

Welcome

President Jay Stearns welcomed everyone to our first in-person meeting of NTWA since February 2020. Jay said that masks were optional but were preferred, especially when mixing to judge the birdhouses. He also said it would be best to not mix mask/no mask at tables to be sure everyone would be comfortable.

Announcements

Larry Maughan said that there will be wood turners show in the Waco convention center, August 27-29 sponsored by the Southwest Association of Woodturners (SWAT). You can register for the show at: <https://www.swaturners.org/> and click the "Registration is OPEN" link on the home page.

Dues can be paid tonight directly to Ed and Tina at the Treasurer's table.

Shop Questions

Jim Cadorette has a SawStop table saw. When cutting hard wood the blade wobbles. Suggestions include swapping blades and calling SawStop technical services who are very good. Another suggestion was to go to the Plano Woodcraft store and talk to Howard or Russell.

Dale Smith asked about treating cutting boards – mineral oil vs. walnut oil. The general consensus was mineral oil with wax. Dale's

concern was that he was told that mineral oil would go rancid. Several members disputed that saying they've kept mineral oil for several years and it never went rancid.

Dale made these clamps to keep his glue up flat. He used square tubing and all-thread.



Britt Baumel picked up some of John Loftis' cutoffs. He doesn't have a bandsaw or a tablesaw and is looking for advice on how to square up the 2" thick wood for making cutting boards. He does have a miter saw, but it doesn't cut them square. It was suggested that he check his saw to be sure the blade is square to the table and at 90° to the fence.

Gary Turman asked if anyone has used yellow glue and cyanoacrylate (super glue) in combination to eliminate clamping. Joe P. said he has used it a number of times including miter joints that are hard to clamp and especially small items such

as the trim on his birdhouse. Other members concurred.

Bodie Pyndus shared a letter from the Beads of Courage organization thanking the club our support in providing boxes for their program. He also shared an article he wrote for his church magazine *First Connections* explaining how he became involved in the Beads of Courage program.

As the point person representing NTWA with the Beads of Courage program, Bodie was invited to participate in a national Zoom meeting of supporters to talk about our participation.

See the end of this newsletter to read both the letter and the article.

Correction: In the April newsletter article on Urban Tree Merchants, Caleb said the flatness of his slabs is .100". After further checking, they are actually .030". Thanks for the clarification Caleb!

Show & Tell



Dale Smith made this cherry and hard maple cutting board with cutoffs from..... John Loftis! Dale said he's still struggling with his juice trough. He's able to put the handles in the ends okay.



Bodie Pyndus made this cutting board he calls his "Executive Pin Stripe" board. They are made out of walnut with thin strips of ? between the walnut sections. Bodie says he brought this board to show Dale it has a perfect juice groove.



Steve Rogers made this Beads of Courage box and at Bodie's request, added the cross on the lid for a religious theme. Steve says the added benefit of the cross is that by extending the ends of the cross into the sides and ends of the box it makes it easy to orient the lid even if the lid isn't perfectly square.



Larry Maughan turned this vessel out of Australian brown mahogany and acrylic. The walls are 1/8" thick and are transparent when a light is shown inside the vessel.

Larry brought in two pillowcases with woodworking tools printed on them. They were made by his first wife and since he has just remarried, wife #2 isn't thrilled to have them on their bed so he's giving them to anyone who is interested.



Dan Nilius turned the vessel on the left out of mulberry accented with red resin. The cannister on the right was turned out of sugarberry/hackberry and was accented with turquoise resin.

Dan uses a color wheel to pick/match colors when choosing which color resin to use with the wood he is turning. He has posted the color wheel on NTWA's Facebook for all to use.

And the winner of the \$10 Show & Tell drawing was **Steve Rogers**.

Guests

Alex Rushin – is a new member and is now doing Facebook for the club.

Dan O'Meara attended the meeting to ask for help on doing a project that he took to three shops who said it was impossible to do. He wants to mount heads of his uncle's golf irons to a base that will also hold a post-it note dispenser as gifts for his uncles five children. Several members said they would be interested in taking a closer look at the project. Dan will get with them at the break.



Keith is a new member who was on Zoom.

