

## Welcome

**President Jay Stearns** welcomed every one to the July Potluck saying we have a lot of good food and some great prizes!



The invocation was said by club member???



## Show & Tell



Joe Polich made a bunch of these garden dibbles. He said this is his last one and any of the ladies who'd like it could claim it. A garden dibble is used to plant seeds. The graduations on the post are 1" apart to make easy to make a hole the correct depth for what that seed calls for.



Jim Cadorette was taking care of his father-in-law's dog during COVID and of course he killed it..... NO, NO, NO. It was 13 years old and died of natural causes. His father-in-law has kept the remains of his previous dogs in boxes so Jim made this one and incorporated an outstanding characteristic that Jim added to the box, a snaggle tooth that he made from a bone guitar nut. The box is made of walnut, wenge and maple. No word if Jim is still in the "doghouse....."



Brian O'Donnell made several of these pizza peels for his sisters for their birthdays. Oak, purple heart, birdseye maple and padauk woods were used.





Steve Rogers made this walnut and mesquite box for the Beads of Courage program. Steve says to ignore the dowels under the lid. The finish on the mesquite wasn't quite dry after 36 hours so the dowels kept the lid from sticking to the box.



Jim Polanco responded to a request from Juan Carlos who contacted the club about remaking some door trim he broke while replacing the stained glass in the door. He made a template to do four of these moldings, one set for the inside of the door and one for the outside along with four straight pieces. They had to be individually fitted to the door since the hole for the glass wasn't uniform.



This is the outcome of Jim's extraordinary work.

"piano" rack. You can hang different things on it such as hats, coats and anything else you desire by pulling the piano keys down.



Josh McGuire made his first appearance at a "live" club meeting after attending several Zoom meetings. He picked up some wood at Ron Peyton's sale and made this



Bodie Pyndus challenged himself in making this occasional table from *Fine Woodworking Magazine*. What



caught his eye was the fine beading detail around the carcass of the table. The beading is wenge while the table skirt and legs are mahogany. He took it one step further and added beading around the sides of the pecan top.



Dale Smith made a number of these charcuterie boards out of a cedar tree he had milled. The tree had been used for target practice and as it was cut up, it exposed bullets. Some of the bullets came loose and fell out so Dale filled them with turquoise tinted epoxy. Others were sliced and remained visible.



Dan Nilius turned this vessel out of Chinese elm his neighbor cut down. He coated the inside with two coats of epoxy to make it waterproof in case someone wants to use it for a vase. He says the Chinese elm is easy to turn.



Larry Maughan turned his first vase using box elder. The sides are ¼" thick down to within an inch of the bottom. The top wood is red heart which is a denser wood. He tried his hand at carving flower petal on the top of the red heart.



Bill Jacobs' granddaughter gave him a picture of a wine cart and wanted Bill to make one out of wood. She wanted to pick out the wood and the finish. Bill says to notice the "Xs" on each end. At first Bill put bars on the ends but didn't like the looks. After experimenting, he came up with the right angles to do the "Xs" with half-lap joints.





Jay Stearns shows off his winning entry in the 2020 Texas State Fair boxes and chests division. Although his Nautilus box was the only entry and won by default, his box won Best of Show. The 100 division blue ribbon entries are then judged to determine Best of Show.

The box is made of walnut and buckeye maple. Jay flocked the insides of the drawers.

Outstanding Jay and congratulations!



Steve Yauch started turning this winged mesquite bowl 6 years ago, never finishing it because it kept flying out of his chuck. Yes, this bowl is one piece! He said it was reasonable easy to turn the front side but struggled with the back. He was finally successful turning the back by using a jam chuck in the bowl.



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There were two drawings for Show & Tell because of the number of entries. Winners of the \$10 Show & Tell drawings were **Larry Maughan & Steve Yauch**.

## Announcements

Ron Peyton thanked everyone for participating in his sale. He's planning on doing a follow up sale on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and said to bring your spouse because household goods will be included.

### Shop Tour

Urban Tree Merchants owners and club members Caleb and Kelly Geer will host the club at their facility on July 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00am. You'll get to see their sawmill in action as well as their inventory, kiln and epoxy operation. They are located at 428 North Elm St. in Arlington. See pages 9-12 for pictures of the tour.

Bodie Pyndus said he has 25 cabinet doors made of poplar. They come in a variety of sizes and the pockets for the hidden hinges are already drilled. Bodie had a list of sizes available.

