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Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone and said that club member Greg Merrell was doing the program on using the metric system in the shop. He also said that elections would be coming up in March and anyone interested in taking over a position should let him or Steve know.

Jay said this is his 5th and last year as president and thanked Vice President Steve Yauch who he said has been a really good guide for him and takes care of a lot of groundwork. He added that he always appreciates everyone that has volunteered in the past and worked as different officers and committee or committee chairs.

Membership Chairperson Camille Watanabe is working on a membership directory that will be available to members only. We'd like to include pictures and need to set a time to take them.

The Bead of Courage box build challenge will be in February. Bodie will bring beads to add to your box at \$3.00 each. The beads are not required.

Bodie showed a video about the Beads of Courage program that provided details many club members were unaware of. Because there are

beads of so many different colors, Bodie suggested you incorporate dividers and even a tray with dividers for the kids to separate their beads. Bodie said a child will receive a bead for hospital stay, blood transfusion, X-rays, doctor visits, loss of hair, and any other procedure that they have.

Announcements

Mike ? has Baltic birch plywood pieces for sale ranging from \$12-\$20. Most are 60" in length and widths are 15", 11" and 9". He also has 50 bd. ft. of Zebrawood for \$500.

Kelly Geer said Urban Tree Merchants is doing their open house on Saturday January 28th. See end of newsletter for photos.

Gary Turman reviewed the raffle prizes for this meeting. Gary also asked if anyone was interested in obtaining a 2' x 3' decimal equivalent chart. He has to buy 20 to get the price down to \$12 each.

Guests

Phillip Weber from Allen found NTWA on Facebook. Likes to build Stickley's Green & Green furniture with mahogany. Phillip is also a beekeeper.

Mark Johnson also found NTWA on Facebook and has been on our email list for some time. He first started in



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his father's shop when he was 5 years old. Walnut and mahogany are his favorite woods.

Jim Conine discovered NTWA on Facebook and wants to do more woodworking. He's from Dallas and likes Kyia (sp) wood.

Greg Istep looked on the internet to find NTWA. He lives in Richardson and has been woodworking for about a year. His favorite wood is Bolivian Rosewood.

Donald Green came in from Aubrey at the recommendation of Bodie Pyndus. His grandfather got him started in woodworking and he does it fulltime. His favorite wood is Australian cypress.

Randy Deschenes like cherry and maple and found us through an internet search.

Dan Jarboe lives in the Colony and is a friend of Bill Jacobs. He has an old Shopsmith and likes any wood in the scrap pile.

Show & Tell



Jay Stearns made this plaque out of a slice of mesquite.



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Kelly Geer shows off a serving/charcuterie board that was soaked in epoxy which changed to color in places.



Ed Halauska made this simple wine rack using a 1 3/4" hole for the neck of the bottle. Nice decorations Ed!



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Brian O'Donnell used handcut dovetails to attach the legs to this table.



Being a car guy, Dave Cassman's wife bought him a sheet of limited edition pony cars. Rather than use the stamps to mail stuff, Dave made this shadow box to display them.



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Roger McDaniel brought in his very first wood project from when he was just a little tyke.



Steve Yauch repaired table legs for a Plano restaurant and came up with this jig to drill centered holes for dowels.



Gary Turman made a jig for sharpening hand saws and shows off a rare Disston combo rip/crosscut saw.



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Susan Walters made this Adirondack footstool out of canary wood and figured walnut.



Eric Roberts turned this mushroom on his lathe using the experience to learn how to do under cuts.



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Richard Coker used pear wood to turn this goblet and lid.



Bill Landis had to use all new wood to restore this antique wagon. Only the metal pieces are original. He used an antiquing technique to make the wood look old.



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Josh McGuire made this desk for his daughter. It folds flat against the wall when not being used.



Joe Polich made this end grain cutting board using walnut, maple, purple

heart and zebra wood. And no, it wasn't from John Loftis cutoffs.



Ed Mastin turned this bolt-action pen for some of the attorney groups he belongs to. They plan to use them as graduation gifts for attorneys passing a course through the court systems of Collin and Denton counties.



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Being the frugal guy he is, Bodie Pyndus made his own pickleball paddle. He didn't want to spend \$100-\$200 for one. Bodie says he used an unknown piece of scrap.

