

NTWA newsletter

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

North Texas Woodworkers Association
December 16, 2025

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NTWA President Gary Vaughan welcomed everyone, and lead the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP 120 active members.

FREE TICKETS

We are looking for helpers! We need 3-4 volunteers after each meeting to help clean-up and put away tables. For those who sign-up to help, you get **6 FREE tickets** to use toward the Drawing!



TABLE MIXER

What's the best or most inspiring project or woodworking thing you've seen this year?

DUES UPDATE

Dues will be increasing to \$50/yr for all members next year!

GUESTS

We had 6 guests joining us at this month's meeting!

- Brad Roberts from Dallas
- A.D. Donald from Dallas
- Danny from Addison
- Richard from Corinth
- Dan from Plano
- Dan from Flowermound

NEXT BUILD CHALLENGE

February: Beads of Courage Boxes

UPCOMING CLASSES

Woodcraft

- Square Board Fundamentals
- Build a Spline Corner
- Keepsake Box
- Basic Woodworking
- Bandsaw Boxes

Rockler (Frisco)

- Wood and Epoxy Coasters
- Cutting Board Make and Take
- Intro to Power Tools



MONTHLY DRAWING

Rockler and NTWA donated the items for this months drawing!

PRIZES

- 8" / 20tpi brass-back hand saw
- Sled Kit with miter bars and hold downs
- Rockler Glue Bottle Kit with various noses/spouts/applicators
- Rockler 90° Edge sanding block
- Combo 6" & 12" adjustable T-rules
- 4 pk Milescraft T-grip bench cookies
- CMT 10" 50-tooth combo saw blade, with flat bottom
- Woodriver 12" Combination Square
- 2" Japanese Smoothing Plane



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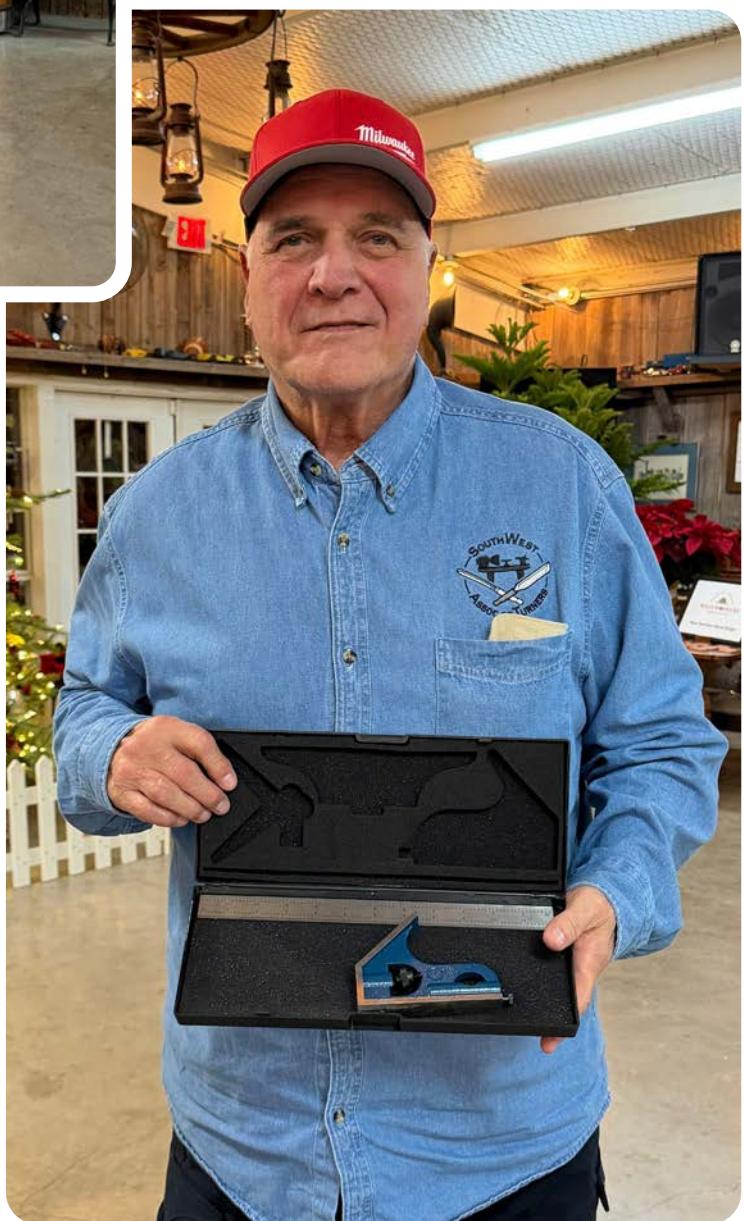
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**Joel Hill was the
winner of the
Festool 1400 Router!**









NTWA MEMBER'S MESSAGE BOARD

WE'VE GOT MERCH!