Raffle

Gary Turman – Moxin Vise donated by Jim Polanco

Jim Polanco – Craftsman Crown Molding jig

Dale Smith – King Arthur's Tools: Lancelot Chain Saw Disc for shaping

Bill Jacobs – Cob Sewing Machine lights w/ mini screwdriver

Jim Cadorette – Cable Cuff: set of 5

Britt Baumel – Tiger Maple veneered panel donated by Jay Stearns

Program

Birdhouse Judging – finally!!!

Prizes in addition to the cash awards or \$50 for 1st, \$35 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd.



And the winners (*left to right*): Joe Polich – 3rd; Jay Stearns – 2nd; Dale Smith – 1st.





Dale Smith - 1st Place



Jay Stearns - 2nd Place

Honorable Mentions



Joe Polich - 3rd Place



Ed Mastin



Nello Armstrong



Jay Stearns



Nello Armstrong



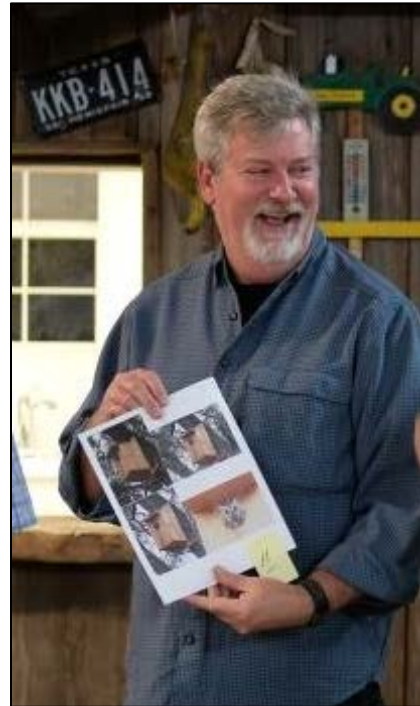
Gary Turman



Bodie Pyndus



Kyle Einhorn



Steve Yauch



Dan Nilus



Jim Cadorette



Elaine & Gary Turman



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Shop Tour

Club members Kelly and Caleb Geer have graciously opened their business, Urban Tree Merchants, for a tour on Saturday, June 26th. They are located in Arlington. Watch for details at the June 15th meeting and in a separate email.

June Program

Program Chairman Neal Pappion says the program for the June meeting will be discussing the basics of operating a CNC machine including preparation, software, and general capabilities. We will be streaming from a makerspace utilizing their Shapeoko XL to the Party Barn. Those attending via Zoom will be able to see this program as well.

Permanent Zoom Connection

NTWA has now secured our own subscription for Zoom and Greg Merrell has graciously agreed to share his experience as a "Zoom Master" to handle the Zoom portion of our meetings.

Our permanent connection whether on a computer/tablet/smartphone is:
<https://zoom.us/j/9663967537?pwd=TUxZenlaMXZGU3IyMFIYTGxiQlrdzO9>

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If you are dialing in from a phone that **doesn't have a keyboard** the meeting ID stays the same **BUT** the Passcode will be: 386754.

***Our next meeting is
Tuesday, June 15th at
7:00pm at the Party
Barn and via Zoom.
Program: The Basics of
CNC Machining
This meeting will be
Zoomed.***

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Providing Arts-In-Medicine Programs for Children Coping with Serious Illness.
Helping children **RECORD, TELL and OWN** their story of courage.

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Dear valued Beads of Courage supporter,

It is with grateful hearts that we extend our utmost thank you and appreciation to everyone who has volunteered their time, talent, and treasures to support our mission – hands-on volunteers, donors, designers, bead artists, stitchers and woodturners.

With over 400 Beads of Courage programs in 8 countries, our small team has a big reach to successfully fulfill our mission and it is because of your generosity and support that we are able to best help children and teens across the world RECORD, TELL, and OWN their story of courage through our arts in medicine programs.

It warms our hearts to know that all over this world there are kind, passionate people like you who enhance the beauty and caring intention of our programs. Our Beads of Courage members, families, and clinicians are always so grateful for receiving a carefully packaged bead, a beautifully handmade bead, an artfully crafted wood turned bowl or box, or lovingly stitched bead bag. We believe that your positive thoughts and love are infused into these items and passed along to our BOC members when they receive them. What a special gift from you which encourages them to know that they are never alone in their fight for life.

Please accept our enclosed gift for you that is filled with our gratitude and appreciation. We look forward to your continued support. Thank you for believing in beads and the stories they tell.

Sincerely,

The Team at Beads of Courage, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Gribbon".

Jean Gribbon, PhD, RN
Executive Director and Founder

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Moneck".

