



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

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Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone to the April meeting and asked everyone to move out to the patio where club member Larry Maughan gave a lathe turning demo while there was still daylight.

After the program the meeting was reconvened inside as usual.

Announcements

Dues are due! The annual dues are being collected by Treasurer Ed Mastin. Remember that the NTWA membership gives you a 10% discount on many items at Woodcraft and Rockler!

Jay said he has been contacted by the San Diego Woodworkers who are interested in setting up a network of woodworkers across the U.S. NTWA will participate.

Joe Polich brought in free wood, free magazines and some free shop supplies from the Pam Henderson estate sale. The wood is outside in the bed of his pickup.

Steve Jenkins brought in screwdrivers, hammers and other tools for giveaway.

Beads of Courage boxes will be the June build challenge. This is an organization for kids in hospitals that are undergoing medical procedures that can be difficult. The kids are given a "bead of courage" to help

them through their ordeal and a box to keep their beads in. All boxes built for the challenge will be donated to the program.

Please see the email of 4/29/19 or the pdf at the end of this newsletter for details about this challenge.

Elections

The slate of candidates as presented was unanimously approved as follows:

President: Jay Stearns
Vice President: Steve Yauch
Treasurer: Ed Mastin
Secretary: John Loftis
Membership: Swede Hanson
Programs: Dale Smith
Newsletters: Joe Polich
Shows: Larry Maughan
Librarian: Sundar Krishnamoorthy

Appointed positions:
Photographer: Sidney Futrell
Rabbles: Gary Turman
Webmaster: Ron Giordano
Facilities Host: Owen Haggard

Guests

Liz Jirka is from Corinth. She enjoys turning, relief carving and wood burning. She is a member of the wood carvers in Plano and learned of NTWA at the wood carvers show. Her favorite woods are cedar and figured maple.

Jerry Murawski came to the meeting as a guest of Roger Cramer. Jerry is

from Farmers Branch. Has an old 1975 Craftsman radial arm saw and like to do furniture, pens and cabinets. Ash is his favorite wood because of the cathedral grain and he prefers dye finishes.

Aaron and Kai Stammer learned about NTWA at the wood carvers show. They want to learn more about wood working.

Gerry Forshene is just getting back into woodworking after a 30 year absence.

Show & Tell



Jay Stearns made this pill keeper out of African mahogany putting his great band saw skills to use.



Greg Merrell made his media cabinet out of cherry.



Bodie Pyndrus made this display box with the grain continuously wrapping across the sides and bottom. The wood he used was from a downed Bradford Pear tree.



Wayne Bower made this Paul Sellers straight edge out of oak. It was a one-evening project.



Britt Baumel made this box with a floating panel bottom and rabbet joints. He finished it with Danish oil.



Dan Nilius made these bookends for his daughter using walnut, ash and oak. He finished them with three coats of Verethane.



Ron Giordano did his first turning project at a Woodcraft of Plano turning class.



Gary Barnes made this box from walnut and curly maple using polyurethane for the finish.



Nello Armstrong restored this 200-year-old hewing axe. He hand-carved the handle.



Larry Maughan made this crown of thorns from a bush while clearing at a runway at DFW airport. He's held on to the thorns for over 20 years just waiting for the right project.



John Loftis made a pair of 24" x 30" x 6" end grain maple cutting boards for a client in Singapore.

In addition, John's cutting board company, Boardsmith, was recognized by Cooks Illustrated with a 2nd place award in a recent competition. Very nice John!



Wayne Bower: Long sleeve T-shirt donated by Chris Kersey.

Dan Nilius: Plank of 8/4 mahogany from the wood picked up by Jay Sterns given away by Bob Staebell.

Program

The April program was a lathe turning demo by turning master Larry Maughan. Larry is only one of six official demonstrators for Easy Wood Tools across the entire U.S.



Ed Mastin turned this pen from a big leaf maple burl.

And the winner of the \$10 Show & Tell drawing was **Larry Maughan**.



Larry says at a minimum you need HSS (high speed steel) tools, but carbide are now preferable, especially those with replaceable cutters. Don't buy carbon steel tools!

There are different grades of carbide. The finer the grade the better the tool, but keep in mind that the finer the grade, the more brittle the carbide.