There is a train Show on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Collin College Central Park Campus Conference Center located at 2400 Community Ave., McKinney, TX. The cost is \$7.00 per adult or \$12.00 per family. Parking is free. The show will have

operating layouts to see and a special layout for children to operate.

For more information contact Brian Jensen at 972.414.1340 or [bjensentx@outlook.com](mailto:bjensentx@outlook.com).

## Raffle

This is the semi-annual potluck raffle with prizes far above the normal monthly raffles.

The big prize was a combination of a Jessem Mast-R-Lift II router lift, a Bosch 1817 EVS router and a Jessem 10 piece insert ring set for the lift.

The second prize was a two-piece set of Woodpecker Stainless Steel precision marking squares. A 1228 12" and a 642 6".

The third prize was a set of Japanese saws with 6:1 and 8:1 dovetail jigs.

The fourth prize was a Zero Play miter bar set.

Raffle tickets from January 2019 through July 2020 were eligible for these drawings. Winners were able to choose which prize they wanted in the order the tickets were drawn.

The first winner was **Dale Smith** who chose the Jessem router lift and accessories.



The second ticket was **Joe Polich** who chose the Woodpecker precision squares.

**Steve Yauch** took the Japanese saw set with jigs for the third prize.

And last, but not least, **Bill Jacobs** won the Zero Play miter bar set.

## Urban Tree Merchants Tour

The club toured Urban Tree Merchants in Arlington on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Club members Kelly and Caleb Geer were great hosts in demonstrating and explaining how their operation worked.

The heart of UTM is the milling machine that Caleb has modified to fit their needs.



*Getting ready for 1<sup>st</sup> cut*



*Caleb positioning a log on sawmill*



*1st cut*





*Repositioning for 2nd cut*



*2nd cut*

UTM is capable of cutting everything from beams to slabs for tabletops and furniture to cookies. They carry some of each in inventory, but most of their work is custom based on specific customer needs.



*Air drying beams*



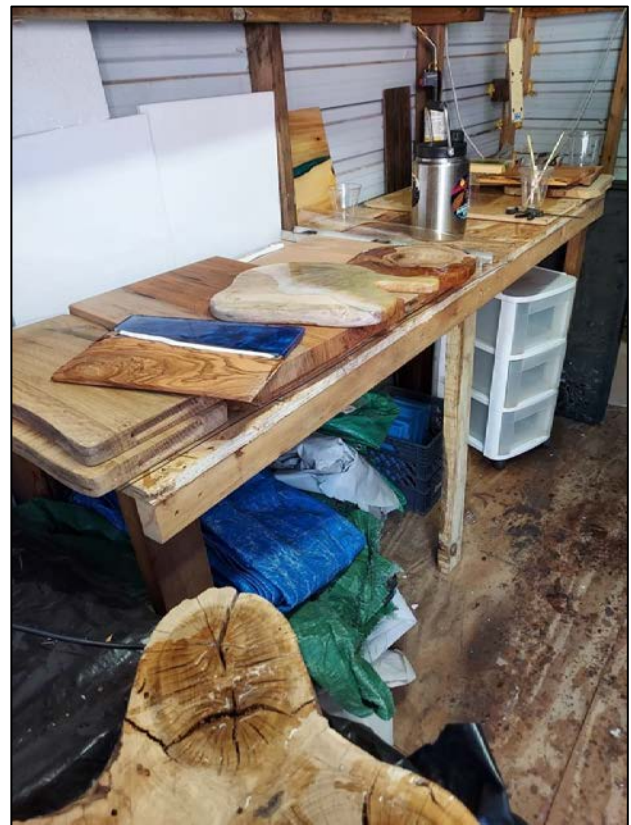
*Cookies and slabs*





*Air drying slabs*

By request of many customers, UTM is now offering epoxy services.



*Epoxy station*



*This is the machine Caleb built to flatten large slabs for tabletops*

Slabs and cookies are air dried for varies periods of time based on species, thickness and moisture content. This can vary from a few months to even several years.

They are then placed in the drying kiln until moisture content is brought down to customer specifications.

UTM does sell some lumber to end users, but most is for internal consumption for projects they do on





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contract and for customers who bring them logs for milling.



*UTM drying kiln*

We thank Kelly and Caleb for the time they spent with us to help us understand what is involved in converting logs to usable lumber!

***Next club meeting:  
Tues., August 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm at the  
Party Barn***

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