Beth Moneck, MS, CCLS, CIMI
Assistant Executive Director



beads of courage

by Bodie Pyndus

I still get tears in my eyes each time I watch the CBS News video about Beads of Courage. And I have viewed it more than a dozen times. The same results, each time. But, more than that, I have lived the story.

Whether it stemmed first from my genuine appreciation for the Beads of Courage program or later as a result of my grandson's Leukemia diagnosis, I was ready to provide support for those going through medical trauma. Regardless, God works in mysterious ways. My wife, Linda, calls them God hugs.

Let's begin in 2018. I gathered a group (men and one woman) who had a passion for woodworking. We met regularly in a church classroom

and formalized our group as the "Sawdust Brothers," but we wanted a facility to call our own. We approached the Trustees and asked to use the third building on the Custer Road property, the one behind First Center. We remodeled it in the Fall of 2019. Now we had a wood shop.

Meanwhile in the summer of 2019, I learned about the Beads of Courage non-profit organization through the North Texas Woodworkers Association. As a member of that group, I participated in the Beads of Courage box build competition. While I did not win a prize, I did learn how to make a box. I volunteered to deliver the 25 boxes to Children's Medical Center Dallas. During my delivery, I met several of the

nurses in the Cardiac Care Unit. I was impressed by their passion for their profession and their compassion for their patients. I felt this was a story I needed to share with others. In July of 2019 I posted a video on my YouTube channel, "DIY Home & Garden Projects," about these nurses and their involvement with Beads of Courage.

After watching CBS's Beads of Courage video several more times, and tearing up again, I introduced the box build idea to the Sawdust Brothers. It was warmly adopted as one of our long-term projects to support. We started to build boxes. I produced an additional video asking other woodworkers to build a box and send it to us. To my surprise, they did.

Six months later in January of 2020, my grandson, Schuyler, was diagnosed with Leukemia and was rushed to the same hospital where I delivered the BOC boxes. Now the emotional roller coaster began. We were told that he would be in the hospital for the next 30 days. As a three-year-old, he required a parent or adult be with him 24 hours a day. And to complicate things further, he has Down Syndrome and is non-verbal.

The first 30 days in the

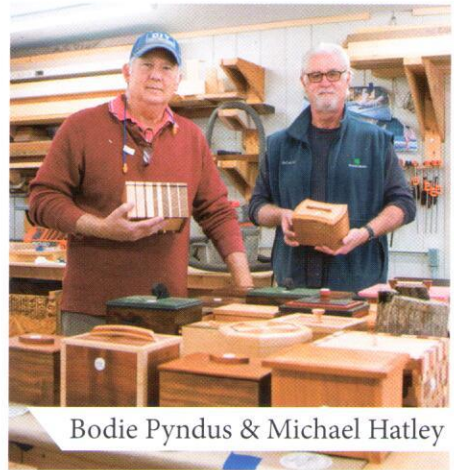


Schuyler

hospital were difficult for the whole family. My wife, daughter (Schuyler's mother), mother-in-law, and my wife's sister all took turns staying in the hospital for two to three days. We managed the first 30 days, home for two weeks, and then returned for another 30 days. The next break at home lasted 4 weeks, then a final 30 days back in the hospital. I am grateful for the many church ministers who helped us through these times. I give multitudes of

accolades to the nurses and doctors of Children's Medical Hospital. All were a godsend.

In March of 2020, I built the most special Beads of Courage box, this one for Schuyler. I produced a video about it, "A Box with a Purpose." The Sawdust Brothers with the North Texas Woodworkers sent an additional 26 Beads of Courage boxes to Children's Medical Center in 2020, and in February of 2021 we sent another 22 boxes. The boxes we make go to the children coping with serious illness, often life-threatening or terminal. The beads



Bodie Pyndus & Michael Hatley

are a visible and tangible art form. Every time a bead is given, courage is honored, suffering is alleviated, resilience is strengthened, and the experience of human caring is affirmed. These are not just beads of courage; they are beads of life.

Schuyler is now recovering from his treatments, his hair has grown back, and he loves to play rough and tumble with his older brother. He continues to receive monthly treatments and will for another two years.

Sawdust Brothers continue building things from wood. We invite you to join us as we continue to support Beads of Courage through our box making.

Follow these QR codes to see the videos mentioned in this article!



CBS News Story



A Box Build With A Purpose