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Newsletter

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Welcome

President Jay Stearns thanked everyone for attending the February meeting. He thanked Leonard Edgar for coming to the meeting and to speak to the group about their toy building efforts. He discussed the process of judging the Beads of Courage boxes.

Announcements

Steve Yauch discussed the upcoming election at the March meeting listing the current slate of candidates:

Bodie Pyndus: President

Steve Yauch: Vice President, but is willing to step aside for another volunteer. NOTE: Brian O'Donnell will be on the slate for Vice President.

John Loftis: Secretary

Ed Mastin: Treasurer

Programs: Josh McGuire & Roger McDaniel

Membership: Camille Watanabe

Kelly Geer: Director of Marketing

Show Director: Open

Appointed positions

Raffle coordinator: Gary Turman

Photographer: Sidney Futrell

Webmaster: Eric Roberts

Newsletter: Joe Polich, but is willing to step aside for another volunteer.

Gary Turman announced he had the laminated 2' x 3' decimal equivalent charts available for \$11 each.

Shop Questions

Michael Bosley said he has an issue with his contractor saw. When he raises the blade to full height he can set the blade to 90° and then when he runs the saw for a few seconds, the blade is no longer 90°. It was suggested that he put a dial indicator against the plate of the blade when the saw is running to check for runout to see if that's the issue.

Steve Rogers asked if anyone would like to take a commission to build a name tag cabinet for a nonprofit group in Longview, TX. Steve had made a cabinet for another group a number of years ago and brought it to the meeting as an example of what the new group would like. The cabinet needs to be portable for them to transport with the name tags to each meeting.

Camille Watanabe asked Jay how he runs the figured maple through his planer without it chipping. Jay says he sprays it with a lot of water, especially when he's doing really thin pieces. Another suggestion was to use rubbing alcohol instead of water. Jay also said he tips the back of the board up slightly when feeding it into the planer which seems to help.

Steve Allen has a friend with a table saw with a burned-out motor. He was told it would cost \$1200 to repair. It



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was suggested that he contact Tolbert Electric Motor Co. in Garland.

Guests

Miranda Waugh from Mesquite can came as a guest of Susan Walters. Likes to build whatever she finds interesting and finally has enough room to get all the tools she's wanted.

John Nasta started installing wood floors and doing trim carpentry when he was a police officer. Became a lawyer and sold off all his tools. He now building furniture.

Mikel Duke is from Plano and became aware of NTWA through Maker Space and Kelly's posts to social media.

Caryn McCarthy started woodworking about 10 years ago when she obtained a used bowling alley lane from the Fiesta Bowl in San Antonio. Favorite woods are ash and white oak, but she has a piece of driftwood she's using to make a table.

David Smith learned woodworking from his father while growing up in East Texas mostly building barns and fences. Likes exotic hardwoods. Has been following NTWA on Facebook and decided to come to the meeting.

Raffle

Carl Medina: WoodRiver 6" Quick Vise and two 6" Quick Clamps

Roger McDaniel: Starrett ProSite Protractor Angle Finder

Kent McClurg: Vix-Bit Self-Centering Pre-Drill bit for #2, #3 and #4 screws plus a set of gimlets.

Mike Pregent: Gaffer Premium Grade Gaffer tape

The following items were donated by Mike Pregent:

Jim Polanco: O-ring assortment kit

Britt Baumel: 3 router bits

Ben Jarboe: Corner chisel

Michael Bosley: 3-way air hose connector

Chris Kersey: Zebrawood

Show & Tell



Bodie Pyndus made this box out of walnut and red oak with a redwood stopper that has to be pulled out to open the lid.



Susan Walters decorated the top of her BOC box with a honey badger because it is such a fierce fighter thinking it represented the fighting spirit of the children receiving the BOC boxes. The box is made of black walnut, aspen and wenge.



Michael Bosley made these BOC boxes out of walnut with maple lids and inlays. He finished the boxes with Rubio Monocoat. The box on the right is finished with "pure" Monocoat while the box on the left is finished with Castle Brown.



Gary Turman used curly maple for his BOC box with quilted bubinga for the lid. The inlay is hand-cut.



Josh McGuire hand-carved the bird on the lid of his box and the leaves on the side.





Ed Halauska used a piece of Elm log to make this BOC box. He turned the lid, but band sawed the box. Originally, he was going to leave the bark on but decided the hospital wouldn't approve so he turned the bark off.



Roger McDaniel used African mahogany for his BOC box recycled from the bed rail of 100 year-old bed. The trays are bird's eye maple with purple heart for the bottoms.



Bill Landis used mahogany and figured maple for his BOC box.



Steve Rogers made a pair of BOC boxes using a variety of woods including walnut, mesquite and lacewood.