Rockler is now selling turning tools.

Raffle

Bill Jacobs: Rockler Master brass setup blocks & MBC Tin Coated 1,2,3 blocks.

Dave Buono: 1" Freeman pneumatic pinner donated by Pam Henderson for the club's help with her estate sale.

Larry says that you can get started with three basic shapes of tools:
 Square for shaping
 Round for finishing
 Diamond for doing detail work

In addition to the Easy Wood Tools, Larry says the Woodpecker Ultra-Shear tool is very good.

Larry went on to demonstrate various techniques he uses in his projects.



Larry emphasized the importance of keeping the tool level to the ground. Easy Wood Tools makes a small level you can put on the shaft of your tool to insure you are keeping it level.

Thank you Larry for a great demo.

May meeting:

From VP Steve Yauch email of 5/2/19
 Interest in another Trade Days?

Spring is here and people are cleaning out their garage and shop spaces! Is there any interest in having another trade days/garage sale during our meeting? Let's see if we can get it together for 6:30 May 21 before the general meeting. Please put your materials on the west stage and have them marked or labeled so people can recognize who



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to pay. If you have any large items you can't easily bring in or you'd like to advertise before the meeting send me pictures and a write up and we'll release an email 1 week prior.

-Steve Yauch
NTWA Vice President

May Program

Scroll Saw Basics – how to get the most value from your scroll saw
The program will focus on basic scroll saw techniques such as material, blade and sawing selection and will explore advanced methods for more complex scroll projects. In this presentation you will learn how to perform stacked cuts, compound cuts, inlays, lidded boxes, puzzles, toys, Intarsia and Marquetry. The presentation will include a PowerPoint presentation and actual samples of scroll saw projects mentioned in the presentation.

Presenter: Dale Smith, currently the Club's Program Coordinator, has been a woodworker for the past 50 years. Recently Dale attended advanced training in Scroll Saw techniques and wants to share his new knowledge with the club. Dale is a member of the North Texas Woodcarvers Guild and the DFW Scrollers.

***Next club meeting:
Tues., May 21st
7:00 pm at the
Party Barn
Program: Scroll
Saw Basics
presented by club
member Dale Smith
(see adjacent writeup)***

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Providing Arts-in-Medicine for
Children with Serious Illness

BEADS of COURAGE BOX CHALLENGE

The North Texas Woodworkers Assoc. will be providing support for the Arts-in-Medicine for children with serious illnesses by making boxes for Beads of Courage.

When: June 18, 2019

The Beads of Courage project will be the program for the June meeting and replace the Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

Rules:

1. Competition is open to current NTWA members.
2. Two boxes can be entered.
3. Rectangular lidded box inside measurements should be about 4" Long X 6" wide X 4" Deep.
4. Turned lidded box measurements should be about 6 inches in diameter (5 inches minimum)
5. The box can be made of any type of wood.
6. **If possible, but not required**, the top of the box should contain the words "Beads of Courage" engraved, carved, inlaid or burned in the lid. A ceramic Bead of Courage can be used anywhere on the box as well. **Beads are available from the club on a first-come first-serve basis if someone wants to use it in their design. Please see Ron Giordano <the.giordanos@gmail.com>**
Make sure the lids are easily removable.
7. The entry may also include other fastener, glue, epoxy and finish for decorative purposes or for a usage (hinges etc.).
8. Also, finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate.
9. Boxes that do not comply to the above rules will not be judged.
10. After voting is concluded (while they are being tallied), each participant will have a short time to talk about their entry (if they wish to do so).

Prizes: To encourage participation cool hard CASH prizes! \$50, \$35, \$25

Instructions: When you arrive at the meeting, check your box(s) in and receive an entry number then place your box in the viewing area. Projects will be viewed and judged by NTWA members during the raffle break.

Judging: Each member will be asked to judge entries using a supplied judging form. Projects will be judged anonymously based on three categories: complexity/uniqueness, originality/creativity and craftsmanship. Each category can be given a score between 0 to 5, allowing a maximum score of 15. After judging is complete judging sheets will be collected and tallied to arrive at the winners.

Dale Smith

NTWA Program Coordinator