CLUB MEETINGS

January 20, 2026 7:00 pm

Finishes

Howard Hale from Woodcraft

February 17, 2026 7:00 pm

Build Challenge:

Beads of Courage Box Build

March 17, 2026 7:00 pm

A Look at Various Hardwoods

Michael Mastin

McKinney Hardwoods

April 21, 2026 7:00 pm

May 19, 2026 7:00 pm

June 16 2026 7:00 pm

Build Challenge:

Resin

July 21, 2026 7:00 pm

Summer Potluck!

White Polo Shirts are \$38

Long-Sleeve Shirts are \$55

Hats are \$23

Name Badges are \$5

Pick yours up at the next meeting!

GIVING BACK

Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage is a supportive care program for children coping with serious illness. The participating children receive a colorful bead for each illness-related experience they have, serving as symbols of the courage each child shows throughout their arduous treatment. For critical milestones in their treatment journey they receive handmade one-of-a-kind glass beads that are donated by members of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers.

Our role as woodworkers is a simple one: to create and donate wooden boxes for these children to keep their treasured beads in. As they endure their arduous treatment process, the children gain strength and courage from these tangible symbols of the love and support of the community around them. What better purpose could we find as woodworkers?

The NTWA has sponsored an annual box building for Beads of Courage since its adoption in 2019.



The NTWA has donated more than 150 boxes to the BOC participating hospitals. Check out the video on our Facebook Page to learn more about these meaningful boxes!

Contact Bodie Pyndus for more information.

 A young boy named Tucker, 4 years old, is shown from the waist up. He is shirtless, wearing red shorts, and has a large, colorful beaded necklace around his neck. He is holding a small stuffed tiger toy. He is standing in front of a white wooden wall. The image is part of a Beads of Courage promotional card.

Tucker Age: 4
Beads of Courage Cardiac Program Member

"I have a heart condition called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, and my beads tell my story."

—Tucker

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www.BeadsOfCourage.org
#BelieveInBeads



SHOW & TELL



Rick Maiella shared his San Francisco themed Chess Pieces that he made with Sapele and Maple. These were made with a compound cut on a Scroll Saw!



Jay Munson made a Guitar Cutting Board made with Walnut and Maple.

SHOW & TELL



Jay Stearns shared his piece titled "Melt" that was crafted with Poplar!



Tom Schroer designed a Qi Charging Station and Box out of various woods.

SHOW & TELL



Jim Cadorette shared a jig that he made!



Dennis Ogren made a Cribbage Board out of Paduak.

SECRET SANTA



Susan Walters crafted Christmas Elves using Mahogany, Maple, Wenge, Zebra, Cherry and Bloodwood.



Tim Fisher made Holiday Card Holders out of White Oak and Bolivian Rosewood.

SECRET SANTA



Paul Greathouse made a Small Item Tray out of Poplar Wood!



Penney Ryan made a Vase and Snowflake Ornaments for her Secret Santa!

SECRET SANTA



Steve Yauch designed this Sputnik Sea Urchin Christmas Ornament out of Osage Orange/Bois d Arc.



Gary Vaughan made a modern Christmas Tree and Cheese Board using Rosewood and Baltic Birch.

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Mikel Duke made an Intarsia Wreath Ornament with Poplar and Purple Heart.

