

Welcome

President Jay Stearns said it was good to be back and wished he had been at the October meeting to hear Gary's presentation on working with metal.



Announcements

In addition to Show & Tell at the December potluck, everyone is asked to bring any Christmas gifts they've made to show off. There will be no judging of these gifts.

Prizes for the potluck were discussed and it was suggested that more prizes be offered rather than just one big one and a couple of smaller ones. The big prize will be a 12" DeWalt sliding miter saw.

Dave Cassman says he has the molds and jigs he used to build his cedar strip canoe. He'd prefer to sell them but would consider loaning them.
Dave: d.m.cassman@gmail.com

Steve Yauch reported that the Japanese saw he won in the October raffle works great!

Kyle Einhorn has 10-15 cedar slabs 8-10' long. The slabs are 4" thick and are free for pickup in Farmers Branch. Contact Jay or Kyle for details.

Jay: jaystearns82@msn.com

Kyle: kyleeinhorn@hotmail.com

Steve Yauch says he has been contacted by someone looking for someone to repair two (2) dry rotted windows and is willing to pay \$500 each to repair. Contact Steve for details: syauch01@msn.com

Show & Tell



Steve Yauch turned this decorative snowman out of mesquite.



Gary Turman bought this old Disston dovetail saw at a yard sale. The teeth were broken and misshapen so Gary refiled all the teeth and replaced the straight handle with his own version of what a saw handle should be.



Jim Polanco made this cutting board from John Loftis cutoffs as an experiment with a new pattern using round-over and cove shapes. His plan is to make these shapes larger for his next cutting board.



Brian O'Donnell made this Ipad holder for his elliptical trainer. It can be adjusted for a phone as well.



Kelly Geer makes these "shallow" river cutting boards. The river is flush to the surface on the bottom but on the top it creates a natural space for items like grapes and other fruits that are prone to roll off.



Josh McGuire made this floating nightstand for his son's room. It attaches to the wall with a French cleat to make it easier to vacuum the floor under it. The nightstand is made of mahogany.

Courage program. Bodie had asked for some with a religious theme so Steve has been adding a cross to the lids. He says the advantage of using the cross is that the lid will only go on one way so the lid doesn't have to be perfectly square.



Nello Armstrong likes to collect planes many of which he has restored. Early Craftsman's are a favorite.



Steve Rogers likes to make these boxes for Bodie for the Beads of



This is Ed Mastin's first effort at cutting boards and is for a wedding present.

and birdseye maple. Bodie said he was tired of Jay taking all the ribbons in the box division at the fair.



Jay Stearns and his son-in-law took down an old mesquite tree with an excavator and Jay took home a lot of these curved limbs to make these unique bandsawn boxes. The pulls on this one are antler and the drawers are flocked on the inside.



Bodie Pyndus shows off his box he entered in the Texas State Fair earning an Honorable Mention ribbon. It is made of highly figured walnut

And the winner of the \$10 Show & Tell drawing was **Jim Polanco**.



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Guests

Aaron Haas learned about NTWA from Rutledge. He's been woodworking since he was a kid. His latest project is a wine cellar and zebra wood is his favorite. He lives in West Plano.

Raffle

Gary Turman: Matchfit Dovetail Clamps (pair)

Jeff Austin: Carter Products Fast Alignment System Tools for bandsaws

Bodie Pyndus: Reliance Micro-Crystalline Wax

Jim Polanco: COB Sewing Machine lamps (pair)

Program

Tonight's program was presented by Michael Boyle who teaches a variety of classes at Woodcraft as well as his home.



Michael brought lots of examples of the toys he teaches and provided detailed instructions on materials and templates. These are available

digitally from Program Chairman Neal Pappion at: programs@ntwa.org





Michael keeps a variety of sizes of wheels and axles on-hand and buys them in bulk to reduce the cost. He typically uses a bandsaw to cut out the patterns but says a jigsaw, scroll saw or even a coping saw will work. Holes can be drilled with a drill press or hand drill. A spindle sander is nice because of the interchangeable spindles. A Forstner bit set makes many drilling operations easier. A flush-cut saw is great to cut off dowels flush to the work.

He recommends gluing the patterns to a substrate to make them reusable. Spray adhesive (or a glue stick) and be used for this purpose.

The toys can vary from very simple to more elaborate and can be customized to suit your desires. He says to start with simple projects and move up to more advanced projects. A good supplier for toy parts is www.craftparts.com in Ft. Worth.

Michael cautioned about knowing the exact size of axles which are typically $7/32"$. The wheel hub is $1/4"$. You need to use the correct drill for the axle to get a nice straight hole that will hold the axle securely. Put glue in the hole, not on the axle to insure you don't get glue inside the wheel hub. In most cases you'll need to shorten the axle to get the proper fit when you're fitting axles on opposite sides. Some axles are $15/64"$.

Michael was asked how he buys dowels – in 3' lengths or shorter such as 1". The diameter of the dowels are seldom exact. Dowel plates can be used to trim dowels to an exact size if needed.

Michael says to use caution when finishing toys for children. The finish needs to be safe because most kids will put the toy in their mouth. If you are going use paint, let oil-based paints dry for 24 hours. If you're going to use multiple colors of paint, paint each piece before assembling the toy to be sure the paint doesn't go where it doesn't belong.



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Next club meeting:

Tues., Dec. 21st

7:00 pm at the

Party Barn

5948 McKamy Trail

Plano, TX 75024

**Potluck!
Show & Tell**

**Plus bring in your
custom Christmas gifts
to show off (no
judging). This will be
separate from Show &
Tell!**

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