

April Highlights



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NEWSLETTER

Welcome

President Bodie Pyndus welcomed everyone and unveiled the new look for our logo, website and changes to programs.

Announcements

New and existing officers stood to be recognized:

President: *Bodie Pyndus*

Vice President: *Brian O'Donnell*

Treasurer: *Ed Mastin*

Secretary: *John Loftis*

Membership: *Camille Watanabe*

Programs: *Josh McGuire*

Director of Marketing: *Kelly Geer*

Appointed positions:

Webmaster: *Eric Roberts*

Photographer: *Sidney Futrell*

Raffle Coordinator: *Gary Turman*

Newsletter: *Miranda Waugh*

Bodie Pyndus presented plaques to Jay Stearns, Joe Polich and Steve Yauch in honor of their years of service to NTWA.

Camille Watanabe shared, via the membership report, that we have 49 paid members and 47 active members who have yet to renew their annual dues.

We started the meeting with a table mixer and icebreaker questions to get to know each other better.

Josh McGuire unveiled new "Skill Building" programs that are in development where members will have the opportunity to visit other member's shops for hands-on learning activities.

Eric Roberts shared that the website will eventually have a "members only" section with additional ways to connect.

As part of the rebranding, new merchandise was unveiled featuring our new logo. Polos are \$38 and hats are \$23. New name badges will soon be available with the new logo for purchase.

Guests

Jim and Penney Ryan own 40x60 Woodworks where they build furniture and love working with walnut.

Chuck "Spence" Spencer enjoys making bandsaw boxes and his favorite wood is black limba.

David White turns segmented bowls and builds furniture, like tables. His favorite wood is bubinga.

Mike and Sandy Kettelhut enjoy building nightstands, boxes and while they love many types of wood, they especially love red oak.

Grant Harrison is an elementary teacher who wants to build a desk for a student. He is eager to learn more about woodworking.

Shop Questions

Britt Baumei asked whether it was preferable to use butcher block conditioner or mineral oil on a cutting board. The group agreed that using butcher block conditioner was preferable to mineral oil.

Jim Polanco shared that he was working on an antique from Honduras that needs reconditioning. Jim was unsure of the old finish and removal. The group suggested it is most likely shellac or lacquer and to start with trying alcohol, then if not successful to try lacquer thinner or paint stripper.

Camille Watanabe is drilling a 1/4" hole in 6 ft tall board at the end and

needed to know how to do so. The group suggested trying a router bit or building/buying a drill guide.

Dennis Ogren asked if tung oil was food safe. The group said yes if it was allowed to fully dry and cure.

Phillip Weber was offering a free pen lathe he was no longer using. A member was happy to receive it.

Kelly Geer shared that Urban Tree Merchants was having another Makers Meetup Saturday, April 22 from 11-3.

Susan Walters shared that the Rockler card scraper she recently tried was not very useful.

Raffle

Ben Jarbae: Bench brush and 3 router bits (Donated by Mike Pregent)

Sidney Futrell: Grease Gun Kit

Dan Nilius: 3M Sandpaper 220 grit

Bill Jacobs: Babe Bot glue bottle

Brian O'Donnell: Woodpeckers Hexscale Rule

Ed Horn: Precision Brass Setup Blocks

Jim Polanco: Riffilers/Needle Files

Kent McClurg: Digital Angle Gauge

Gary Turman: 3x 1'x5' sheets of 9mm Baltic Birch Plywood

Show & Tell



Susan Walters made leaves out of the corresponding wood for each tree. You know the wood- do you know the leaf?



Britt Baumel made a cutting board out of cherry and maple.



Kent McClurg made this beautiful side table.



Phillip Weber built this table in Stickley style out of red oak.



Steve Yauch made this jig for his lathe gouge.



Mikel Duke built this poplar cake stand for his wife. It folds up to fit in the car.



Camille Watanabe made her first box with splines.



Josh McGuire carved this oak tree stump face with a chainsaw and some other carving tools.



Jay Stearns crafted this bandsaw box out of figured walnut.



Kelly Geer made this red oak panel with grooves for a customer.



Ed Mastin shared the shop tip of using a pool filter sock on your shop vac for better dust collection.



Gary Turman shared the shop tip of how to make piano finish using whitening powder mixed with tung, danish or linseed oil.

End Table Build Challenge

We are having an end table build challenge. The project will be due in two months at the June meeting. We can't wait to see what you all build! If you need more skills to complete your build, our new skill builder programs could be just the thing for you!

May Program

Jay Fisher from Central Hardwoods will be presenting for next month's program.



Polos are \$38 and hats are \$23. Pick yours up at the next meeting!

Next club meeting:

Tues., May 16th

*7:00 pm at the
Party Barn*

*5948 McKay Trail
Plano, TX 75024*

*Program: Jay
Fisher- from
Central
Hardwoods*

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