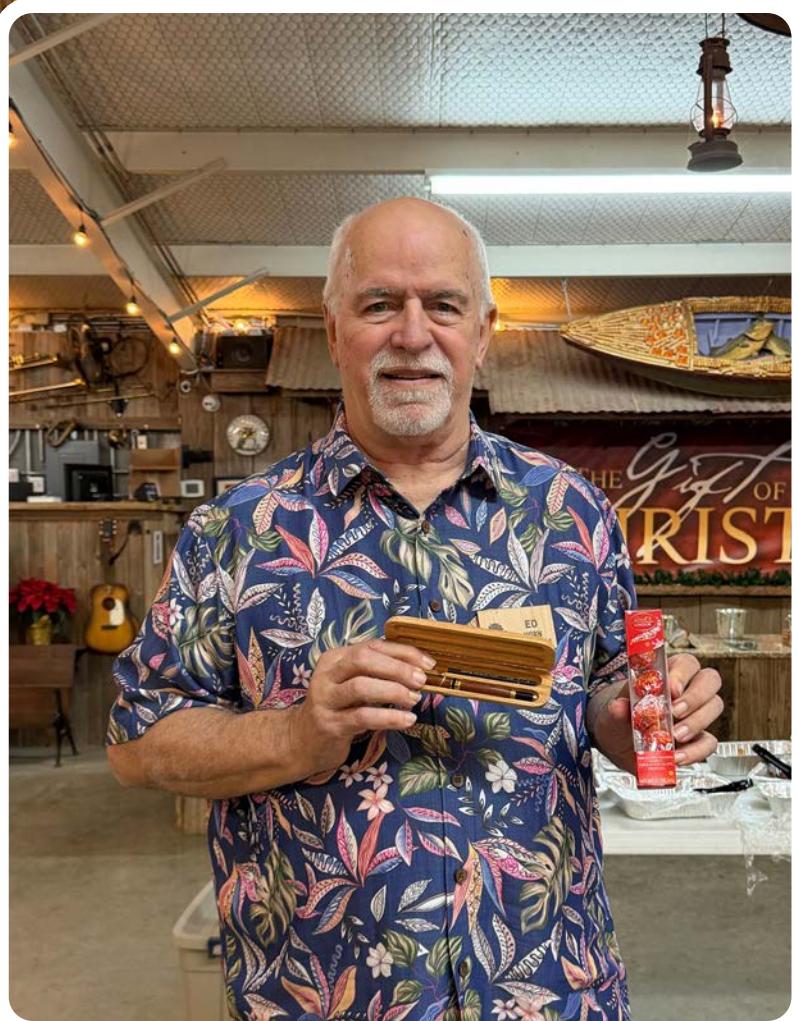


Bodie Pyndus made a Box with inlay trim and Red Leather Interior.

SECRET SANTA



Koko Sou made a beautiful Epoxy Reindeer with Mappa Wood.



Ed Horn shared the Pen he made and other Goodies he got for his Secret Santa!

SECRET SANTA



Dan Hawk shared a Phone/Tablet holder he made for his Secret Santa.



Joel Hill crafted this Wooden Frame Saw!

NTWA MEMBER'S MESSAGE BOARD

NTWA Membership Benefits

Annual dues are \$50* for your initial membership, and entitles members to vote on all business, attend meetings, hold office, participate in the monthly drawings and receive discounts from local retailers!

***Fees increasing to \$50 in 2026!**

Education

As a member of the NTWA, you are entitled to participate in any demonstrations and instructional sessions. These sessions may be offered weekly or monthly as skill building workshops. Each monthly meeting has a session for Shop Questions as well as Tool Reviews, both provide excellent learning opportunities.

Member Discounts

Members may receive a 10% discount on select items when you show your membership card at the following shops:

Woodcraft

Rockler

Wood World

The Tool Box at Music City Mall

Membership forms can be completed at any meeting, or you can [download](#) a membership form to bring to any meeting. If you have a PayPal account you can log into it and select dues@NTWA.org to forward a payment.

Make checks payable to: North Texas Woodworker's Assoc.

North Texas Woodworkers Association
8204 Strecker Ln.
Plano, TX 75025

**BECOME
A MEMBER**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held monthly at 7:00 PM at Haggard Party Barn. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings consist of a show and tell of completed work, a time for socializing and networking, and a monthly presentation by guest speaker from the woodworking community as well as members. Shop Questions is the time to get your puzzling questions answered. This is followed by a Tool Review session.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend a meeting in advance of joining to see if the NTWA is a fit for them.

To find out more about our organization see our Club Information page.

Haggard Party Barn
5948 McKamy Trail, Plano TX, 75024

NTWA MEMBER PORTAL

Not Sure How To Sign-Up?

- Go to: <https://ntwa.org/>
- Select "Member Log in"
- Select "Register"
- Fill out your information
- Click "Register"
- Webmaster will confirm your Membership and approve your account!



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Members Log In

Woodworking In North Texas

We believe that Woodworking is serious fun. Our members cover the complete spectrum of woodworkers from hobbyists to professionals, from new comers to lifelong woodworkers. The common interest is they all want to learn more about the craft and improve their woodworking skills.

Now in our 32nd year, The North Texas Woodworkers Association was founded in April 1991.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD TUESDAY BEGINNING AT 7:00PM AT THE HAGGARD PARTY BARN IN PLANO

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STEP 3

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Last Name *

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Confirm Password

I am a current NTWA member *

Yes

No

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