

## Welcome

*El Presidente*



**President Jay Stearns** welcomed everyone and said he hoped to get more people on the Zoom meetings. Maybe the gift cards and programs will help draw attendance.

## Announcements

Jay said he still has 30-40 pieces of veneer mounted on MDF with high quality on one side and mahogany on the other. The sizes vary from 12" x 12" to 24" x 48" and include species such as quilted maple, mahogany crotch, and walnut burl. Send Jay a text if you're interested at 469.955.3438. Bob Stabel, a former member gave it to the club.

Bodie Pyndus says he has sheets of melamine he got from a cabinet shop that members can pick up. Pieces vary up to 18" wide and up to 8' long. Contact Bodie at [bpyndus@me.com](mailto:bpyndus@me.com).

Jay discussed the Board meeting from the previous week and the decision to give out two \$25 gift certificates, one each for Woodcraft and Rockler, to those watching the

Zoom meetings. A random number generator app will draw the winners. Like the raffles at the "live" meetings, you must be a member in good standing – hint, hint – dues are paid. Dues can be paid through PayPal if you have a PayPal account. Make your payment to [dues@ntwa.org](mailto:dues@ntwa.org). Checks can be sent to NTWA; 8204 Strecker Lane; Plano, TX 75025.



Bodie showed a Beads of Courage box he'll be delivering this week to the

Cardiac ICU at Children's Health Hospital. He said they are in short supply of boxes and suggested the club do another BOC build to help them out. Bodie has continued to build them plus his church woodworkers group called the "Sawdust Brothers" has built and donated over 20 boxes this year. He says he will deliver any boxes club members build.

Joe Polich told Bodie he has 10 boxes nearly ready and has a goal to do 20. He just needs to put the finish coat on and will do all 20 at once and contact Bodie.

The suggested size is 4" wide x 6" long x 4" tall. They can be a bit larger but shouldn't be too big. Although it's not required to have a BOC bead on

it, Bodie says it's a nice touch. He'll order 20 beads for club use. Rather than try to distribute all the beads, Bodie suggested builders drill a 7/8" flat-bottomed hole 5/16" deep to house the beads and he'll glue them in place.

Steve Yauch suggested a build for delivery in January. An announcement will be sent out encouraging member participation.

Jay mentioned that Bodie has a YouTube channel. Below are links to several of his videos that might interest you. The first talks about the Beads of Courage (BOC) program while the second one shows a BOC box Bodie recently completed. The last link gives helpful hints about building a mitered box. Enjoy!

Build a Beads of Courage Box and Give Back  
<https://youtu.be/tMc930Par2s>

A Box with a purpose  
<https://youtu.be/szUTvcG9g1I>

Mitered Box Build  
<https://youtu.be/S977hMtBrA0>

John Loftis mentioned that he has a lot of cutoffs for club members to pick up. They are 8/4 hard maple, walnut and cherry and range in size between 6" & 14" wide and less than 15" in length. The cutoffs are free to NTWA members and generally not for commercial use. However, any donation is appreciated.

## Shop Questions

Gary Turman and his son are building a farmhouse table that requires the



use of threaded inserts. His son accused him of cheating by using a milling machine to drill the holes for the inserts.

The legs are hard maple and the insert needed to go in the corner. Gary asked what the members thought – cheating or not cheating. Everyone agreed with Gary and said that woodworkers use whatever tools are available.

Swede Hanson is building Shaker style cabinet doors using 1/4" plywood for the panels. They will be painted and he wants to hide the grain without using a lot of paint. Gary Turman suggested using lacquer putty which he can get at most auto parts stores. Bruce Staats suggested using shellac to build up layers then paint.

Brian O'Donnell has just run into the same issue building a sewing cabinet. He's using oak panels and has eliminated the grain using Timbermate Wood Filler. He is adding water to thin it out which allows him to put a thin layer on the plywood panels and is able to really smooth out the panel sanding with 220 grit.

## Tool Review

Gary Turman reviewed a tablesaw insert made by Colliflower. These inserts are machined aluminum with a ¼" MDF insert that you can readily interchange depending on your needs. The MDF is dovetailed for a precise fit. The advantage is that once you level the base insert you don't need to relevel as you change the inner insert.

<http://www.colliflower-zci.com/contact>



The machined base plate starts about \$50 and four MDF inserts are 4 for \$12.

Bodie said he found a neat and inexpensive glue mat on the internet hiding under the description of pastry mat. They are about ½ the price of official glue mats and are available in various sizes.

He also talked about the Knottec Wood Repair system. It replaces epoxy and comes in a variety of colors. You can buy it as a kit or

individual components. It's a bit pricy depending on the size of the kit, but works really well says Bodie. Check it out at: <https://knottec.com/>. Bodie will post a review on his YouTube channel.

Jim Cadorette says he uses shower curtains for glue ups. Joe Polich says he uses a piece of melamine.

## Show & Tell

JW Hoover made this truck out of poplar and painted with art paints.



Ron Giordano made this box out of quilted maple and walnut burl for the lid. For the lid, he used a ripple effect

of a stone dropping into water. Ron achieved this by mounting the lid on his lathe and cutting the concentric rings. The "stone" is spalted maple.



He carried the ripple effect through the lid so the inside of the lid appears that you are looking up through the water. Outstanding Ron!

Ed Mastin made two boxes on his lathe for the Beads of Courage Program. Both are bowl kits from the Dallas Woodturners Club. He added lids and carried the segmented theme on the first box to the lid and put the BOC bead in the handle.



Kyle Einhorn made candle holders out of 3" thick walnut with live edges. Recesses were cut using a forstner bit. He finished them with Odie's Oil.



Sidney Futrell made these dovetailed boxes for gifts. The finish is shellac topped with Renaissance wax.



Dale Smith made this cart to hold a variety of lawn games from Bauchi ball, croquet and badminton for use during the pandemic when his family comes over.



Bodie Pyndus made this round 30" lazy susan with a lip by gluing up scraps of various species to the needed size.



Swede Hanson is making his first set of Shaker style doors and his first attempt at mortise and tenon construction.



He dry-fitted his doors before gluing and painted the panels before assembly.



Jim Polanco made three Moxon vises using cutoffs from John Loftis. The cutoffs were too short so he used his finger joint jig to make longer boards. He reinforced the finger joints with dowels.



1" dowels are threaded to mate with the threaded hole in the rear board to open and close the vise and a washer between the handle and front board make turning the handle easier.



Jim is keeping one vise for himself and donating the other two to the club for raffle prizes once we are able to meet in person. Jim carried this idea over from the mallet Gary Turman made and donated.

## Guests

*Brian O'Donnell* found the club on the Internet and attended for the first time. Welcome Brian!

## Program

Unfortunately, Norman Bremlee of Wood World was unable to make it for the meeting. A video on making bandsawn boxes by George Vondriska of WWGOA was shown with



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comments and follow up by Jay Stearns and others. This link to the video requires a Premium membership in WWGOA:  
<https://www.wwgoa.com/video/how-to-make-a-bandsaw-box-004770/>

## **Gift Cards**

Ed Mastin & Gary Turman were recipients of the two gift cards.

Remember, everyone who attends the Zoom meeting and is a paid-up member will be entered in the drawing.

## **Next Meeting**

We will continue Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.

**Tuesday, December  
15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**

## **Mobile Phone one-tap:**

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## **Computer or Browser Meeting URL:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84119749373?pwd=VDRROGplOXMvUml2WURmWklxYmNCdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 1974 9373

Passcode: 12369874

## **Join by Telephone options:**

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