Jay Stearns actually bought this box, but he did do the tray and decided to use angles to make the dividers to make the tray more interesting to the kids.



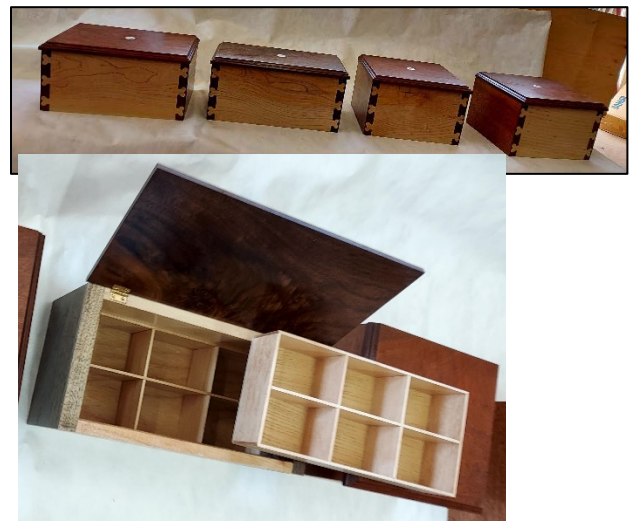
Jay actually did make this box out of a cedar log. He used a forstner bit to drill the compartments in each slice. Because it was so top heavy he put 35 steel balls in the bottom.



Dan Nilius likes using resin and has made a lot of bowls, vases and other vessels. He selected purple resin for his BOC box figuring that kids like weird colors. The lid is cottonwood inlaid with a variety of other woods.



Joe Polich made four similar boxes using walnut, maple and mahogany. The joints are made with a router template from Woodline and he chose the heart shaped template for the kids. There are dividers and trays in all four boxes.



Beads of Courage Box Awards

Most Creative

1st Place: Susan Walters

2nd Place: Jay Stearns – Cedar box

Best Design

1st Place: Gary Turman

2nd Place: Josh McGuire

People's Choice

1st Place: Susan Walters

2nd Place: Jay Stearns – Cedar box

January Addition

In the January newsletter Mike Pregent announced that he had Baltic birch 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. Club members will get 20% off. Contact Mike at 214.455.3151.

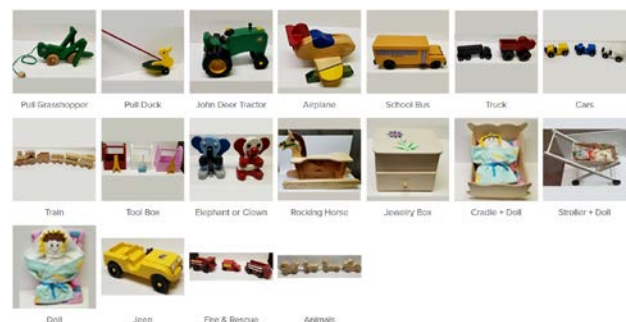
Program

The program was presented by Leonard Edgar of Hobby Crafters located in Garland, TX. They are a totally volunteer group who strive to put a handsome handmade wooden toy into the hands of as many underprivileged children at Christmas time as possible at no charge. Hobby Crafters started 78 years ago. The volunteers are mostly 60 years old and up and many are military vets, but also doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

The toys are solid wooden toys that are simple and rugged by today's standards, powered by hand animated by imagination and are tough to break.

They begin working the second week of January and work three days a week, every week until after Thanksgiving. They are a charitable nonprofit so any donation to the Hobby Crafters Foundation is Tax Deductible.

Hobby Crafters produces a catalog that is sent out to 28 charities with a picture of each toy and a form that the charity completes telling Hobby Crafters how many and which toys they want. On November 1st, they box the toys for the charities to pick up. About 7000 toys are built each year by roughly 40 volunteers.



Hobby Crafters tends to support smaller local charities who don't have the resources that larger charities have.

Most equipment and supplies are donated with paint and lumber the largest expenses. Sometimes equipment is donated which they'll keep if it's better than what they already have. Otherwise, they sell it or donate it to another group.

Hobby Crafters is always looking for volunteers or donations. If you want to participate with either you can contact them at 469.668.0405 or by email at info@hobbycrafters.org or on the web at <http://www.hobbycrafters.org>.

March Program

The program for March will be presented by Justin Henson. He has his own professional woodworking business. Justin will be attending Workbench Con in Atlanta March 2-4. He'll talk about what it takes to turn your hobby into a business and give us a summary of what transpired at Workbench Con.

***Next club meeting:
Tues., March 21st
7:00 pm at the Party
Barn***

***5948 McKamy Trail
Plano, TX 75024***

***Program: Justin Henson:
Turning your hobby into a
profitable business***

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