Raffle

Mike Pregent: PEC Rigid 6" & 12" rulers with metric & imperial scales

Ed Horn: 6" & 12" rulers with metric & imperial scales

Brian O'Donnell: 12 pack of 3M Xtract sanding discs of various grits

Kevin Pilgrim: : 12 pack of 3M Xtract sanding discs of various grits

Jim Polanco: : 12 pack of 3M Xtract sanding discs of various grits

Jay Stearns: Woodpeckers SERX 36" straight edge

Program



Club member Greg Merrell says he got started using metric in his shop doing bookshelves in his office and didn't like the 1" spacing for the shelf pin holes. The shelves were either too close or too far apart for his liking. The standard spacing using metric is 32mm which is a little over 1 1/4". Greg said he was disappointed that Sketchup won't let you mix dimensions.

Greg used several resources in his quest to move to metric and took advantage of the European system called Truth 32. He shared these two links from Blum and Festool:

[BUS0126_Process32.mcd \(woodweb.com\)](#)

[The 32mm System and the Festool Hole Guide \(festoolusa.com\)](#)



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To follow these standards you need a 5mm self-centering bit, available from both Rockler and Woodcraft, and a 5mm router bit, but this bit has an 8mm shank so you'll need an adaptor for your router of an 8mm collet.

Other tools you probably have to purchase are calipers (digital or analog), tape measure, combination square and bench squares. Some digital calipers can switch between metric and fractions.

Woodpecker has a variety of tools that are metric including T-square, carpenter squares, saddle squares and setup blocks.

Other vendors are:

Fastcap – measuring tapes

Lee Valley – especially 20mm stuff

Starrett – rulers/combo squares

Wixey - calipers

Woodhaven - 782/4 32mm template

Woodpecker – SPT2 (inch and 32mm)

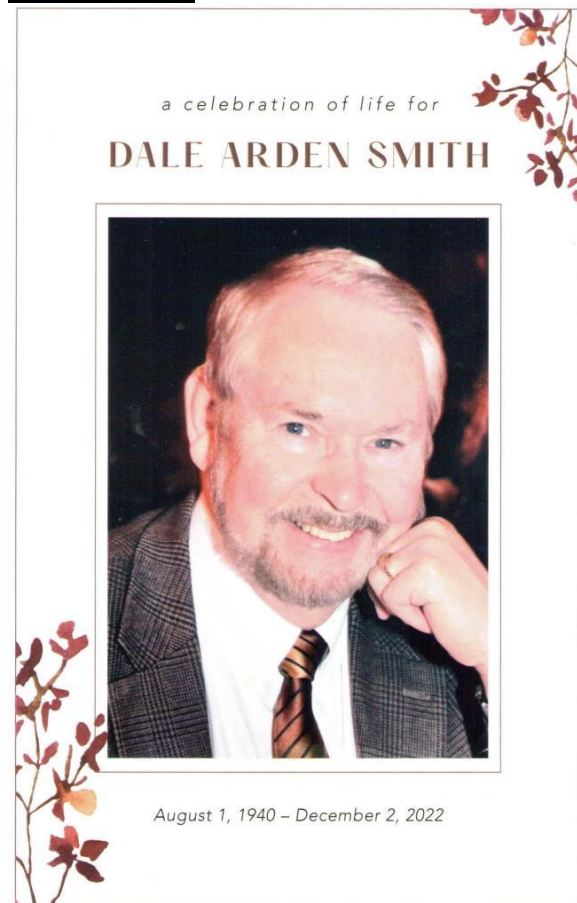
Festool has a complete 32mm system, but it is very expensive.

Greg admitted that he is only halfway converted, he still uses his abundance of screws and nuts and bolts that are empirical. He's trying to find metric woodscrews. So, he's still drilling holes based on English hardware. So that's one thing where I

only went halfway. As far as measurements go the one thing he really likes is finding the middle of something. Splitting stuff up is more straightforward. The I found myself keep referring back to three quarters.

Another great program! Thank you Greg!!

In Memory





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NOTE: there will be NO Show & Tell at the February meeting. It is being replaced by the Beads of Courage box challenge.

Next club meeting:
Tues., Feb. 21st
7:00 pm at the Party
Barn
5948 McKamy Trail
Plano, TX 75024

Program: Making toys

NO Show & Tell

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Urban Tree Merchants Open House

Kelly and Kaleb Geer welcomed everyone to their new place of business moving from their backyard to 2205 W. Division St., Ste C-3, Arlington, Tx 76012. Their sawmill has been relocated to a site in Louisville where they have more room to handle the volume they are doing.

In addition to giveaways, food, beers, yard games, shop tours, there were lots of slabs to check out!



Kelly Geer with just a sample of the slabs they offer.

