor furniture but has started turning. His favorite woods are cherry and oak and he lives in Pottsboro, TX. Dan's favorite projects are beds he made for his kids that have now been passed down to the grandkids.

David Reazin lives in Richardson and currently works for the EPA. Loves to work with cherry and is just getting back into woodworking.

Gary Barnes is a retired teacher and his favorite wood is curly maple. Gary lives in Oak Point, TX.

Dale Smith started working with wood with his father in the 40's. He still has his dad's 1939 ShopSmith. Dale is an accomplished carver and does bandsawn boxes along with other woodworking. Dale is NTWA's current program chairman.

Announcements

Dale reminded the club of the upcoming woodcarving and turners show in Grapevine (see the December newsletter for details). Steve Yauch said the club would have a table and needs volunteers to man it throughout the weekend. He encouraged members to bring projects they've done for display and that selling is permitted.

Steve Yauch said there is a girl scout tribe who is doing a bat house project and is looking for volunteers to help out. Michael Minarzick has already volunteered his shop. Bill Bush suggested contacting Cedar Supply to donate "shorts" to the project. The project will be held on Saturday, February 23rd.

Bill Jacobs is in need of a Porter Cable repair shop. A number of replies said that it is with the DeWalt repair facility on the I35E service road (east side) between Beltline and Sandy Lake Rd.



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Larry Maughan is working with 8 kids to introduce them to woodworking and is looking for projects. Greg Merrell suggested pens; Dale Smith suggested bird houses. He also suggested precutting the parts and have them assemble them.

Greg Merrell brought in empty Festool tool boxes for sale.

Shop Questions

Ron Giordano is looking for advise on setting up a small business. Several members talked with Ron during the break.

Guests

David Yarborough came as a guest of Bill Bush. He is a fire fighter in Prosper but lives in Plano and is relatively new to woodworking. Right now he is working with plywood and pine.

Al Ratley was a guest of Mike Blazier. He not a woodworker but wanted to see the 2 x 4 challenge projects.

Jeff Austin is a retired accounting professor and met Joe Polich at the Festool Roadshow at Central Hardwood. Jeff likes quartersawn white oak and likes to do cabinets.

Raffle

Gary Barnes: Milwaukee Hole Dozer 17 Piece Bi-Metal Hole Saw Set

Brett Baumel: Bosch 12v 2 tool combo set

Swede Hanson: Milwaukee 15pc titanium drill bit set and impact bit set donated by Gary Turman

Bill Jenkins: Wood River drill bit stop collars

Ed Mastin: Bosch 21pc drill bit set

2 x 4 Challenge

Show & Tell was replaced by the 2 x 4 challenge. Dale Smith, the organizer of the challenge, passed out the judging criteria sheets and explained the process. Each member judged the projects based on three categories: complexity/uniqueness; originality/creativity; and craftsmanship. Each category was given a score between 0 to 5, allowing a maximum score of 15. After judging was completed the judging sheets were collected and tallied to arrive at the winners. The winners will receive CASH prizes! \$50, \$35, \$25. Non-winners will be placed in a drawing for a Bridge City adjustable square donated by Steve Yauch. There was a total of 21 entries!

After the judging was completed, 3rd place and \$25 went to Steve Yauch for his redwood table entry; 2nd place and \$35 went to Jay Stearns for his "twisted" leg table; and the grand prize winner and \$50 went to Dale Smith for his hand carved Christmas entry. Bill Bush won the drawing for the Bridge City adjustable square.



Bodie Pyndrus made this serving tray with his 2 x 4.



Bill Bush and his segmented face clock. He used bent laminations for the supports and an end-grain board for the base.





Jay Stearns made this 8-legged table using 31⁰ segments with blue resin filler strips in the top.



Michael Bosley made two projects, a workbench and a tool box/carrier.



The cylinder drops over the shelves and twists to lock in place to carry the tool box wherever needed.



Nello Armstrong fashioned this Atlatl throwing board and arrow. The board under the arrow has a "spur" that locks into the arrow. A sweeping arm and wrist motion can launch the arrow up to 120-150 yards. Nello carved an eagle head on the front of the throwing board.



Carl Medina made these sanding blocks and painted them different colors to readily identify the grit of sand paper.



Wendell Brough made this chess set on his scroll saw using a 3-dimensional technique.





Mark Sager made these stilts for his granddaughter. The adjustable foot supports are kept in place with dowel holes drilled at a 10° angle.



Dan Nilius used a herringbone pattern with, appropriately, 2" and 4" segments in this turned bowl.





Jim Cadorette used his guitar and ukulele making skills to craft this banjo from his 2 x 4 and yes, it does make music!



Swede Hanson made this clamp board for gluing up projects. The 2 x 4 frame has T-tracks for clamping along with the clamp slots in the center of the board.





Joe Polich made this occasional table with his 2 x 4.

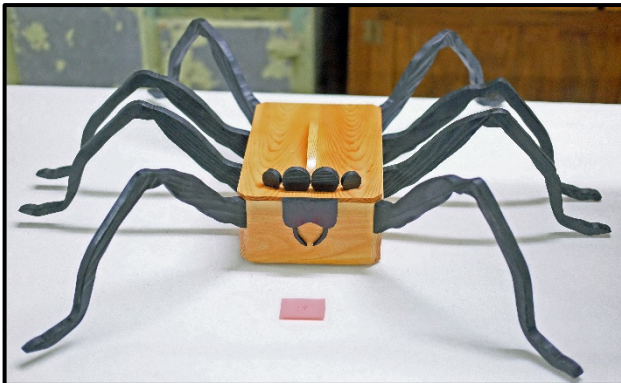


Steve Yauch made two table entries. Above is one made of western red cedar and below is one made from redwood. The two shelves on the redwood table are turned and the legs are laminations.





Ron Giordano made his 2 x 4 into an "Arachno" box.

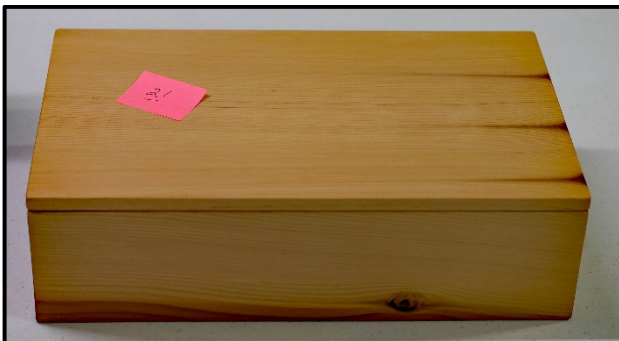


Check out this cool treasurer chest box made by Mike Blazier. Note the arched lid!





Tim Vanderhoek noticed his shoe shining supplies were all scattered about so he made this shoe shine kit from a cedar 2 x 4.



Dale Smith was pretty creative in creating Santa and 6 of his reindeer. Santa and the reindeer are hand carved and the reins are real leather.





This bowl is one of two entries for Ed Mastin.



Ed's second entry was this clever benchtop workbench.



All-in-all, it was a very fun evening!

***Next club meeting:
Tues., Feb. 19th
7:00 pm at the
Party Barn***

***Program: Club
member Pete
Yavner will
demonstrate his
technique of using
epoxy inlays in his
cheese boards.***

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